

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

**Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting**

Held at Sale Criterion Hotel on Wednesday, 14 July at 7:15pm

**1. President's Welcome:**

Helmut Tracksdorf welcomed all those present and congratulated Andrew Stevenson on recently completing his 1002 km walk of the Bibbulmun Track, from Albany to Perth WA.

**1.1. Attendance:**

**Committee Members:** Angela Roughley, Michael Dowe, Jack Winterbottom, Joe van Beek, Elizabeth Davis, Jim Stranger, Helmut Tracksdorf, Ken Free and Monica Scicluna.

**Club members:** Dorothy Hanlon, John Hanlon, Wil Streckfuss, Corinne Kleine, Sue Wesson, Trevor Whibley, Chris Marshall, Denise Stranger, Judy van Beek, Andrew Stevenson and Joe Scicluna.

**1.2. Apologies:** Philip Davis, Robyn Kercher, Geoff Mattingley, Sandy Mattingley, Bev Beard, Piero Baglioni, Rob Paterson, Josie Paterson, John Cox, Noel Burrows, Janice Burrows, Bev Aucote, Heather Alexander.

**2. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting Held via Zoom on Wednesday, 9 September 2020 at 7.00pm**

**Motion:** That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9 September 2020, via Zoom be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

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

**3. General Business:** Denise Stranger proposed that the club consider ordering T shirts with the club's logo for purchase by club members to be worn on walks and social gatherings, especially events like FedWalks2021. Denise advised the meeting that the Strzelecki Bushwalking Club have recently ordered T shirts and they are available in a range of colours and in short and long sleeve. The turnaround time for orders is approximately 1 month. Helmut said that the Management Committee would give the proposal serious consideration in time for FedWalks2021.

**4. Presentation of Reports:**

**4.1. The President Helmut Tracksdorf's Report:**

Helmut read his report and added that , given the club's strong financial position, we are well positioned to use funds to pay for or subsidise club events.

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

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

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

Monica Scicluna circulated copies of her report and summarised the key points. Joe van Beek clarified MacMillans Track and FedWalks financial matters, including that there is a projected profit of \$1500 for FedWalks2021.

**Motion:** That the Financial Statement for 2019-20 financial year and Treasurer's Report be accepted.

**Moved:** Monica Scicluna      **Seconded:** Chris Marshall      **Carried**

#### **4.3. Tracks and Conservation:**

The Tracks and Conservation Coordinator Joe van Beek read his comprehensive report.

**Motion:** That the Tracks and Conservation Report be accepted.

**Moved:** Trevor Whibley      **Seconded:** Angel Roughley      **Carried**

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

In Geoff Mattingley's absence, Helmut read the Walks Coordinator Report. He added that consideration may be given to forming a sub-committee to compile a walks program on an ongoing basis.

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

**Moved:** Elizabeth Davis      **Seconded:** Jim Stranger      **Carried**

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

Jack Winterbottom advised the meeting that the newsletter 'product' speaks for itself and does not require a separate report to the AGM.

Angela Roughley requested that all members should send reports and other news items to both the Newsletter Editor and Facebook Page Administrator.

#### **4.6. Publicity:**

The Publicity Officer, Jim Stranger, read his report and drew attention to news items being sent to community newsletters in Yallourn North whose circulation stretches from Rosedale to Trafalgar. Jim asked walk leaders to seriously consider why a walk shouldn't be publicised, because publication of walks gives the club good exposure. Jim also noted that walks proposed for September onwards need to be forwarded to the Walks Co-ordinator soon for inclusion in the newsletter and newspaper publicity.

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

**Moved:** Judy van Beek      **Seconded:** Chris Marshall      **Carried**

#### **4.7. Membership:**

The Membership Secretary, Ken Free, read his report.

**Motion:** That the Membership Secretary's Report be accepted.

**Moved:** Judy van Beek      **Seconded:** Andrew Stevenson      **Carried**

**5. 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 Sue Wesson chair the meeting for the election of Office Holders and Ordinary Committee Members.

**Moved:** Helmut Tracksdorf **Seconded:** Angela Roughley **Carried**

**6. Vacating of all Office Holder and Ordinary Committee Member positions:**

Sue Wesson declared all Management Committee positions vacant and invited nominations for election to the positions, as follows:

**7. Appointment of Office Holders:**

**7.1. President:**

The Chairperson invited nominations for the position of President.

**Nomination:** Helmut Tracksdorf

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

**Nomination accepted.**

**7.2. Vice President:**

The Chairperson invited nominations for the position of Vice President.

**Nomination:** Piero Baglioni

**Nominated by:** Andrew Stevenson **Seconded:** Jack Winterbottom

**Nomination accepted**

**Treasurer:**

The Chairperson invited nominations for the position of Treasurer.

**Nomination:** Monica Scicluna

**Nominated by:** Helmut Tracksdorf **Seconded:** Denise Stranger

**Nomination accepted.**

**7.3. Secretary:**

The Chairperson invited nominations for the position of Secretary.

**Nomination:** Robyn Kercher

**Nominated by:** Joe van Beek **Seconded:** Trevor Whibley

**Nomination accepted.**

**Membership Secretary:**

The Chairperson invited nominations for the position of Membership Secretary.

**Nomination:** Ken Free

**Nominated by:** Monica Scicluna **Seconded:** Andrew Stevenson

**Nomination accepted.**

**Publicity Officer:**

The Chairperson invited nominations for the position of Publicity Officer.

**Nomination:** Jim Stranger

**Nominated by:** Joe van Beek **Seconded:** Helmut Tracksdorf

**Nomination accepted.**

#### **7.4. Newsletter Editor:**

The Chairperson invited nominations for the position of Newsletter Editor.

**Nomination:** Jack Winterbottom

**Nominated by:** Monica Scicluna      **Seconded:** Angela Roughley

**Nomination accepted.**

#### **7.5. Tracks and Conservation Coordinator:**

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

**Nomination:** Joe van Beek

**Nominated by:** Helmut Tracksdorf      **Seconded:** Angela Roughley

**Nomination accepted.**

#### **7.6. Walks Coordinator:**

The Chairperson invited nominations for the position of Walks Coordinator.

**Nomination:** Geoff Mattingley

**Nominated by:** Ken Free      **Seconded:** Monica Scicluna

**Nomination accepted.**

### **8. Appointment of Up to Six Ordinary Committee Members:**

The Chairperson invited nominations for Ordinary Committee Members.

**Nomination:** John Cox

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

**Nomination accepted.**

**Nomination:** Angela Roughley

**Nominated by:** Sue Wesson      **Seconded:** Helmut Tracksdorf

**Nomination accepted.**

**Nomination:** Michael Dowe

**Nominated by:** Jack Winterbottom      **Seconded:** Angela Roughley

**Nomination accepted.**

**Nomination:** Rob Paterson

**Nominated by:** Trevor Whibley      **Seconded:** Joe van Beek

**Nomination accepted.**

**Nomination:** Elizabeth Davis

**Nominated by:** Judy van Beek      **Seconded:** Jack Winterbottom

**Nomination accepted.**

### **9. President Helmut Tracksdorf Takes Chair and Addresses the Meeting:**

Helmut congratulated the re-elected Management Committee and thanked everyone for their ongoing commitment to the club.

He advised the meeting that Jack Winterbottom was planning a supplementary newsletter for FedWalks2021.

Helmut was keen for us to maintain our enthusiasm in this the club's 56<sup>th</sup> year and in particular, that we should focus on doing things right, keeping a range of activities going and look to attracting more younger members to the club.

Joe van Beek suggested that there may be an opportunity to join with other Gippsland clubs to establish a "young chapter".

Helmut then handed over to Joe van Beek to give an overview of FedWalks2021.

## 10. FedWalks2021:

Joe van Beek gave an overview of FedWalks2021, as follows:

While the Ben Cruachan Walking Club is the primary organiser, the organising committee includes representatives from Strzelecki, Peregrine, South Gippsland and West Gippsland clubs and the Macalister 4WD club who will provide transportation support. Our club is represented by Joe van Beek, Jack Winterbottom and Heather Alexander;

The event will be based at the Licola Wilderness Village from Friday 12 to Monday 15 November 2021;

Participants should arrive on Friday afternoon and leave on Monday morning;

The accommodation consists of cabins with bunk-style beds, shared shower and toilet facilities and a large communal area for meetings and meals. The cost of the event will include all meals and accommodation for 3 nights;

There will be a limit of 250 participants who will all be accommodated onsite. It may be possible for participants to sleep in tents onsite;

A total of 22 walks will be offered, 19 of which will be repeated on Saturday and Sunday. 3 of the walks are overnights, Tali Karng, Wonnangatta Valley and Bryces Gorge for beginners;

A paramedic from Ambulance Victoria has volunteered to man a First Aid Station at the Lions Wilderness Village each afternoon;

The website for FedWalks2021 is live and has comprehensive information about the event, including Walk Descriptions and Walk Maps which can be downloaded as PDF documents;

The Wellington Shire Council has been very generous in their support of the event..

**Meeting Close:** Helmut Tracksdorf thanked Joe for his presentation, thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting closed at 9:15 pm.

The date of the 2022 Annual General Meeting will be decided by the new Committee.

Office Holder Reports are on the following pages.



## **Ben Cruachan Walking Club President's Report for 2020/2021**

Since assuming the mantle of President back in September 2020, we have managed to get through another year albeit a short one with the next AGM scheduled in July 2021. No doubt members will recall how in 2020 we suffered significant restrictions due to the pandemic, resulting in the 2020 AGM being deferred, walks being cancelled and FEDWALKS 2020 put on hold until 2021.

It was assumed the pandemic would go away in 2021 but unfortunately, we are still feeling its impact on occasion, but not to the extent of last year. I remain optimistic that covid will disappear and FEDWALKS 2021 will go ahead this year.

Looking back over the past 10 months, albeit still under the covid cloud, we were able to maintain momentum and carry on with our walks program with only minor interruptions. However, the highlight would have to be the launch of our guidebook for McMillans Walking Track (MMWT) back in November 2020. Since the launch, more than 400 books have been sold and it would be fair to say the profile of MMWT as a new long-distance walking track has been substantially enhanced. Thanks, must go to the Chapmans, DELWP, PV and others for their support in completing this project. Club members can certainly feel proud of this achievement.

During December 2020, the club hosted photojournalists from Australian Geographic who were reporting on the gold mining history and Angus McMillans association with the track. These types of events and the guidebook have certainly helped to raise the profile of MMWT.

The buzz word for 2020/21 would have to be “Zoom”, as we held numerous Committee meetings using this new application. It was not until February 2021 that the Committee were able to meet face to face. Without the Committee the Club would struggle to survive, so I am certainly grateful for their ongoing commitment and support. For club members who are not actively engaged in the running of the club it would be great to see some of our younger members step up to the plate, as the future of the club is really in their hands. Besides, some of our members who are ‘retired’ including myself, are slowly wearing out!

Our membership remains steady with approximately 120 members which includes 15 new members registered within the last 10 months. Our walks program has included a variety of walks that effectively covered all members capabilities. I certainly appreciate those members who lead our walks providing a valuable service to the club.

Another highlight for our club, which remains a work in progress is the organisation of FEDWALKS 2021. This event was 'put on hold' in 2020 due to covid shutdowns. A separate subcommittee made up of members from a variety of bushwalking clubs has been working diligently to organise this event. Full credit must go to the subcommittee (which includes Joe van Beek, Jack Winterbottom & Heather Alexander) for getting this event off the ground and so far, it is looking like it will be a great success. Bookings open on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, so put this date into your diary to avoid missing out on your preferred choice of walk.

The Club is well positioned both financially and collectively, enjoying good relationships with other bushwalking clubs and related entities such as Bushwalking Victoria, BTAC, DELWP and Parks Vic. Moving forward our aim is to maintain these relationships and hopefully build upon the good work done by previous and current members of our club.

The role of President can be challenging but also rewarding. In my short time in the position, I have taken a more laid-back approach trying to minimise the administrative aspects of bushwalking. Nevertheless, there is a responsibility associated with the position to ensure that the club exercises its duty of care, while facilitating, safe, enjoyable, bushwalking – for the enjoyment of all members.

In summary we have:

- Promoted MMWT to a new level.
- Maintained a varied program of bushwalks, thanks to Geoff and walk leaders.
- Arranged and assisted in track maintenance efforts, thanks to Joe.
- Continued developing our relationship with Parks Victoria, DELWP, Bushwalking Victoria and BTAC.
- Held a series of successful club nights.
- Welcomed 15 new members and hosted many visitors on walks.
- Kept the public informed of our activities via local media coverage, thanks to Jim.
- Continued to produce our bi-monthly Newsletter, thanks to Jack.
- Expanded our Facebook footprint with 259 members thanks to Angela.
- Established a subcommittee to review and enhance the existing BCWC website, thanks to John.
- Consolidated our financial position as a result of MMWT guidebook sales.

Looking ahead, we are in an excellent position to strengthen the club and enhance members experiences in both bushwalking and other outdoor events. There are many opportunities available for the club to expand its horizons with activities that are more varied in nature. Bike rides, canoeing and our annual pilgrimages to Ben Cruachan, Wilsons Prom or even Tasmania, present opportunities that could be expanded upon.

Finally, thanks to all members for their support and participation at whatever level. I also extend a warm welcome to our visitors and trust they enjoyed their experience with the club and consider becoming a member - if they have not already joined.

A big thank you to every member of the Committee for all their efforts, contributions, and achievements over the last year. Fortunately, committee members appear happy to continue in their current roles, so unless there are any last-minute nominations for consideration, the Committee for 2021/22 may be a forgone conclusion!

On that note, I wish next year's committee good luck.

***Helmut Tracksdorf***

***President BCWC***



# Treasurers Report      BEN CRUACHAN WALKING CLUB INCORPORATED

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2021

OPENING BALANCE AS AT 1ST MAY 2020	6056.93	
	SUB BALANCE CLUB	5421.93
	SUB BALANCE MMWT	635.00
ADD RECEIPTS	2021	2020
Membership	5613.00	2199.00
Interest	2.25	1.62
Visitor Fees	352.00	360.00
First Aid Re-imburement BWV	490.00	
DELWP Grant Printing McMillan Guide Book	2500.00	
Donation Printing McMillan Guide Book	401.00	705.00
McMillan Guide Book Sales	3518.95	
Lost Radio Contribution (P & N Jennings)	209.00	
First Aid Full Course (rebate not include)		950.00
CPR Participants contribution	150.00	
Wilson Prom Weekend 2019		879.00
Wilson Prom Weekend 2020 (refunded)		909.00
McMillan Track Walk 2019		3670.00
Wellington Shire Fed Walk Grant	10000.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	23236.20	9673.62
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	29293.13	
LESS EXPENDITURE		
Insurance and BWV Affiliation Fees	2041.38	2867.30
Equipment PLB & Radios	571.84	213.90
Radio Contribution Refund	209.00	
McMillan Guide Book (J Chapman)	2882.50	
McMillan Guide Book (Sales Adjustment)	81.72	
McMillan Guide Book (Postage)	81.90	
Consumer Affairs (Certificate Change)	185.10	
Post Box Rental	41.00	
Postage	9.15	
Stationery	15.31	
Wilson Prom 2020	909.00	909.00
Supplies & Meals (guest speaker)	34.90	79.17
BCWC Flyers	236.50	
First Aid Course (Kemp Aquatics)	480.00	1440.00
Engraving & Making Life Memberships (Wil & Oliver)		105.00
Refund of membership Life Member (O Raymond)	48.00	
Refund of memberships paid twice (J Carter)		48.00
Easy Joomla (hosting domain fee)	38.50	195.00
Wellington Fed Walk Grant transfer to BCWC no. 2 a/c	10000.00	
Refund of camping gear (boots from donation)		70.00

McMillan Track Re-imburements		3670.00
Repair (CB antenna)		33.00
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE	17865.80	9630.37
NET PROFIT	5370.40	
CLOSING BALANCE AS AT 30TH JUNE 2021	11427.33	
	SUB BALANCE CLUB	7418.50
	SUB BALANCE MMWT	4008.83

#### BEN CRUACHAN WALKING CLUB INCORPORATED

#### BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 30TH APRIL 2020

#### CASH BOOK

Opening Balance as at 30th April 2020	6056.93	
Add Deposits	23236.20	
Total Income	29293.13	
Less Expenditure	17865.80	
Balance as at 30th June 2021	11427.33	
	Sub Balance Club	7418.50
	Sub Balance MMWT	4008.83

#### BANK STATEMENT

Balance as per Bank Statement 30th April 2020	6056.93
Less Unpresented cheques	Nil
Closing Balance as at 30th June 2021	11427.33

# AGM - TRACKS & CONSERVATION REPORT FOR 2020/2021



## Tracks and Conservation Report to 2021 Annual General Meeting

In December 2020 six club members accompanied and supported photojournalists Don Fuchs and Richard Monk, on assignment from Australia Geographic, for a story on McMillans Walking Track.

### Walking Track Maintenance

The contribution to walking track maintenance by the club, which has been considerable, has been through BTAC activities. This is mainly because the Co-ordinator is also a BTAC project leader and it has been convenient to utilise BTAC's access to ParkConnect and BTAC's tool trailer.

Projects undertaken on McMillans Walking Track include:

- Smith Street to Macalister River track clearing and remarking 6-8 November 2020 (72)
- Lazarini Spur to Black River track clearance 7-10 May 2021 (42)
- N18 to Mt Shillinglaw 10 May 2021
- Tamboritha Trail, some taping during Easter walk.

DELWP have also done some maintenance on MMWT on the Crooked River section and on several sections between Woods Point and Champion Spur Track.

Projects on other tracks include:

- Guys hut to Dry River track clearance started Australia Day Weekend (90), finished with assistance of the National Trail Association and their packhorses 26-30 March 2021. (96) Done in preparation for FedWalks2021.
- Work on the Bicentennial National Trail from Howitt Hut to Dry River, 26-30 March 2021.
- A 2km section of AAWT south from Mt Shillinglaw, 10 May 2021
- AAWT in Baw Baw National Park from Stronachs Camp south, 8-10 April 2021 (40)

Figures in brackets are the BCWC on the job manhours (340 in total contributed by 8 members). They do not include travel time or time spent in preparation and administration.

### McMillans Walking Track Guide Book

DELWP provided a grant of \$2,500 towards the printing costs of the guide book on the understanding that profits from the sale of the guide books is directed at maintenance of MMWT. The guide book was officially launched by Richard Wadsworth, Forest Recreation & Assets Coordinator for DELWP at the BWV Leadership Forum held online on Saturday 14 November 2020.

Free copies have been issued to major contributors and Land Managers and over 400 copies have been sold. The club now has \$4000 in kitty for MMWT maintenance which will go towards supporting volunteers and such items as track markers.

### Conservation

No specific conservation activities have been undertaken during the year. Two editions of Conservation Matters, the Conservation Regulator's quarterly newsletter have been circulated to members.

**Joe van Beek**

**Tracks and Conservation Co-ordinator**

## **Walks Co-ordinator Report to 2021 Annual General Meeting – Commentary**

Despite having to cancel ten scheduled walks due to Government restrictions, we managed to improve on last year's figures for Number of Walks and total participants. The detail is in the accompanying list of walks completed during the club year.

One walk was cancelled due to National Park closures caused by bushfire damage, and two were cancelled by the leader due to lack of starters. One was cancelled at the leader's request.

This year is no different to previous ones in the difficulty of keeping the Walks Program filled. At present we only have walks scheduled up to the end of October, with plenty of gaps. After that there is only Fedwalks. It is up to members to volunteer to lead!

Geoff Mattingley

Walks Co-Ordinator

5 July 2021

## Walks Co-ordinator Report to 2021 Annual General Meeting

Date	Walk	Leader	Walk Type			Attendance		
			Day	Base Camp	Pack Carry	Mem	Vis	Total
2020								
Sat 4 July	Toongabbie - Cowwarr Rail Trail	Jim S	*			10	1	11
Sat 4 July	Mitchelldale loop	Jodie +?	*			8	4	12
Wed 8 Jul	Sale Heritage/Rubeena	Monica	*			16		16
Sat 11 Jul	Roaring Mag	Helmut	*			9	3	12
Sat 18 Jul	Mitchell River old weir	Jodie/Angela	*			16	2	18
Wed 22 Jul	Traralgon Ramble	Oliver	*			12		12
Sat 25 Jul	Peterson's Lookout - Tyers Gorge	Jim S	*			9	1	10
Sat 25 Jul	Peterson's Lookout - Tyers Gorge	Judy v B	*			8	1	9
Sat 1 Aug	Mt St Gwinear	Joe	*			9	1	10
Sat 19 Sep	Wirilda Track circuit	Joe	*			7		7
Sun 20 Sep	Mt Lookout Bushland Reserve	Piero/Rob P	*			9		9
Sat 26 Sep	Wirilda track - with SBWC 4 walks	Joe	*			2	5	7
Fri 2 - Sun 4 Oct	Feathertop	Helmut			*	3		3
Sat 3 Oct	Nyerimilang	Monica	*			10	2	12
Wed 7 Oct	McLoughlins Beach	Frankie	*			8		8
Sat 10 Oct	Mystery History walk	Rob	*			11		11
Sun 18 Oct	Morwell NP	Monica	*			10	1	11
Sat 31 Oct	Mississippi Creek Track	Angela	*			11	1	12
6 9 Nov	Mc Millan's Track maintenance	Joe		*				0
Sat 7 Nov	Deptford/Slaughter Track	Angela	*			12	7	19
Sat 14 Nov	Balook - Cyathea Falls	Peter J	*			12		12
Sat 28 Nov	Den of Nargun - Billygoat Bend	Janine M	*			11		11
30 Nov - 7 Dec	McMillans Tk with Don Fuchs	Joe	*			6	2	8
4 - 6 Dec	Cowombat Flat - The Pilot	Helmut			*	8		8
Sat 12 Dec	Avon Channel/Dermody's	Jodie	*			11	2	13
2021								
Sat 9 - 10 Jan	Croll's Gorge	Helmut			*	11	2	13
Sat 16 Jan	East Tyers Walking Track	Joe	*			12	4	16
Sat 30 Jan	Lakes Entrance, Lake Tyers park	Monica	*			6	3	9
Fri 5 - 7 Feb	Moroka - Snowy Bluff	Oliver			*	8	1	9
Sat 20 Feb	Raymond Creek - Snowy River	Anna	*			9		9
Sat 27 Feb	Lakes NP - Loch Sport	Monica	*			5	1	6
Fri 5 - 7 Mar	Mount Howitt - King Billy	Oliver			*	5	1	6
Sat 13 Mar	Horseshoe Bend - Walhalla	Jim	*			10	5	15
Sat 27 Mar	Jack Smith Lake - 90 Mile Beach	Peter J	*			11	1	12
Thu 1 - 5 April	Base Camp & Mt Tamboritha	Joe, Jim +			*	4		4
Sat 3 Apr	Billy Goat Bend - Cobbannah Creek	Ken	*			6		6
Sat 10 Apr	Nowa Nowa, Trestle Bridge	Angela	*			8	2	10
Fri 23 - 25 Apr	Mitchelldale Base Camp	Angela & Jodie		*		7		7
Sat 8 May	Balook - Macks Creek	Peter J	*			7	4	11
Sun 16 May	Wentworth River - Pioneer Walk	Rob P	*			13		13
Sat 22 May	Tambo Bluff, Nyerimilang	Trevor C	*			5	1	6
Sat 5 Jun	Fungi Ramble	Judy vB	*			5	10	15
Mon 14 Jun	Roaring Mag falls	Helmut	*			10	8	18
Sat 19 Jun	Horton's Track	Ken	*			4	2	6
Sat 26 Jun	Mt Taylor	Robyn K	*			10	1	11
		Totals:	37	2	6	384	79	463
		Last Year	35	6	5	325	90	415

Leader leading most walks: Joe with 6 + 1 as co-leader, total 7; Helmut with 5; Monica with 5

Walk with most participants: Deptford/Slaughter Track 7 Nov 2020 - leader: Angela

## **Membership Secretary's Report**

### **BCWC Annual General Meeting 14 July 2021**

As at 14 July 2021, the total membership is 148.

Comprising:           82 female  
                              66 male

The total of 148 includes **66** members who haven't renewed their membership, as at 14 July 2021.

7 of the total are designated "non-walkers".

In addition, there are 9 long-term members who receive the newsletter only.

Ken Free  
Membership Secretary  
14 July 2021

## Facebook Page Administrator Report



When I took on the role of managing the clubs Facebook presence there were two separate Facebook sites for the club. Both had the same name - BCWC Ben Cruachan Walking Club, one was a 'page' the other was a 'group'. This created some confusion in that members would think they were posting to the group when in fact they were posting to the page and vice versa. Together, the Committee made the decision that there was not a need to have the two separate accounts and the 'page' was subsequently removed. I have effectively done this by 'unpublishing' it. It does remain in the background should at some point in the future the committee decides to reinstate it.

That left us with the group page where people could 'request to join'. We currently have 259 members.

I also added four membership vetting questions. These being:-

- Have you read and accepted the description of the group?
- Why do you want to join this group?
- How did you find out about our group? And
- A requirement to agree to the group rules, these being the fb standard of:-
  - Be kind and courteous;
  - Respect everyone's privacy;
  - No hate speech or bullying; and
  - Report abuse or spam

The current Administrators for the BCWC Facebook group are Jack Winterbottom and myself. Members who have preapproval for posting to the group are :-

Beck Horsham, Chris Marshall, Helmut Tracksdorf, Jackie Whiting, Jodie Wigg, Joe Scicluna, Joe Van Beek, Sue Wielgosz.

There are a few other regular contributors to the group, e.g. Janine Muir, Jason Harris, (to name a couple), who I would also like to give preapproval to. This means they can post immediately to the group page without having to have the post approved by an Administrator.

Finally, I hope to be more consistent these next twelve months in getting the scheduled walks onto the Facebook group page in order to better promote the club walks calendar.

Thank you,

Angela Roughley

BEN CRUACHAN WALKING CLUB INC.

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting

held on Wednesday 10th February 2021 7:00 pm  
Maffra Sports Club

1. **President's Welcome:**

Meeting opened at 7:10pm

Helmut welcomed those attending our first 'face to face' meeting for some time and for 2021, extending a warm welcome to visitors including new member- John Cox.

1.1 Attendance

Helmut Tracksdorf, Angela Roughley, Elizabeth Davis, Jim Stranger, Joe van Beek, Ken Free, Michael Dowe, Monica Scicluna, Piero Baglioni, Robyn Kercher, Jodie Wigg (v), John Cox (v), Andrew Stevenson (v)

1.2 Apologies

Rob Paterson, Jack Winterbottom, Geoff Mattingley, Heather Alexander.

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

2.1 Confirmation

Motion: That the minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 be accepted as an accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Helmut Tracksdorf                      Seconded: Joe van Beek                      Carried

2.2 Matters Arising from the previous minutes

There were no outstanding matters arising from the previous minutes.

3. **Correspondence:** Attached at end of minutes

3.1 Incoming

Emails from:

BWV

3.2 Outgoing

Emails to all members:



Emails to Members: Welcome to new members

Emails To External  
Parties:

#### 4. Reports:

##### 4.1 President:

Helmut confirmed our Christmas Breakup at Sale was a great success, thanks to all who attended and special thanks to Monica for arranging.

The Club has gotten off to a great start for 2021 with several overnight hikes already completed including Crolls Gorge located on the Wellington River followed up with a Mystery Walk to the Rock Shelter located along Long Hill Spur. In addition, we had a great hike lead by Oliver Raymond and his son Adam to Snowy Bluff located on the junction of the Moroka and Wonnangatta rivers.

There have also been several day walks held to places such as: East Tyres, Dermody's camp on the Avon, Lakes Entrance and more.. There is no excuse members should be back to their pre lockdown levels of fitness!

In January during the Australia Day weekend several members participated in a BTAC event along the Dry River Track. This was particularly difficult given the heat wave conditions experienced. Helmut made special mention and thanked Anna Janca for her assistance in ferrying the workers down into the Wonnangatta and back out again utilising her vehicle aptly named "The Taj" There is another BTAC event scheduled in February in the Errinundra NP with Joe and Helmut attending as representatives of BCWC.

Heather Alexander has formally advised of her resignation from the committee and will stand down from managing the clubs website. Fortunately, John Cox has indicated his willingness to take up the role and with his background experience should prove a great asset to the club. In Heathers absence, Helmut expressed his sincere thanks to Heather for all her work as the club website manager. We are thankful she took on this responsibility for the club.

John Cox was then formally voted onto the committee to replace Heather.

Nominated by Joe and Seconded by Helmut. His election was unanimous at 15 votes.

Helmut reiterated the need to remain vigilant regarding the pandemic. Whilst we appear to be over the worst one cannot predict when and where the next outbreak may occur.

##### 4.2 Treasurer:

Monica confirmed the Clubs Financial position as at 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2021. The Clubs bank balance appears healthy at \$6474.

The McMillan's Walking Track guidebook is selling well with about 10% of the total books already sold. However, it was highlighted that the donation from DELWP towards publication costs for the guidebook has not yet been received. It appears

there is some red tape concerning GST. Monica is monitoring the situation and will advise when the funds are received into the clubs account.

Membership fees for a new member (Hanuska) have been received but no membership form has been submitted so no registration details are available.

Robyn will follow up with an email to Geoff to see if the name comes up in past walks.

Motion: That the Treasurers report and Financial Statement dated 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2021 be accepted.

Moved: Monica Scicluna

Seconded: Robyn Kercher

Carried

#### 4.3 Tracks and Conservation

##### 4.3.1 McMillans Walking Track

Joe reported that approximately 400 copies of the MMWT Guidebook have been sold and that Sales are about half and half with BCWC and the Chapmans. We have gifted several copies as a club to donors and supporters. The book prices are as follows:

Club members: \$20

Other clubs associated with BTAC: \$22.00

Full price for example at a retail store \$25

AT present there is no planned track maintenance for McMillan's track.

Joe advised, adventurer and long distance runner George Mihalakellis from Melbourne is currently running the track as we speak. He hopes to finish it in two to three days! In addition, we are aware that at least eight other people have walked the track end to end so far.

##### 4.3.2 BTAC

As indicated by Helmut in his report the club participated in a BTAC event on the Dry River Track. Joe advised this track is being referred to as Conglomerate Spur Track. Due to the heat the group was unable to complete clearing the mid-section of the track. Therefore in future on this track we will work with Friends of the Bicentennial Trail utilising horses to pack carry gear and equipment to a base camp on the Dry River. Possibly as soon as late March.

The work at Mount Wills has been postponed until October.

Mount Baw Baw to Mount Whitlaw and Stronachs Hut is scheduled for the 8th to the 11th of April.

The full programme for 2021 will be published soon on the BTAC website.

Motion: That the Tracks & Conservation report be accepted.

Moved: Jim Stranger

Seconded: Elizabeth Davis

Carried

#### 4.4 Newsletter Editor

In the Newsletter Editors absence, Helmut advised that Jack will be aiming to get the February issue out later this month. Therefore, if there are any walk reports outstanding, they will need to be forwarded to Jack within the next week or so.

#### 4.5 Publicity

Jim is promoting the club regularly by sending articles to the press. He feels there has been a couple of walk event clashes with Strzelecki Walking Track Club but is pleased with the number of published articles.

We will check for stocks of the club pamphlet and flyer. If anyone has them in their homes and let us know as we may need to reorder them for Tourist Information Centres.

Motion: That the Publicity report be accepted.

Moved: Jim Stranger

Seconded: Monica Scicluna

Carried

#### 4.6 Facebook Page

Angela is the gatekeeper, she has made the open site inactive which we asked her to do last meeting. On the club site she has questions for new members to check their credentials.

A couple of members are able to post photos directly to the site, but generally all comments, photos and notifications go through her and she publishes them after checking. It seems to be working well.

Motion: That Angela's Facebook report be accepted.

Moved: Ken Free

Seconded: Elizabeth Davis

Carried

#### 4.7 Membership

Ken Free advised we have 141 registered members, with 77 females and 64 males.

Memberships are due for renewal in June.

An updated list of members was sent through to Committee.

Motion: That Ken's Membership report be accepted.

Moved: Monica Scicluna

Seconded: Angela Roughley

Carried

### 5. Walks Program

#### 5.1 Latest info re: walks program

In Geoff's absence he sent through a walks report which was read by Helmut There are still some gaps in the programme because of cancellations and a withdrawal by a walk leader. Helmut indicated he is unable to do the Easter Breakfast Creek Walk but will seek to get a new leader.

Walks are still needed for the 10th and 17th of April, and the 1st and 22nd of May. There was a suggestion that Bruthen may be a good destination.

## 6. Meetings Program

### 6.1 Committee Meetings

The suggestion was made and accepted that generally committee meetings should be held at the Maffra Sports Club due to its central location for members and the long distances travelled by people from Traralgon to get to Bairnsdale and vice versa. There was general consensus to this. Monica will book the Sports Club. The next meeting is the 14th of April.

Motion: That in future all Management Committee Meetings be held in Maffra.

Moved: Helmut Tracksdorf                      Seconded: Joe van Beek                      Carried

### 6.2 Club Nights

The next Club Night will be held on Wednesday the 10th of March at the Wan Loy Chinese restaurant in Traralgon. Sue Wesson from GLWAC is a potential speaker. She will talk about awareness of indigenous heritage when walking in the Bush and how cultural assessments are made. Joe will be following this up with Sue to confirm her attendance.

Thereafter the 12th of May is our next social night in Bairnsdale. We need to think about what we can do for this night and communicate our ideas to the president.

### 6.3 Other Social Events

Non at present

### 6.4 AGM 2021

Nothing to report

## 7. Management of Website

John Cox to Address Committee re: Purpose and Aim of website

John advised he originally came from Melbourne and was a member of the Maroondah Bushwalking club which has 600 members most of them retired and who walk during the week. The club administration is basically run through their website which includes online booking of walks and registering with the leader. John was actively involved in setting up the website which is based on Joomla and done through Enoch who is the author of the BCWC website.

Our current website is relatively open with no private areas from the public, but at Maroondah most things are done after logging on.. If we were to change to online

bookings, there are quite a few considerations for us and we need to consider the changes. John says the Maroondah website is very easy to use and bookings and previews are available to paste into new walks making it easy for walk leaders.

Another discussion was about amending our front-end menu to allow for online registration for McMillans Walking Track. This would also allow the club to monitor traffic on the track and receive feedback on track conditions. In addition, the Club needs to maintain an update of track maintenance activities to inform the public of conditions along the track

We could also include details about payments for the guidebooks. People wanting to purchase the book can do so through BCWC sales@bigpond.com

## 8. General Business

### 8.1 Heather Alexander stepping down from Committee

Heather has confirmed her intention to step down from Committee in writing. Her letter of resignation was accepted earlier in the meeting

### 8.2 John Cox appointed to Committee

His nomination was accepted earlier in the meeting.

Joe reported on a walks incident that happened four weeks ago after the walk was complete and people were heading for their cars. Judy tripped over a tree root and broke her arm. She's doing well now. Joe advised that if there is one message we can learn from this incident; it is the need to stay alert and aware – even in the home stretch as most accidents occur close to home – when people relax and drop their guard.

Ken made us aware of a new book called “Lots a Fresh Air - How to Navigate” by Caro Ryan which costs \$22.00.

Next Management Committee meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021

7:00 pm Maffra Sports Club

Financial Statement for 31st January 2021

Ben Cruachan Walking Club

Balance @ 30th November 2020		4854.30
Income :		
Membership		
Horsham, Hanuska, Taylor, Tomlin	153.00	
Visitor Fees :	45.00	
McMillan Book Sales :	1589.00	
Interest :	.37	
Donation McMillan Printing (J Kellas) :	100.00	
	<hr/>	1887.37
Sub Total Income :		<hr/> 6741.67
Expenditure:		
249538 Joe van Beek (Postage McMillan Books)	81.90	
249539 Consumer Affairs Victoria (Cert. Change)	185.10	
	<hr/>	267.00
Balance @ 31st January 2021		<hr/> 6474.67



# BEN CRUACHAN WALKING CLUB INC.

## Management Committee Meeting - Minutes

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7:00 pm  
Maffra Sports Centre

### 1. **President's Welcome:** meeting started at 7:25 PM.

Helmut welcomed visitors Rob and Josie Paterson and thanked members for their attendance at the meeting, recognising the commitment of time and travel required by members of Committee.

**1.1. Attendance:** Monica Scicluna, Helmut Tracksdorf, Michael Dowe, Robyn Kercher, Joe van Beek, John Cox, Elizabeth Davis, Josie Paterson, Rob Paterson, Jim Stranger, Ken Free, Geoff Mattingley,

**1.2. Apologies:** Angela Roughley, Jack Winterbottom, Piero Baglioni, Lynn Tomlin

### 2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Helmut requested as a minor point of order that in future when issuing the Agenda for Management Committee Meetings that the minutes of previous meeting also be included with the Agenda.

Joe noted that the minutes indicated that the price of the McMillan's Walking Track guidebook for other clubs associated with BTAC should have read: "*other Gippsland bushwalking clubs affiliated to Bushwalking Victoria* is \$22.00.

## Confirmation

**2.1. Motion:** That the minutes of the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 including the adjustment noted above be accepted as an accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Helmut Tracksdorf

Seconded: Joe van Beek

Carried

### **2.2. Matters Arising**

The person who had paid membership dues without filling in an application has still not been identified although Geoff has searched through walk reports and Ken through previous membership.

### 3. **Correspondence:**

#### **3.1. Incoming Emails from:**

SBWC with Newsletters
BWV with Bulletins
Local Voices: Kalbar Survey
M Scicluna: Treasurer report
L Tomlin: Navigation Course
H Tracksdorf: Re insurance renewal
QR code compliance
Membership Enquiry
Caro Ryan, Re photo sent of McMillan's
Bushwalking Victoria Bulletin
Wollangarra newsletter



Bushwalking Victoria Training, navigation and leading
Membership Enquiry
J Stranger re insurance renewal
Membership Enquiry
Bushwalking Victoria Club Update
P Maffei: BTAC appeal for help 29, 30 April
K Free, J van Beek, Confirming support for website service by E Lavender
E Lavender: re website upgrade
Membership enquiry
M Scicluna: First aid course proposal in progress
H Tracksdorf: Website Upgrade
H Tracksdorf: Re RSA (unnecessary)
G Mattingly: New PLB YAY!!
Bushwalking Victoria, Insurance Renewal Documents
K Free: Item 4.7 should read " An updated list of members was circulated to the President, Secretary, Walks Co-ordinator and Newsletter Editor"
Gippsports: RSA and First Aid
Newsletter from J Winterbottom
H Tracksdorf: re minutes
J van Beek: Fed walks logo
G Mattingley: Mystery member Hanuska
Warby Walkers: promoting Fed Walks
K Free: membership

### 3.2. Outgoing Emails To members:

BCWC Newsletter;
SBWC Newsletters;
BWV Bulletins
Meeting Minutes
BTAC appeal for 29-30 April
Re Easter Car Camp
BTAC Navigation training
House Sitting
Welcome to new members
H Tracksdorf QR codes
Membership Enquiry
K Free, Membership
Grants for website development from BWV
Insurance renewal
Ben Boyd Park
Offer by commercial company to assist with website
RSA and First Aid information
Minutes to H Tracksdorf
O Raymond: walk enquiry
K Free, Membership
Minutes to H Tracksdorf

### 3.4 Emails To External Parties:

Warby Walkers re Fed Walks
Membership enquiry
Consumer Affairs Victoria

## 4. Reports:

**4.1. President** Helmut noted that events appear to be getting back to normal after a period of fewer walks due to COVID-19. During February and March both major and minor walks have taken place. Ten walks have been completed including Snowy Bluff, Loch Sport, the Avon River, A combined walk with Strzelecki Walking Club and Friends of Baw Baw to the Rock Shelter at Mushroom Rocks, which included visiting Jans Hut, NBW Hut, Talbot Hut & the Rover Hut all located within and on the Baw Baw plateau. Other walks included Mount Howitt to King Billy, Billy Goat Bend to Cobbannah Creek, Mt Tamboritha and only last week a walk to the Nowa Nowa trestle bridge. It is also apparent that everyone else is out in the Bush too as there are many more cars, campers and walkers around than usual.

There are many hikes in the near future to join and a couple of spaces if people want to lead hikes. There is a base camp coming up soon based along the Wellington River for Federation walks leaders to complete recces of their walks before the actual event in November.

Helmut acknowledged the passing of the Duke of Edinburgh who was recognised for his establishment of the Duke of Edinburgh awards which encouraged many young people to pursue outdoor activities and bushwalking. Which no doubt some of our past and present members have participated in – during their “younger” years.

### 4.2. Treasurer

Monica read the treasurer's report which is attached

### 4.3. Tracks and Conservation

#### 4.3.1 McMillans Track

At our last meeting Joe advised that George Mihalakellis was running McMillans Walking Track expecting to complete it in two to three days. It actually took him the best part of six days. Joe is hoping to get a report from George.

Guidebook sales have slowed down. It was noted that many outlets in Melbourne and Gippsland have the McMillans Walking Track guidebook. Joe, Monica, Elizabeth and Robyn will check that local stores have adequate supplies. A reconciliation of accounts with the Chapmans will occur soon.

Clearing of the Lazarini Spur Track to Black River is proposed for 7th to 8th of May. DELWP Heyfield summer crew have worked on the Crooked River section and DELWP Mansfield have worked on Champion Spur Track to Stander Creek and Abbott Creek Track sections. The section from the Walhalla Road to Goolies Creek was closed for a short period because of a controlled burn through the area. More markers need to be fixed on the Treasure Spur section of the track.

#### 4.3.2 BTAC

The proposed BTAC work at Erinundra National Park was unfortunately cancelled due to the Valentine's weekend Covid lock down.

BTAC worked on 3 kilometres of the Dry River Track and 6 kilometres of the Bicentennial National Trail. They were supported by the National Trail Association who had seven horses and two mules assisting with carrying gear to a remote camping location to facilitate the clearing. Thanks to Joe, Michael, Evan, and Sue from BCWC who made up 50% of the volunteers.

Friends of Baw Baw and BTAC held a combined camp 8 - 10 April using grant money to attract new volunteers. A lot of work was completed to a high standard, but as the weather came in on Saturday afternoon with rain and snow the work on Saturday afternoon and Sunday was cancelled.

29 - 30 April BTAC have a project in the Upper Howqua, and 15 - 16 May in the Grampians.

The Australian Alps Walking Track near Mount Wills will be a project for BTAC in October.

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

No report submitted but it is anticipated that a club newsletter will be out in the near future.

#### **4.5. Publicity**

Jim has been consistently writing articles for the newsletters and including photos. Many members reported seeing the articles in their local paper. Jim would like feedback when articles are published so he knows where they are appearing.

We will reprint the BCWC flyer for tourist information centres. There was some discussion as to the value of the flyer, but overall it was decided that it is worth Ken costing a reprint and sending out the information by email to the committee. A decision will be made at that time of the number required.

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

Ken reported on behalf of Angela that the Facebook page is working well and that she is pleased with the photos and comments being uploaded. She is happy with the way the approval of content is working for the page.

#### **4.7. BCWC Membership**

Ken has included a written report at the end of these minutes.

##### **New Members**

Alice Corkill, Peter Walsh

##### **Membership as of 11 April 2021 (refer Report attached)**

	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
<b>Under 50</b>		
<b>Over 50</b>		
<b>Age not disclosed</b>		
<b>Sub-total</b>	65	78

**Total Membership: 143**

##### **Membership Renewals**

Due to last year's break in programme caused by Covid 19 membership fees will be due at the end of June this year.

There was discussion about the provision of a lower membership fee for membership of our club to walkers who are already affiliated members of Bushwalking Victoria through membership of a different club. There was in-principle approval of creating an affiliate membership whereby Ken will confirm with our Rules and Association & Constitution and advise if feasible at the next meeting.

It was confirmed that visitors who pay the \$5 temporary membership fee are covered with insurance as long as they have signed the disclaimer, acknowledgement of risk and obligations for temporary membership.

## **5. Walks Program**

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

The walks programme continues to be filled with the two vacant Saturdays currently in the forward program having proposed walks. On the weekend of the 22nd to the 24th of October Monica has booked accommodation at Wilsons Prom. Geoff advised More walks will be required from November onwards.

Helmut advised he still needs to complete a Walk Preview of his Grampians walk scheduled in June.

### **5.2 FEDWALKS progress report**

The organising committee is in full swing and the event has been registered and the covid paperwork completed. Some committee members met the new manager of the camp at Licola. On the weekend of the 24th of April, several walks leaders will conduct walk recces. They will be checking track conditions and safety on their walks.

Bookings open on the 1st of August and will fill fast so members are advised to get in early to choose their walks IF they do not want to miss out! Martin Norris from SBC has provided recent updates of walk maps and the traditional booklet of walks will also be available soon.

## **6. Meetings Program**

### **6.1 Committee Meetings**

June 9, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting Maffra Community Sports Club  
August 11, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting Maffra Community Sports Club  
October 13, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting Maffra Community Sports Club  
December 8, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting Maffra Community Sports Club

### **6.2 Club Nights**

Booked for May 12, at Bairnsdale Club 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting  
Proposed for AGM July 14, Sale Criterion Hotel 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting  
Booked for September 8, Wan Loy Chinese Restaurant Traralgon 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting  
Booked for November 10, Bairnsdale Club 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting

### **6.3 Other Social Events**

Please RSVP for the Club Night at Bairnsdale on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May by phone 0400592407 or email [rkercher@outlook.com.au](mailto:rkercher@outlook.com.au) Helmut will give a talk and there will be a movie! BYO popcorn!

## **6.4 AGM**

Current proposal is to hold our AGM on July 14, at the Sale Criterion Hotel 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting

## **7. Management of Website**

### **7.1 List Priority issues**

Initial aim is to clean up the website and check that the links work. Helmut asked Committee members to review our website and provide feedback and information to John about what needs to be 'fixed'. ie: identify the links that are not working and communicate to John. The longer-term goal is to upgrade the website so that file management and retrieval is improved. We also need to improve the presentation of information about the McMillans Walking Track, whereby walkers are provided with updates about track conditions etc. It was proposed that John, Geoff, Joe and Helmut form a subcommittee to look at the website issues and work towards improvements and how to go about the much-needed work. Helmut will contact the subcommittee members to work out a schedule before the next committee meeting to outline what they can do to assist John in this task.

## **8. General Business:**

### **8.1 Wilderness First Aid Course – Proposed by KF**

Two years ago, the club ran a very successful wilderness first aid session offered by a club member who has emergency qualifications and training. It would be great to run it again prior to Fed walks with something targeted to remote experiences. Joe mentioned there will be some safety and Emergency Management briefings for Fed Walks walk leaders and will ask about something specifically for our club. Many people were keen to do a refresher and Joe and Ken will coordinate a proposal.

### **8.2 QR Code of Practice - Does BCWC need to Register?**

After consideration it was decided that BCWC are not based on a site therefore it is not necessary or possible for us to register as we don't fit the criteria.

### **8.3 Club Insurance renewal - Chubb declaration needs to be re-submitted after 1<sup>st</sup> June**

Helmut confirmed the BCWC Insurance renewal form had been submitted along with the Chubb declaration form. However, it was confirmed the Chubb Declaration can only be submitted after June 1. Helmut asked to be reminded about this, so please everyone let's remind him. LOL.

### **8.4 CPR Refresher**

Monica is organising a CPR upgrade for people who already have a first aid qualification. It will be of one hour duration and cost \$20 per person with \$40 being contributed by bushwalking Victoria. It will be with Kemp Aquatics of Maffra.

The committee members gave special thanks to Monica for her efforts not only in pursuing this but also her willingness to step in and organise walks when there were unforeseen vacancies in the calendar and her continued support of club activities.

**Next Management Meeting:** 9 June 2021 @ 7:00 pm preceded by Dinner at 6:00pm  
Maffra Community Sports Club

Financial Statement for 31st March 2021

Ben Cruachan Walking Club

Total Account Balance at 31st January 2021	6474.67
Income:	
Membership	
Koeninger, Royce N, Corkill A, Walsh P (2021/22).	161.00
Visitors Fee	30.00
McMillan Book Sales	655.95
DELWP Grant for Printing McMillan Book	2500.00
Total Income	3346.95
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Sub Total Income :	9821.62
Total Expenditure:	
249540 Aust Post (PO Box Rental)	41.00
249541 G Mattingley (PLB additional cost)	60.00
249542 M Scicluna ( Guest speaker meal re imbursement Traralgon)	34.90
Total Expenditure	135.90
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Total Account Balance at 31st March	9685.72
Club	6209.17
MMWT	3476.55

## Membership Secretary's Report

BCWC Management Committee Meeting 14 April 2021

As at 11 April 2021, the total membership is 143.

Comprising: 78 female

65 male

9 of the total members are designated "non-walkers"

In addition, there are 9 long-term members who receive the newsletter only.

Since the February 2021 Management Committee Meeting, we have received 2 new members, Alice Corkill and Peter Walsh.

Ken Free

Membership Secretary

11 April 2021

# BEN CRUACHAN WALKING CLUB INC.

## Management Committee Meeting - Minutes

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 6:30 pm  
Via Zoom

### 1. **President's Welcome:** Zoom meeting started at 6:30 PM

Helmut welcomed committee members and gave a brief explanation as to why the committee was meeting via Zoom. The forecast of bad weather and the Maffra Sports club advising they were closing the upstairs section because of covid restrictions, meant it was not practical to meet at Maffra.

Helmut shared with the Committee the sad news that one of our past members Alex Husson had passed away. Alex had been a stalwart member of the club over many years and had been actively engaged in many walks and track maintenance activities during his time with the club. Several club members would have fond memories of Alex's determination to revisit the source of the Murray River at Cowombat Flat back in 2012 when with the assistance of his daughters he managed to hike in when his health was already failing. Alex was also a champion woodcutter and competed in events well into his 60's. On behalf of the BCWC Helmut acknowledged Alex's contribution to the club and offered his condolences to Gwenda and the family. Alex's funeral is at 1pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June and will streamed live on: [latrobevalleyfuneral's](#). Jim Stranger has sent a condolence card on behalf of the Club to the Husson family.

Since our last Committee meeting the club has managed to complete 6 walks including several BTAC events. Unfortunately, Kens Cobbannah Creek walk had to be cancelled due to a new Covid outbreak with restrictions on movement being imposed. With Winter approaching members may be considering going into hibernation, but Helmut advised there are 2 winter snow walks on the calendar and with the heavy rain East Gippsland is currently experiencing there is a good opportunity to visit Roaring Mag falls and see her in all her glory – albeit on short notice!

We are making good progress with respect to organising FedWalks 2021 with the new website up and running and Joe will report what progress has been made later in the meeting.

**1.1. Attendance:** Piero Baglioni, Monica Scicluna, Helmut Tracksdorf, Angela Roughley, Robyn Kercher, Joe van Beek, John Cox, Elizabeth Davis, Jim Stranger, Ken Free.

**1.2. Apologies:** Michael Dowe, Jack Winterbottom, Geoff Mattingley, Rob Paterson.

### 2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Joe noted the previous minutes incorrectly indicated Rob Paterson as a visitor when in fact he is a Committee Member and that the official walk booklet for FEDWALKS will not be available until the event. The previous minutes indicated the booklet would be available soon.

## Confirmation

**2.1. Motion:** That the minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (excluding the adjustments noted above) be accepted as an accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Helmut Tracksdorf

Seconded: Monica Scicluna

Carried



## 2.2. Matters Arising

Helmut requested that any matters arising from the previous minutes be deferred until general business.

## 3. Correspondence:

### 3.1. Incoming Emails from:

Jann Cooney	Looking for a Guest Speaker on Mc Millan's Walking Track
Lakes Entrance Tourist Information	Request for Brochures
Louisa Brewer	Membership enquiry
Helmut Tracksdorf	Suggested Joe would be an ideal speaker
Helmut Tracksdorf	Club Meetings on Walks Calendar
Ken Free	Offer to post Brochures
Helmut Tracksdorf	Re preparations for AGM
Elizabeth and Phillip Davis	Thanks for the link to the radio interview re Mike Dower, Parks Victoria, discusses rangers clearing tracks using horses and mules alongside volunteers at Mount Howitt
Bushwalking Victoria	Register for the AGM and leadership forum
Maureen Hickling	Thanks for the link to the radio interview about Mike Dower, Parks Victoria, discusses rangers clearing tracks using horses and mules alongside volunteers at Mount Howitt
Walkers Journal	Latest Issue
Piero Baglioni	Encouragement for the AGM reports
Joe Van Beek	<a href="#">Re application form for funding for FedWalks2021</a>
Bushwalking Victoria	Re Insurance application
Monica Scicluna	Re Insurance application
Ken Free	Lost Radio prevention
Helen Maslin	Membership Enquiry
Jim Stranger	Lost Radio prevention
Danny O'Brien	Lockdown Information
Bushwalking Victoria	Bushwalking News
Joomla	Account
Monica Scicluna	Treasurer's Report
Walkers Journal	Latest Issue
Barbra Devine	Duck Video
Danny O'Brien	Covid Information
Helmut Tracksdorf	Meeting Information
Maureen Hickling	Walkers Journal
Bushwalking Victoria	Board Update
Sue Wielgosz	Walkers Journal
Ken Free	Agenda Items
May 2021 Newsletter	SBWC newsletter

### 3.2. Outgoing Emails To members:

BCWC	Club minutes
Bushwalking Victoria	AGM and Leadership Forum
Bushwalking Victoria	Leadership training
BCWC	Club night 12 <sup>th</sup> May
Field Notes	Journal Magazine
SBWC	SBWC newsletter
BCWC	Wentworth River on the 16th of May

BCWC	Child Safe Standards and Requirement for Working with Children Check
YHA Bushwalking Club	Looking for Guest Speaker
Various	Re lost radio
Conservation Regulator	Conservation Matters, the Conservation Regulator's quarterly newsletter
Mike Dower	BTAC and Parks Victoria on the ABC Radio
Walkers Journal	Magazine
Me	Committee Meeting Change
Danny O'Brien	Regional Covid Restrictions

### 3.4 Emails To External Parties:

Wildlife unlimited	Looking for a Club Night speaker
Geoff Mattingley	Publishing Meeting events on Walks Calendar
Various	Re lost radio
Helmut Tracksdorf	Re AGM
Helen	Re Membership enquiry
Committee	Reports for AGM

## 4. Reports:

### 4.1. President

Helmut referred to his opening remarks as constituting his report.

### 4.2. Treasurer

Monica read the treasurer's report which is attached.

Moved: Monica Scicluna

Seconded: Joe van Beek

Carried

### 4.3. Tracks and Conservation

#### 4.3.1 McMillans Track

Joe confirmed last activity on MMWT was in early May along Lazarini Spur down to the Black River, which is one of the MMWT sections that is to be used for Fedwalks. Work was also carried out along N18 track over Mt Shillinglaw down to N25 Track. A section of the nearby AAWT was also cleared.

A Meeting is scheduled in July at Heyfield (date to be confirmed) with PV and DELWP to discuss the next series of clearings and set priorities.

Joe advised he will be doing a presentation on MMWT to the YHA Bushwalking club in September via Zoom. BCWC members will be invited to participate.

YHA Bushwalkers has extended an invitation to BCWC members to a special event via zoom at 7.30pm on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021. They have engaged Mr. Paddy Dillon who is a prolific outdoor writer with 100 guidebooks to his name as a guest speaker. Joe asked Robyn to forward the invitation to all BCWC members. (refer email sent 8/6)

Joe has been asked by Bayside Bushwalkers to do a face-to-face presentation of MMWT and FEDWALKS on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August which he has accepted.

MMWT Guidebook sales have slowed but as at the reconciliation date of 31<sup>st</sup> March the Chapmans had sold 225 guidebooks whereas BCWC had sold/given away 214 Guidebooks. The next reconciliation remains to be confirmed but will be sometime down the track.

#### **4.3.2 BTAC**

Joe advised several events had been cancelled. Work on the 8 mile track in the upper Howqua, and a Grampians event were cancelled.

Work on the Grampians Wonderland track in June is fully subscribed and work on the East Tyers track has been deferred until August. The East Tyers work will involve creating a loop track. Work is also planned for the Lake Tali Karng track in September along the Valley of Destruction (Clive Lanigan track?).

The Australian Alps Walking Track near Mount Wills will be a project for BTAC in October.

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

In Jacks absence, Helmut advised he had spoken to Jack and can advise the Newsletter for June will be light, meaning only a few walk reports have been submitted. However, Jack will include articles/information relating to FEDWALKS 2021 and include a notice about the passing of Alex Husson. Helmut to forward a photo of Alex at Cowombat Flat to Jack for inclusion into the Newsletter. Newsletter to be published within the next fortnight.

#### **4.5. Publicity**

Jim confirmed upcoming walks for June had been submitted to the media with the July Walks scheduled to be submitted next week. Jim has been liaising with Strzelecki Bushwalking publicity officer to avoid the perception of walking clubs competing when walks are advertised in local newspapers.

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

Angela confirmed that our Facebook page is ticking along nicely with 250 members but only a dozen individuals interact and post articles/photos on a regular basis.

Angela advised that the more postings our Facebook receives the more interesting it is to members, so with that in mind please feel free to contribute to the clubs FB page.

#### **4.7. BCWC Membership**

Ken advised he has circulated the latest membership report (refer below) and read out the key items included. Total membership at present is 144 comprising 79 females and 65 males. Only 1 new member has joined the club since our previous meeting and has attended several walks already.

In addition, Ken has drafted up new renewal forms and membership application forms which include Dual Membership applications. Some discussion followed concerning terminology of membership but in principle it was agreed that we were happy to use the Strzelecki model and the use of the term "Dual Membership" in lieu of other terms proposed. In addition, with membership renewals now due (June) it was deemed important to resolve this issue prior to the end of our Financial Year ended June rather than let it remain unresolved until the next meeting in August. As such it was agreed we would run with Kens current forms and in the event, there are any issues we would address them as they occur.

Joe thanked Ken for his efforts on addressing this issue.

On a separate note, Joe reminded the Committee that we need to address the fees for next year. Although a separate item for discussion in General Business it was decided to maintain the Clubs Fees for the 2021/2022 Financial Year at the same level. That is, no increase in fees will apply. The motion to maintain fees at there current level was tabled.

Moved: Ken Free

Seconded: John Cox

Carried

## **New Members**

Clare Snell

### **Membership as of 9 June 2021 (refer Report attached)**

	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
<b>Sub-total</b>	65	79

**Total Membership: 144**

### **Membership Renewals**

As at the end of June Membership fees will be due for the next Financial Year (2021/22).

## **5. Walks Program**

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

In Geoff's absence Joe reminded the Committee that development of the walks program is a whole of committee responsibility. Meaning it is up to Committee members to organise walks whereby Geoff would administer the registration and maintain the schedule of walks. Currently there are some gaps in the walks program at the end of June and in July where no walks are scheduled. Joe asked the Committee if they thought the current process was working and asked them to consider this as a topic of discussion for next year's scheduling of walks.

Helmut advised he has several walks in mind to add to the program, but they are planned for a time when the conditions are more conducive. In addition, he confirmed his Grampians walk has been postponed and will reschedule for Spring hopefully giving members sufficient notice to consider their options to attend.

In addition, the Mt St Gwinear walk scheduled in July remains open for a leader with no preview posted online as yet. Helmut nominated himself to lead this walk and indicated he would contact the Captain Hurley Rover Crew who maintain the rover hut at Mushroom Rocks, to see if it is possible to use the hut as a base for this walk. Jim mentioned the possibility that we could use Baw Baw as a base for hiking to Mt St Gwinear, which Helmut indicated he would check as more upmarket glamping option.

### **5.2 FEDWALKS progress report**

Joe reminded the committee that the weekend of recces which was held at the end of April went well. The website for the event is now up and running. It went live last week. Bookings will open Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

The preparation of the Walk Booklet is well underway and will only be issued to participants as they arrive at the event.

Joe announced latest news from Wellington Shire is that they are prepared to Sponsor the event to the tune of \$10,000 with the funds to be deposited into the FEDWALKS account.

Joe highlighted the need for Walk Leaders and Tail End Charlies to register for their walks prior to Bookings going live. This will be achieved via a special access code approximately 2 weeks before bookings open.

***At this stage of the meeting a power outage in the Sale district resulted in 3 members dropping out of the meeting. (Robyn, Elizabeth & Ken) Fortunately, we were able to continue with 7 members still online (minimum of 5 members required to form a quorum)***

## **6. Meetings Program**

Helmut tabled a list of Committee Meetings and Club nights for the next 12 months.

There was no issue with the schedule of Committee Meetings but there was some discussion about the details of the Club nights. After some discussion it was decided to run with the nominated dates and locations of the Club nights but keep the venue and/or locations flexible.

Jim and Joe to explore options for a guest speaker at our September meeting and arrange booking for the venue at Wan Loy.

List of Dates attached.

### **6.1 Committee Meetings**

June 9, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting Maffra Community Sports Club

August 11, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting Maffra Community Sports Club

October 13, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting Maffra Community Sports Club

December 8, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting Maffra Community Sports Club

### **6.2 Club Nights**

AGM July 14, Sale Criterion Hotel 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting

September 8, Wan Loy Chinese Restaurant Traralgon 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting

November 10, Bairnsdale Club 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting

March 9, Sale Criterion Hotel 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting

### **6.3 Other Social Events**

There are no special events on the schedule at present however Monica advised the Committee that our usual Xmas in July has been replaced by the AGM, which was usually held earlier in the year.

After some discussion, Joe was asked to provide a short presentation on FEDWALKS to club members after the AGM.

### **6.4 AGM**

The AGM is scheduled for July 14, at the Sale Criterion Hotel 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting.

Helmut will contact existing office holders to sound out their preparedness to carry on with their current duties and sound out if any other members are interested in taking on a committee role.

## **7. Management of Website**

### **7.1 Sub-Committee report**

Helmut advised that the sub-committee was unable to organise a mutually agreeable date to workshop the website issues. However, some work has taken place behind the scenes and there is an expectation that the sub-committee will meet in July. Helmut thanked club members who had provided feedback on the website and confirmed the issues raised will be explored. John our website manager has become a grandfather for the second time and is committed to travelling interstate later this month to visit family. The opportunity for the subcommittee to get together via zoom may be an option for consideration.

John added his thoughts confirming that until he has a clear understanding of what the Club wants to do with its website, it is difficult to proceed. John has some ideas as to how we can potentially improve the website but until those changes appeal or are agreed by members it is difficult to proceed. The potential for keeping our membership database online or register for walks online are worth considering but whether members are prepared to accept such changes remains to be seen.

John suggested the website could be in 2 parts, with one part for club members and other for the public. Members would have access to information that the public would not be able to see.

John flagged that the current website 'filing system' is somewhat chaotic with 'old' information difficult to find or locate. There may be a requirement to pull the system apart and rebuild from scratch. However, this would require a complete rebuild involving links and more. Although this is a major undertaking, in

the end it would be easier to manage. John re-iterated the need for the subcommittee to get together and review the options.

Monica highlighted a problem with the Contact Form within the website, whereby it freezes the screen. Helmut asked Monica to highlight the issue via email to the subcommittee for investigation.

## **7.2 Website Roles & Responsibilities**

Helmut highlighted that it appears both the Club Minutes and Newsletter are not appearing on our website in a timely manner. As such he has taken the liberty of loading these documents onto the web himself in recent times. In discussing the matter with both Robyn and Jack (prior to the meeting) it was established that Robyn was not familiar with the process of loading the Minutes onto the website and that Jack having recently been busy had let the task get away from him. This issue serves to highlight that when handing over tasks to new office bearers some training is sometimes required and that when individuals are busy – others may step in to assist.

## **8. General Business:**

### **8.1 Wilderness First Aid Course**

Joe has spoken to Debbie Ray who needs to check with Joe Doherty from Maffra SES who did the presentation last time. We are still awaiting a response from Debbie but have tentatively suggested Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August and will wait for confirmation.

The idea is to run the course for walk leaders prior to FedWalks more targeted to remote experiences. Joe mentioned there will be some safety and Emergency Management training for FedWalk leaders prior to the event.

### **8.2 Club Insurance renewal - CHUBB form**

Helmut reminded the committee that for Insurance purposes the CHUBB declaration form which had been previously submitted in March 2021 needed to be re-submitted after 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Helmut requested clarification of who submitted the form and that we need to re-submit it now. The Committee was not sure so Helmut indicated he would revisit his emails to confirm.

***NB: After the meeting Helmut established, he had submitted the original and subsequently resubmitted the form on 13<sup>th</sup> June noting the instructions requested the form be resubmitted prior to the 8<sup>th</sup> June.***

### **8.3 / 8.4 Membership renewal & Dual Membership form**

As per item 4.7 (above) Helmut reiterated that it was agreed Club Membership fees for the 2021/22 Financial Year will remain unchanged. ie: fixed at the 2020/21 level. It was also agreed to utilise the renewal forms generated by Ken with “Dual Membership” fees of \$20 to apply. Jim reminded the Committee that Dual Members will need to provide evidence of their fully paid membership with another club before they can qualify for Dual Membership.

### **8.5 PV requirement re: Working with Children Checks**

Helmut advised the Committee that the initial response and feedback from members re: this issue was predominantly negative. Nevertheless, while members may have valid concerns, he went on to express the following viewpoint. Regardless of the pros and cons of the PV policy the policy does not apply to the BCWC. In addition, BCWC is not intending to implement such a policy therefore the only effect it has on our club is if members wish to do volunteer work with PV in the future, they will need to get a WWC Check. If BCWC members have a concern about that then they have a clear choice. They can withdraw their services from PV or go and get a WWC check. The policy does not directly affect BCWC

per se, as it is more of a members own personal choice as to how they wish to do deal with the PV WWC policy.

Some discussion followed with the Committee in general agreement to the above approach.

### **8.6 / 8.7 Replacement of lost Radio & Refund**

Helmut advised the Committee that on a recent walk one of the walk leaders lost a 2-Way radio and as mentioned in the Treasurers report a replacement unit has already been purchased. The Walk Leader who lost the radio felt responsible and deposited funds from their own pocket into the Club account to cover the cost of replacement. While this is commendable it is not necessary and sends the wrong message in the event of future losses or mishaps. Helmut indicated these types of incidents should be seen as normal wear and tear in running a walking Club and that individual members should not feel obligated to replace lost items. The committee agreed to this proposal and as such Helmut moved a motion that the monies (\$209) be refunded to the Walk Leader.

Moved: Helmut Tracksdorf

Seconded: Piero Baglioni

Carried

### **8.8 BCWC Flyers distribution**

Helmut requested clarification of the status for the BCWC flyers that were recently printed. Jim and Monica confirmed copies have been distributed in Traralgon, Bairnsdale, and Lakes Entrance. So, it appears the flyers are being distributed to information centres and other outlets as required. Ken is storing the flyers at his home.

### **8.9 Other General Business**

No other matters or general business items were raised by Committee.

**Next Management Meeting:**     **AGM** 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021   @ 7:00 pm preceded by Dinner at 6:00pm  
Criterion Hotel Sale

Helmut thanked members for their attendance noting some had dropped out due to the power outage and called the meeting closed.

**Meeting Closed 8:20pm**

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

### **Management Committee Meetings for 2021 - 2022**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
9 June 2021	7:00 pm	Maffra Community Sports Club 122-126 Johnson Street, Maffra
11 August 2021	7:00 pm	Maffra Community Sports Club
13 October 2021	7:00 pm	Maffra Community Sports Club
8 December 2021	7:00 pm	Maffra Community Sports Club
9 February 2022	7:00 pm	Maffra Community Sports Club
13 April 2022	7:00 pm	Maffra Community Sports Club
8 June 2022	7:00 pm	Maffra Community Sports Club 122-126 Johnson Street, Maffra

All Management Committee meetings will be preceded by dinner at 6:00 pm.

All members of the Ben Cruachan Walking Club are welcome to attend Management Committee meetings and may submit items for discussion prior to the meeting by contacting the President, Secretary or any of the Management Committee members.



**BCWC Club Meetings for 2021 - 2022**  
**(Venues May Change)**

Club meetings will include a dinner and social gathering with guest speakers, reports of trips etc.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>VENUE &amp; ADDRESS</b>
14 July 2021	6:00 pm	AGM 2021_2022 Criterion Hotel Macalister Street, Sale
8 September 2021	6:00 pm	Wan Loy Restaurant 9 Church Street, Traralgon
10 November 2021	6:00 pm	Bairnsdale Club 68 Nicholson Street, Bairnsdale
9 March 2022	6:00 pm	Criterion Hotel Macalister Street, Sale
11 May 2022	6:00 pm	Wan Loy Restaurant 9 Church Street, Traralgon
13 July 2022	6:00 pm	AGM 2022_2023 Criterion Hotel Macalister Street, Sale

## **Membership Secretary's Report BCWC Management Committee Meeting 9 June 2021**

As at 11 April 2021, the total membership is 144.

Comprising:           79 female  
                          65 male

9 of the total members are designated "non-walkers".

In addition, there are 9 long-term members who receive the newsletter only.

Since the April 2021 Management Committee Meeting, we have 1 new member, Clare Snell. Memberships are due to be renewed by 30 June 2021.

I have drafted a Membership Renewal form and Membership Application forms, including for the new category of Dual Membership, ready for loading to the website. If the Management Committee approves these, I will go ahead and load them to the website and send a renewal reminder to each of our current members.

The club's Rules of Association requires us to review our membership fees each year prior to the AGM. Here is the relevant extract:

### **33 Subscriptions and Fees**

(1) The management committee of the Association, before the end of each financial year, must review the annual subscription fee and other fees, including the Temporary Member/Visitor participation fee. The management committee will set subscriptions and other fees for the next financial year.

(2) The management committee must publish the annual subscription fees at the Annual General Meeting and on the Association's website, together with any pro rata arrangements for part-year membership.

The attached draft documents assume there will be no change to the fees, but this can easily be amended.

Ken Free  
Membership Secretary  
9 June 2021

## **Ben Cruachan Walking Club**

### **Walks Co-Ordinator Report for Committee meeting 9-6-2021**

#### Walks Program:

Since last committee meeting, one walk cancelled due to lack of starters, one withdrawn by leader, one cancelled due to lockdown rules.

As I reported at last committee meeting, there are still plenty of gaps in the program, but we still have nothing offered beyond October. In effect, the program is getting smaller, as we are using up walks from the top of the program, but not adding them at the bottom.

#### Two-way radios:

One was lost on the 8 May walk. It had a carabiner to clip to a belt, and the leader initially did this. However after unclipping the carabiner to reset the radio controls it was not re-clipped. The manufacturer-supplied belt clip is totally inadequate, leading to the loss - unnoticed at the time.

Both radios in the blue bag have carabiners - I am endeavouring to obtain them for the radios in the pink bag.

The lost radio was replaced at a cost to the club of \$213.

Geoff M

## Financial Statement for 31st May 2021

Ben Cruachan Walking Club

Total Account Balance at 31st March 2021 9685.72

Club	6209.17
MMWT	3476.55

Income:

McMillan Book Sales	614.00
Membership:	
Shepherd, Snell & Jennings	105.00
Visitors Fees	10.00
Interest	.67
P & N Jennings (lost radio contribution)	209.00

Total Income 938.67

Sub Total Income : 10624.39

Total Expenditure:

249543 Timothy's ( BCWC Flyers)	236.50
249544 J Chapman ( Sales Adjustment)	81.72
249545 G Mattingley ( Radios )	212.88
249547 K Free ( Postage BCWC flyers)	9.15

Total Expenditure : 540.25

Total Account Balance as at 31st May 2021 10084.14

Cheque Unpresented:

249547 K Free	9.15
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Bank Statement Balance at 31st May 2021 10093.29

Club	6084.46
MMWT	4008.83

# BEN CRUACHAN WALKING CLUB INC.

## Minutes for Management Committee Meeting

To be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021  
Via ZOOM at 7:00pm

1. **President's Welcome:** Helmut welcomed everyone to the meeting commenting that 12 months ago we were in the same situation, meeting via Zoom. He thanked Jack for arranging the invites and Robyn for setting up the meeting. The meeting was recorded..

1.1. **Attendance:** Monica Scicluna, Helmut Tracksdorf, Robyn Kercher, Joe van Beek, John Cox, Elizabeth Davis, Jim Stranger, Ken Free, Geoff Mattingley, Piero Baglioni, Jack Winterbottom

1.2. **Apologies:** Angela Roughley, Rob Patterson Denise Stranger

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting: June 9<sup>th</sup> 2021**

2.1. **Confirmation. Moved** H Tracksdorf  
**Seconded** J van Beek

2.2. **Matters Arising** Chubb forms sent and new membership form in use.

3. **Correspondence:** To be confirmed at the next meeting

4. **Reports:**

### 4.1. President

Helmut commented on the lockdown situation, indicating he is currently in Melbourne experiencing lockdown #6 and fears it will not be our last. Cancelled walks included Mushroom Rocks overnight, Holey Plains, (due to storm Damage) Mt Eliza Track maintenance (rescheduled) Scotts Farm, Mitcheldale. Hopefully Joe's snow shoe scheduled this coming weekend will proceed.

He thanked members for continuing in their roles on committee and outlined some of the goals for the next 12 months, such as::

- Walks program for the next 12 months to be organised
- BCWC Website to be fine-tuned and updated
- Fed walks 2021 to be coordinated
- Club shirts to be organised
- Track maintenance especially McMillan's track
- Promote an Annual club activity such as The Prom or top of Ben Cruachan

Next month Andrew Stevenson, will give a presentation at our Club night in Traralgon on his recent walk of the Bibbulmun track located in WA.

### 4.2. Treasurer

Report attached,

Moved: Monica Scicluna

Seconded: Ken Free

### 4.3. Tracks and Conservation

- **McMillans Track**
- DELWP and Parks Victoria, a recent meeting discussed future work near the Crooked River and Cynthia Range to Eaglevale regrowth and track 96
  - Joe advised he gave a Zoom presentation to the Bayside Bushwalking Club about McMillan's Walking Track which was a great success, and several books were sold as a result. A similar one will be given to the YHA Club in September.
- **BTAC**
- BTAC are looking at the East Tyers tracks which received substantial damage during the recent storms including washing out two bridges and tree falls.
- Scheduled events for 2021
  - 28-29 August 2021 Erica State Forest, Caringal East Tyers Walking Track
  - 9-12 September 2021 Alpine National Park Wellington River to Tali Karng
  - 20-24 October 2021 Alpine National Park AAWT, Taylors Crossing to Benambra-Corryong RdTaylors Crossing had been closed due to Broome infestation, and fear of further spread by walkers.

### 4.4. Newsletter Editor

The newsletter will be ready for publication tomorrow. Jack is interested in finding a club member who might published a monthly article of general interest such as camp side recipes, jokes, anecdotes, or other items to broaden the publications appeal, such as those in other newsletters.

### 4.5. Publicity

Jim will be submitting several articles to the local newspapers about upcoming walks and make particular note of the success of Fed Walks and the popularity reflected in the bookings and how Fed Walks will showcase our local area.

### 4.6. Facebook

Due to the absence of Angela, Helmut reported the Facebook page is currently going very well without incident.

### 4.7. Membership

Ken reported that we currently have 152 members, but unfortunately 42 renewals have not yet been paid. He asked Robyn to send out a reminder that the due date has lapsed, and the grace period goes until the end of August. Membership numbers are as follows: 85 females, 67 males. 5 new members since the AGM.

## 5. Walks Program

**5.1 Current Status** four walks have been cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control and thank you to Becky and Monica who have added new walks. Geoff is worried there are few walks past November.

### 5.2 Sub Committee proposal

Helmut would like to propose forming a subcommittee to set up the walks programme. Geoff agreed that a permanent committee would be better able to draw on available leaders and walk plans than one off meetings.

Various suggestions such as grading walks and finding willing leaders, publicising needs, and through personal contact were discussed and will be addressed when the subcommittee meets in the near future. Joe reported that a couple of people had approached him regarding possible mentoring. Asking people to join walks with leading in mind.

John suggested grading and mixing the walks to easy medium and hard and finding appropriate leaders. West Gippsland club call these grades strollers, trekkers, and hikers.

**5.1.** The Walks sub-committee members are Monica Scicluna, Helmut Tracksdorf, Robyn Kercher, Joe van Beek, Elizabeth Davis, Geoff Mattingley.

## **5.2 FEDWALKS 2021 progress report**

Joe reported that there will be 33 clubs participating. After the website opened at 8:00am on the Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August it was fully subscribed by 10:30am. There are walkers coming from quite a distance including Ballarat, Bayside, Geelong the Grampians Sunraysia and far afield. We are limited by the amount of accommodation we can provide and there is a waiting list. Most walks are booked out, but the few that have low numbers may be combined.

Walk leader training has had a good response, but there may be some problems due to limitation of participants with current covered regulations. There are contingency dates in September, and if these can't go ahead it will be done by Zoom.

## **6. Meetings Schedule**

### **6.1 Committee Meetings**

October 13, Maffra Community Sports Club

December 8, Maffra Community Sports Club

### **6.2 Club Nights**

September 8, Traralgon Won Loy - Guest Speaker Andrew Stevenson – Bibbulmun Track

November 10, Bairnsdale Club – Guest Speaker Sue Wesson – Walking in Bhutan

Bookings have been made

### **6.3 Other Social Events**

Monica has booked a cabin 22-24<sup>th</sup> of October at Wilsons Promontory that houses 12 people and is now fully subscribed. Helmut suggested we book a second hut or larger hut with the idea the event becomes a celebrated annual BCWC social event. Camping is also available at Wilsons Promontory. Other venues were suggested.

Helmut said maybe we could advertise and promote a bigger event for 2022 with the idea that the Wilsons Prom trip will cater for the 24-bed hut. Monica said she could book the 24 for next year.

Christmas event. After a lot of discussion regarding various venues it was decided that Monica will try to book the Sale Greyhound Club where there is a private room upstairs for our annual Christmas event. This is the same venue as last year, but we were in with the general public then, in early December.

### **6.4 Covid situation**

Helmut voiced his frustration for the club at being caught up in lockdowns and the current covid situation and Piero emphasised the benefits of vaccination.

## 7. Management of Website

### 7.2 Current Status

The subcommittee have not yet met in person but they have done some exploring of the Maroondah website.

- John Cox said the way to handle the website is to make decisions about what is needed and pay someone to make the changes.
- We could put membership online. Once online we could use it for mailing lists, committee lists, on-line booking, leader lists and so forth
- As secure as any data base, , but can make settings for privacy
- Renewal approx. every 5 years
- Cost would be around 6 or \$700.00 for a number of years
- May need to revert to a phone call to the leader if a non member

General discussion was around

Why do we need a database as a prerequisite for walks?

Is this where we want to go?

Are the costs worth the benefits?

Isn't our focus and primary aim to tidy up the current website?

We don't have a booking problem.

We like talking to prospective walkers about the walk and concerns, questions.

Should we take a slow approach and work on the primary aim?

Helmut said thanks for the contributions and comments. The subcommittee will explore the views raised.

## 8. General Business:

### 8.1 BCWC T shirts / Polo Tops

There has been positive support for a club polo top with a collar. Style fabric and colour are being investigated. Denise has been advised that our club logo will be difficult to put on the shirt as an embroidery. We will use a local provider and Monica showed committee members an example of a type of shirt that may be acceptable in a blue colour. Some clubs have a variety of colours according to member personal choice but current thinking is to have one uniform colour. Monica, Jim and Denise will send something out in the near future with more detailed information. The suggestion was we just go with the words: Ben Cruachan Walking Club as our identifier rather than redesigning the club logo.

### 8.2 CPR Reimbursement

Our submission for reimbursement for the CPR course was rejected by Bushwalking Victoria because it was not a full scale first aid course. Club members expected a subsidised cost for their course. The committee decided the club would make up the balance of this payment and members would not be charged extra for their course.

Motion: That the club subsidise the additional expenses for the CPR course.

Moved by Piero Baglioni

Seconded: Helmut Tracksdorf, passed unanimously.



### **8.3 Other**

#### ***Amendment to Emergency Contact & Medical Information Form***

Ken put forward the proposal to Amend the contact form to include vaccination status for COVID-19. It was pointed out that this form is kept in the backpack of the person who it concerns and only brought out after an emergency happens.

Motion: that we add an immunisation status question in the emergency form

Moved: Ken Free

Seconded: Jeff Mattingley, passed unanimously.

#### **Esky!**

There were a few comments about storage of the esky, and as the club does not have a private storage space it was decided that we could not accept this asset. We suggested that Jack ask if advertising it in the newsletter would be a suitable alternative.

**There was a call for a walk to fill the schedule for next Saturday when many walk leaders will be attending leadership training for federation walks.**

It was noted that the club banner is located with Jack Winterbottom in Sale..

**Next Club Night:**                      **Scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup> 2021**  
**Guest Speaker Andrew Stevenson – Hiking the Bibbulmun Track**  
@ 7:00 pm preceded by Dinner at 6:00pm Criterion Hotel Sale

**Next Committee Meeting:**   **13<sup>th</sup> October 2021**  
Maffra Sports Club

**BEN CRUACHAN WALKING CLUB INC.**

**Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting**

held on Wednesday 13 October 2021 at 7:00 pm  
Via Zoom

<b>1.</b>	<b>President's Welcome:</b>  Helmut welcomed everyone and mentioned that this is our third successive zoom meeting, which seems to be the new norm in COVID times. He mentioned FED Walks has been postponed until March 2022 which has been disappointing and frustrating for the organising committee, but Joe will expand on this issue later during the meeting. In addition, the Wilson's Prom weekend has also been postponed until next year.
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Attendance:</b> Helmut Tracksdorf, Ken Free, Elizabeth Davis, Geoff Mattingley, Joe van Beek, Angela Roughley, Monica Scicluna, Robyn Kercher, Jim Stranger, Jack Winterbottom, Michael Dowe, Rob Patterson, Piero Baglioni
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> John Cox
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Confirmation:</b>  That the minutes from the previous meeting be accepted:  Moved: Helmut Tracksdorf  Seconded: Monica Scicluna      Carried  Motion: That the minutes of the meeting of 11 August 2021 be accepted as an accurate record of that meeting. A note was made that the talk scheduled for September was deferred to November 10 at the Club in Bairnsdale.  Moved: Joe van Beek  Seconded: Geoff Mattingley      Carried
<b>2.2</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>  Matters arising were moved to general business including Wilderness First Aid  Bushwalking Victoria forwarded the Draft Land Management Strategy from Parks Victoria which has a survey, and Joe encouraged members to complete the survey individually. It does not include the Razorback development.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Correspondence:</b>  Motion: That incoming correspondence be accepted, and actions and outgoing correspondence be noted.  Moved: Joe van Beek  Seconded: Elizabeth Davies  Carried
<b>4.</b>	<b>Reports:</b>

4.1	<b>President:</b>	<p>Helmut outlined some of the potential changes which maybe experienced by the club in the next period of time due to government COVID-19 social distancing restrictions and the roadmap to “normal”. This is the main reason for the postponement of Fed Walks 2021 as the venue restrictions would not allow the number of people that are booked, and we won’t know if it can go ahead yet.</p> <p>Some walks were able to go ahead despite the Covid restrictions including The Snow Shoe Shuffle at Mt St Gwinear by Joe, Blue Pools by Monica, Channels on Avon River by Becky, Wirilda Walk Joe and others, Den of Nargun by Monica, Nyerimilang, and Tambo Bluff by Trevor, Mt Feathertop by Helmut.</p> <p>Walks to come include those on the walks calendar, please stay tuned because some are being put in and some cancelled or postponed.</p> <p>The Walks subcommittee has still yet to convene and is being hampered due to Covid restrictions not allowing visitors to homes. To be discussed more in General Business.</p> <p>A list of website issues has been compiled and sent to John Cox for his attention upon his return from interstate, which is anticipated shortly.</p> <p>Denise is working on ordering Polo tops, which will be expanded upon in General Business.</p> <p>Andrew Stevenson who walked the Bibbulmun track end-to-end will be speaking at the club meeting on November the 10<sup>th</sup> in Bairnsdale. RSVP to Robyn by 8<sup>th</sup> of November.</p>
4.2	<b>Treasurer:</b>	<p>Report Attached</p> <p>Report Accepted</p> <p>Moved: Monica Scicluna</p> <p>Seconded: Angela Roughley</p> <p>Carried</p>
4.3	<b>Tracks and Conservation</b>	
	4.3.1	<p><b>McMillans Walking Track:</b></p> <p>Not much scheduled, but Joe is meeting with DWELP and Parks Victoria to determine BWV maintenance for the coming year.</p> <p>Joe gave a talk to YHA Bushwalking Club, which was well received. There haven’t been any reports of anybody walking in recent times, but the gate has been closed for Winter.</p>
	4.3.2	<p><b>BTAC:</b></p> <p>The scheduled track maintenance for Taylor's Crossing had to be reduced to a maximum of 10 regional participants including rangers, but there will be an additional activity for people from metropolitan on the 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> of November areas once we are able to meet and 25 can come.</p> <p>On the 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of November there will also be a camp at Mt Wills for maintenance on the AAWT on the Long Spur by invitation only.</p>

		Wellington River, Crinoline and Tamboritha maintenance has been postponed to next year.
	<b>4.4</b>	<p><b>Newsletter Editor:</b></p> <p>Jack advised the newsletter is going well.</p> <p>Newsletter to be issued next week, or close to it.</p>
	<b>4.5</b>	<p><b>Publicity:</b></p> <p>Articles sent monthly to Express, Gippsland Times, Bairnsdale Advertiser. Compliments to Ken on photography.</p> <p>Masks are not needed for the photos.</p>
	<b>4.6</b>	<p><b>Facebook Page:</b></p> <p>Angela reported 293 members in the group, a good increase, and good participation with photos.</p>
	<b>4.7</b>	<p><b>Membership:</b></p> <p>Ken's report attached. Membership dropped slightly, 73 female, 58 male, 7 dual members among the members.</p> <p>Membership renewals that have not resubscribed have been reminded three times. They can attend walks but will need to join or pay the visitor fee.</p>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Walks Program</b>	
	<b>5.1</b>	<p><b>Development of Walks Program:</b></p> <p>Since the last committee meeting, we have deferred or cancelled a couple of walks due to Covid 19.</p> <p>Wilson's Prom has been re-booked, and Fed Walks postponed.</p> <p>We have a spread sheet to add new walks to made by Helmut.</p> <p>Sub Committee, now 6 people Helmut, Joe, Geoff, Elizabeth, Monica, Robyn. We will meet at the Badger and Hare in Stratford on 11 am October 25<sup>th</sup> . Booked by Monica.</p> <p>The focus will be getting walks slotted into the program for December into 2022.</p> <p>Wilson's Prom booking has been made for next year, and a lodge is booked with the possibility if others want to join in, they will be able to have tents or caravans and join club activities. Monica can book for 14 or 15 people.</p> <p>Fed Walks rescheduled to late March, and any cancellations will be filled by those on the waiting list. Wollongarra can't fit with the new date so a new local walk will need to be organised. Will be looking for a couple of new leaders as some can't do the new date. The Event will still be branded Fed Walks 2021, as the 2022 walks will be in October that year.</p> <p>The Entertainment, beer van and 4WD club are all fine with the changes.</p> <p>Very frustrating, and a big job, congratulations to Joe and the committee.</p>
	<b>5.2</b>	<p><b>Website:</b></p> <p>We are waiting for John's return and will be making some changes and working on the list of glitches in the near future.</p>

<b>6.</b>	<b>Meetings Program</b>	
	<b>6.1</b>	<b>Committee Meetings:</b> On 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec at Maffra for next Committee Meeting
	<b>6.2</b>	<b>Club Nights:</b> Andrew Stevenson the end-to-end walker of the Bibbulmun Track will be speaking at the club meeting November the 10 <sup>th</sup> in Bairnsdale. RSVP 8 <sup>th</sup> November to Robyn
	<b>6.3</b>	<b>Other Social Events</b> BCWC Xmas Lunch is scheduled on Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> December and Monica has made a booking at the Sale Greyhound club. Need to RSVP by 8 <sup>th</sup> December.
<b>8.</b>	<b>General Business</b>	
	<b>8.1</b>	<b>Club shirts:</b> Denise is working on the orders, and we are ready to go. The more you order, the cheaper they get, and there have been over 30 ordered. There was general discussion about whether to order extra shirts with a cheaper unit price in mind, but it was decided to complete the order with the club paying the charge for the set up for the embroidery with only those pre-ordered being purchased.  The committee will proceed with the order. Distribution will be via payment to Monica. The exact cost is not known ATM.
	<b>8.2</b>	Remote First Aid, hoping for February for the course, and hoping the trainers will come up with a date, but they don't know their schedules at the moment. Joe is organising it and has asked them for as much notice as possible, and he believes it will be very well subscribed whether weekday or weekend.
	<b>8.3</b>	Christmas lunch booked at the Sale Greyhound Course on the 12 <sup>th</sup> of December. It's on the club program.  8th of December the committee meeting will be booked for the sports club at Maffra.
	<b>8.4</b>	Monica mentioned the Echo Bend Caravan Park might make a good venue for a club activity in the future. Robyn to book the Club in Bairnsdale for the next club night in November.
<b>Next Committee meeting: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 6:00pm at Maffra.</b>		
<b>Thanks to Jack for sharing his zoom account.</b>		
<b>Meeting Closed: 8:40 pm.</b>		

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**BEN CRUACHAN WALKING CLUB INC.**

**Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting**

held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7:00 pm

<b>1.</b>	<b>President's Welcome:</b>  Helmut welcomed everyone and noted this is the first face to face Committee meeting in ages!	
	<b>1.1</b>	<b>Attendance:</b> Helmut Tracksdorf, Ken Free, Elizabeth Davis, Geoff Mattingley, Joe van Beek, , Monica Scicluna, Robyn Kercher, Michael Dowe, Rob Patterson, Piero Baglioni, John Cox  Visitors: Josie Patterson, Maureen Russell
	<b>1.2</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Angela Roughley, Jim Stranger, Jack Winterbottom,
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	
	<b>2.1</b>	<b>Confirmation:</b>  Motion: That the minutes of the meeting of October 13 be accepted as an accurate record of that meeting.  Moved: Monica Scicluna  Seconded: Rob Patterson  Carried
	<b>2.2</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>  Matters arising were moved to general business including Wilderness First Aid
<b>3.</b>	<b>Correspondence:</b>  Motion: That incoming correspondence be accepted, and actions and outgoing correspondence be noted.  Moved: Robyn Kercher  Seconded: Monica Scicluna  Carried	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Reports:</b>	
	<b>4.1</b>	<b>President:</b>  Helmut noted that there had been a lot of work behind the scenes recently, such as the expansion of the walks program, with many walks populating the calendar for 2022, however, there is still room for more as time goes on in the new year. The website issues have been placed on hold due to personal issues but will be revisited early in the new year.  Over the last two months club members have completed several walks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Balook to Cynthia falls within Tara Bulga National Park led by Peter Jennings</li><li>• Noojee Trestle Bridge and Toorong Falls led by Ken free</li><li>• Mount Arbuckle recce led by Monica Scicluna and Robyn Kercher</li><li>• Mount Wellington led by Peter and Nikki Jennings</li><li>• Mitchell River walk led by Jodie Wigg</li><li>• Mount Hedrick walk led by Geoff Mattingley</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mount Howitt/Hells window walk led by Oliver Raymond, which included installation of water pipe.</li> <li>• Mount Bogong hike to be completed led by Becky Horsham (Subsequently cancelled)</li> </ul> <p>BTAC work near Taylors Crossing on the AAWT was completed with the assistance of several club members.</p> <p>McMillan's Walking Track continues to draw attention with a group completing the fastest known time (FKT) of 4 days, 5 hours, and 17 minutes.</p> <p>The November club night speaker was Andrew Stevenson who talked about his end-to-end walk of the Bibbulmun track in WA. This involved walking more than 1000 kilometres in six weeks.</p> <p>Our annual Christmas party is scheduled next weekend, Sunday the 12th of December at the Sale Greyhound Racing Club. RSVP Monica.</p> <p>Club activities slow down towards Xmas, but we still have the December newsletter to look forward to.</p> <p>Helmut thanked all committee members who have put their time and energy into attending meetings and maintaining the club for 2021</p>
<b>4.2</b>	<p><b>Treasurer:</b></p> <p>Report Attached</p> <p>Motion: That Treasurers report be accepted</p> <p>Moved: Ken Free</p> <p>Seconded: Joe Van Beek.                      Carried</p>
<b>4.3</b>	<p><b>Tracks and Conservation</b></p>
	<p><b>4.3.1 BTAC:</b></p> <p>Joe discussed the success of the project of realignment of the AAWT after work at Taylors Crossing. The track has been realigned and marked.</p> <p>Wellington River, Crinoline and Tamboritha maintenance will occur on the 26th of January to February the 1st at Muttonwood camp in preparation for Fed Walks. They hope for a good turnout.</p> <p>In February BTAC will also work on the AAWT Longspur in the section between Mount Bogong and Mount Wills.</p> <p>In March along McMillan's track, and April Mount Baw Baw</p>
	<p><b>4.3.2 McMillans Walking Track:</b></p> <p>The track is gaining popularity with many walkers making approaches to Joe for information particularly because of the recent rain.</p> <p>Book sales have slowed for now. But It is hoped that sales will increase at Fed Walks next year, as many will be inspired while completing walks on sections of the track. There will be a reconciliation with the Chapmans regarding sales for the year soon.</p>
<b>4.4</b>	<p><b>Newsletter Editor:</b></p> <p>In Jacks absence, Helmut advised the newsletter will be out soon. Any outstanding reports should be forwarded to Jack asap. Newsletter to be issued next week, or close to it.</p>



	<b>4.5</b>	<b>Publicity:</b> Jim sent an email advising: Articles sent monthly to Express, Gippsland Times, Bairnsdale Advertiser. As there were no suitable walks to publicise the articles featured the club generally and the McMillan's Walking Track book.
	<b>4.6</b>	<b>Facebook Page:</b> In Angela's absence Ken reported a good increase in members, and good participation with photos.
	<b>4.7</b>	<b>Membership:</b> Ken's report attached. Membership 137 members, 77 female, 60 male, 7 dual members among the members. 9 are non-walkers, but long term club members.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Walks Program</b>	
	<b>5.1</b>	<b>Development of Walks Program:</b> The Sub Committee, of 6 people Helmut, Joe, Geoff, Elizabeth, Monica, Robyn met at the Badger and Hare in Stratford on 11 am October 25 <sup>th</sup> . There were lots of good ideas and a list of walks was circulated there is still some vacancies for walks to be completed and plans and previews to be submitted.  Wilson's Prom booking has been made for next year, and a lodge is booked with the possibility if others want to join in, they will be able to have tents or caravans and join club activities.
	<b>5.2</b>	Fed Walks 2021 is rescheduled to late March, and any cancellations will be filled by those on the waiting list. Walk 1 to Wollongarra can't fit with the new date so a new walk will be organised. It is likely we will need to ensure participants are fully vaccinated.  The Entertainment, beer van and 4WD club are all fine with the changes.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Management of Website</b>  John advised, Files and folders may need some organisation and name changes, and in the future will be organised by date. Working on the website will progress soon.	
<b>7</b>	<b>General Business</b>	
	<b>7.1</b>	Remote First Aid, hoping for February for the course, and hoping the trainers will come up with a date, but they don't know their schedules yet.
	<b>Club Nights:</b>  Andrew Stevenson's presentation on the Bibbulmun Track at Bairnsdale. Went well.  The next club night will be on the 9th of March at the Criterion in Sale. Sue Wesson will speak about her experiences of Hiking in Bhutan.  Joe will coordinate the club night in May 2022	
	<b>Other Social Events</b>  BCWC Xmas Lunch is scheduled on Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> December and Monica has made a booking at the Sale Greyhound club. Need to RSVP by 8 <sup>th</sup> December.	

<b>8.</b>	
<b>8.1</b>	<b>Club shirts:</b>  Denise has the orders ready to go. The club is paying the charge for the set up for the embroidery with only those pre-ordered being purchased.  Distribution will be via individual contact. The exact cost is \$30. Great job Denise.
<b>8.2</b>	Club profile on BWV website. Ken will send the amended profile to Robyn Kercher and has spoken to Robyn Shingles. Robyn Kercher will send the profile to BWV.
<b>8.3</b>	The club owns 2 bags with first aid kits, (pink and blue,) administrative paperwork for walk leaders, and items such as walkie talkies inside. There was general discussion about the location of the blue bag (found). The current system of mutual negotiation and passing the bags on will be maintained.
<b>8.4</b>	Monica discussed the Echo Bend Caravan Park proposal. The owner would like a deposit in early February. Campsites will be advertised by the newsletter.
<b>Next Committee meeting: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 6:00pm at Maffra.</b>	
<b>Meeting Closed: 8:40 pm.</b>	

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## Correspondence

### Incoming Emails

Linda Judge	Membership
Joe Van Beek	Wirilda Walking Track
G McPhee	Diamantina Spur Buildings
Mental Health Foundation	Sport and Mental Health
Yallourn North	Publicity
BWV	Position on Mountain Bike Trails
D Clark	Membership
P Jennings	Walks for Club Program
BWV	Board Update
BCWC	Newsletter
L Groom	Kosci Horse Plan
BWV	October Walking News
SBWC	Newsletter
D O'Brian	Storm Damage
K Knights	Membership
K Knights	Photos
A Wilson	Membership
Sale Visitor Centre	Brochures
K Free	Brochures
C Walker	Citizen Science Snow Gums
B Jones	Mc Millan's Advice
J Van Beek	Mc Millan's Advice
BWV	Club Profile Survey
A Stevenson	Appreciation of great club night
Gipps sport	Clubs Survey
K Free	Club Profile Survey
BWV	AAWT
Woodslane Walking Guides	Great Ocean Walk
L Groom	Kosci Horse Plan

P Warren	Email difficulties
BWV	Mountain Bike Trails
SBWC	Newsletter
BWV	November Walking News
iWander	Tasmanian Walks

#### Outgoing Emails

K Waddell	Walks Leadership
Mental Health Foundation	Mental Health Challenge
K Free	Membership Stuff
H Tracksdorf	Draft Minutes
H Tracksdorf	Kosci Horse Plan
J Stranger	Planning for publicity Items
G Mattingley	Meeting
K Free	Membership Emails
K Free	Brochures
J Winterbottom	Newsletter Items
Committee	Club Profile Survey
J Van Beek	Mc Millan's Advice
H Tracksdorf	Meeting details, survey

#### Emails to All Members

BWV	October Walking News
Sec BCWC	Minutes
Sec BCWC	Club Night
Sec BCWC	Club Night Reminder
Sec BCWC	Christmas Meeting
SBWC	December Newsletter
Sec BCWC	Agenda December meeting
Sec BCWC	Christmas Meeting Reminder

