BEN CRUACHAN WALKING CLUB INC.

Minutes for Management Committee Meeting

Held on Wednesday 8th February 2023

@ Maffra Community Sports Club

1. President's Welcome:

- **1.1. Attendance**: Peter Jennings, Elizabeth Davis, Geoff Mattingley, Monica Scicluna, John Cox, Sue Cox, Joe van Beek, Rob Paterson, Josie Paterson, Clare Snell, Janine Muir, Jodie Wigg, Ken Free
- **1.2. Apologies:** Robyn Kercher, Kerry Knights, Jack Winterbottom

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

2.1. Confirmation

Moved: Monica Scicluna Seconded: Joe van Beek Carried

2.2. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Do we need to include Male and Female numbers in Committee reports? Following the December meeting, Peter Jennings and Ken Free agreed to include the total membership number only in future Membership Secretary reports.

Wilderness First Aid Course. As the date proposed clashed with other club events, Joe van Beek has proposed a date in June or July and is awaiting confirmation.

3. Correspondence:

See List Below.

In addition, a letter was received from John Parker who recently walked the McMillans Walking Track and provided detailed comments with an accompanying map. Joe van Beek will respond to John, thanking him for his feedback and will make appropriate corrections on the BCWC website.

At this point in the meeting Items 6. and 7.2 were considered to allow John and Sue Cox to leave early to travel to Melbourne.

6. Current Status Management of Website

John Cox briefly summarised his report which is attached and asked the committee to consider:

- Maintaining public access to Walk Plans and Previews;
- Deleting previous versions when an updated walk preview is added;
- That we request Enoch to update our version of Joomla;
- That Previous Years' Newsletters be archived in the same way as Committee Minutes.

The Committee agreed to all of these.

7.2 Leadership Training

The one day Leadership Training day has been scheduled for Saturday 13 May 2023 and will be conducted by Judy Hunter and probably John Cox using the Bushwalking Victoria standard template. There will be a maximum of 20 participants with any spare places being offered to Strzelecki Bushwalking Club.

Peter Jennings will confirm venue arrangements (Sale Baptist church) with Jack Winterbottom. An article to publicise the event will be prepared for the February 2023 newsletter.

4. Reports:

4.1. President

Peter Jennings briefly summarised his report which is attached.

Peter gave a verbal report of the Bushwalking Victoria Clubs Forum which was held on 4 February 2023 with 26 affiliated clubs represented:

- Peter and Nicki Jennings and Joe van Beek attended;
- There are currently 6,000 members of BWV affiliated clubs;
- FedWalks2023 will be held on 21 and 22 October in the Wombat State Forest;
- Strategies for new club member recruitment were discussed;
- BWV is developing an online leader training package which is currently at the refinement stage.

At this point, Peter discussed Agenda item **7.3 McMillans Walking Track** correspondence received from Caroline Trevorrow, Manager of Heyfield Community Resource Centre. The correspondence is attached with the President's Report below.

It was agreed that, given his expertise, Joe van Beek would be an ideal presenter at the event proposed by Caroline Trevorrow.

Janine Muir suggested that a walk of a section of McMillans Walking Track could be organised to coincide with the event.

Peter Jennings and Robyn Kercher will follow up with Caroline Trevorrow.

4.2. Treasurer

Monica summarised her report which is attached and reported that the account balance will be boosted by around \$4,000 once the FedWalks account is closed.

Moved: Monica Scicluna Seconded: Geoff Mattingley Carried

4.3. Tracks and Conservation

- McMillans Track
- BTAC

Joe van Beek briefly summarised his report which is attached.

In addition he advised that 1,200 copies of the McMillans Walking Track Guidebook have so far been sold. The Guidebook is mentioned in the Wild magazine 7 page article written by Beau Miles; this may result in more sales.

4.4. Newsletter Editor

Nil report

4.5. Publicity

Kerry Knights' report is attached.

Peter Jennings acknowledged the great job that Kerry is doing and Committee members wholeheartedly agreed.

4.6. Facebook

Jodie Wigg briefly summarised her report which is attached. It was noted that there are many more members of our Facebook page than there are club members.

Jodie also took the opportunity to announce that she is expecting her first child, a boy, due to be born on 14 July 2023. The Committee collectively congratulated Jodie and Peter suggested that Jodie get a papoose for club walks.

4.7. Membership

Ken Free briefly summarised his report which is attached. It was noted that a potential/pending member paid some months ago but has not yet forwarded a Membership Application form.

5. Walks Program

Geoff Mattingley briefly summarised his report which is attached. In addition, Geoff explained that the Personal locator Beacon in the Blue bag has an expiry date of March 2023 and will need to be replaced. Geoff proposed that we purchase a new GME brand PLB with case for around \$400.

Motion: That on behalf of the club, Geoff Mattingley purchases a new GME Personal Locator Beacon with case to replace the expired unit in the Blue Bag.

Moved: Geoff Mattingley Seconded: Elizabeth Davis Carried

7.General Business:

7.1 Guest Speaker Confirmation Done

7.4 Meeting with new Ranger for Mitchell River National Park

In December 2022 Peter Jennings and Ken Free met with Ollie Nash, the new Parks Victoria Ranger for Mitchell River National Park. Ken reported that among the issues discussed were:

- The overgrown condition of the Mitchell River Walking Track with a number of fallen trees across the track;
- Ways in which the club could work with ParksVic to maintain walking tracks in the Mitchell River National park;
- An incident on a club walk on 27 November 2022 where, in attempting to scramble around a fallen tree, Kerry Knights fell down a steep slope towards the river. Fortunately, there were no injuries, but it could have been serious.

Ollie advised that in areas of the NP with no formed tracks, such as north of Angusvale, he was happy for the club to carry out track clearing particularly of invasive species like

boxthorn. To assist ParksVic staff with maintenance of formed tracks e.g. the Mitchell River Walking Track, club members would be required to register as a volunteer and undertake a Working With Children Check.

Ollie also undertook to clear any fallen trees as soon as possible.

Rob Paterson reported that on a recent visit to the Mitchell River there was little evidence of track maintenance.

7.5 Enquiry about navigation training

On 22 November 2022, Puranen Audet contacted Robyn Kercher to see if any club member could provide navigation training in advance of her trip with a packhorse from Healesville to Cairns. Robyn forwarded the enquiry to Ken Free.

Ken reported that he telephoned Puranen and offered to assist with basic navigation training and advised her to purchase Caro Ryan's How To Navigate book and a good quality compass. He also emailed her a digital copy of the Geoscience Australia Map Reading Guide. Puranen undertook to telephone Ken to arrange a suitable time and place for some training. To date, she hasn't called. A copy of the email correspondence is attached.

Peter Jennings declared the meeting closed at 8:32pm.

Next Committee Meeting:

12 April 2023 Maffra Community Sports Club

Next Social Meeting:

- 1. Sale Criterion, March 8th, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting, speaker confirmed
- 2. Bairnsdale Club, May 10, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting speaker not confirmed yet

ACTION LIST

ACTION	WHO	STATUS
Respond to John Parker regarding his correspondence relating to the	Joe	
McMillan's track		
Make appropriate corrections to the McMillan's Track information as	Joe and	
suggested by John Parker on the BCWC website	John	
Wilderness First Aid Course. Joe van Beek has proposed a date in June	Joe	
or July and is awaiting confirmation.		
Confirm venue arrangements (Sale Baptist church) with Jack	Peter	
Winterbottom.		
An article to publicise leader training will be prepared for the Feb	Peter or	
newsletter.	John	
Follow up with Caroline Trevorrow re the Heyfield Community Resource	Peter and/or	
centre event	Robyn	
Purchase a new GME Personal Locator Beacon with case to replace the	Geoff	
expired unit in the Blue Bag.		
Check with BWV regarding length of time to keep Walk Attendance	Peter	
sheets		

Correspondence

Incoming Emails

P Jennings	Preview for club night
A Stevenson	Information on Bibbulmun Track
J Cox	13 May Leadership Judy Hunter
R Kercher	Bouncing Emails
J van Beek	Combined Clubs Notification
I Turland	McMillans Walking Track
J Cox	Walk previews, archives
J Kendall	PLBs
M Wilson	Membership Enquiry
K Free	Memberships
P Jennings	Walk Leader Request
C Trevorrow	Heyfield Community Resource Centre

To All Members

BWV	Update
Sec BCWC	Minutes
Strzelecki Bushwalking Club	Newsletter
J Winterbottom	Newsletter
Secretary Committee	Minutes
BWV	Bushwalking News
Sec BCWC	Combined Gippsland Club Walks
BWV	Invitation to Clubs Forum
Sec BCWC	Combined Gippsland Club Walks

To Other Parties

K Free	Membership Enquiries
BWV	Board update
South Gippsland Walking	Combined Gippsland Club Walks
and Adventure Club	
C Trevorrow	Heyfield Community Resource Centre

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

8 February 2023

THE CLUB'S FIRST WALK FOR 2023

Joe led an excellent walk from the Mt St Gwinear carpark to the Mt Erica carpark on 7th January. There was obviously some pent-up demand for a walk as twenty people participated – a good opportunity to walk off some of that Christmas pud! Because of the potential for a hot day it can be fraught scheduling a walk in January but Joe arranged a beautiful day. Perhaps he consulted Clare ©.

WALKS CALENDAR

My thanks to those who responded to my appeal to fill some gaps on the walks calendar; it looks a bit healthier now but there are still gaps if anyone has a walk in mind.

BUSHWALKING VICTORIA CLUBS FORUM

I will be attending the forum at Mt Waverley on Saturday 4th Feb. I'll give a verbal report at the meeting.

WEBSITE

John Cox has been in touch with me occasionally regarding his work on our website. I now have some understanding of the work involved and would like to acknowledge and thank John and Geoff Mattingley for their work behind the scenes.

CLUB NIGHT 8th MARCH

I have confirmed arrangements with Heather Phillipson, the guest speaker at our March club night at the Criterion in Sale. As a reminder.....the Phillipson family have an environmental philanthropic trust (The Rendere Trust https://rendere.org.au/) that supports various causes including Trust for Nature, Landcare Victoria, Land Covenantors Victoria and Team Kowari.

CORRESPONDENCE ITEM – GENERAL BUSINESS 7.3

Hi Ben Cruachan Walking Club,

I'd like to say hi on behalf of the Heyfield Community Resource Centre and explore the possibility of organising an event with your walking club.

Over the Christmas holidays, I completed the McMillans Walking Track and was reflecting on how lucky we are to have this in our backyard. Your Club has done an incredible job marking and maintaining the track and it would be great to share its story with our local community; especially the role you have played in reestablishing the route.

This led me to think about hosting an afternoon or evening event focussing on the Track and getting the BCWC involved as guest speakers. I also understand that Victorian filmmaker, Beau Miles, has been speaking about his adventure running the McMillans Track and showing a film about it so perhaps he could be invited as well.

To fund the costs associated with the event I would approach the Wellington Shire Council, as their grants are open at the moment.

If this sounds like something you'd be keen to be part of or have any other ideas on how we could work on something similar please let me know.

Kind regards,

Caroline Trevorrow Manager Heyfield Community Resource Centre

TREASURER'S REPORT - BCWC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 8 FEBRUARY 2023

Financial Statement for 31st January 2023

Ben Cruachan Walking Club

Total Account Balance @ 30th November 2022 13709.71

Club 6883.38 MMWT 6826.33

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Income:

Membership: Owen, E (dual), Hughes, Sanford, G 70.00

Visitor Fee: 10.00

FedWalk Booklet: 30.00

T-Shirt Sale: 30.00

McMillan Book Sale : 20.00 160.00

Sub Total: 13869.71

Expenditure:

Nil

Total Account Balance @ 31st January 2023 13869.71

Club 7023.38 MMWT 6846.33 **Tracks and Conservation.**

Report from Joe van Beek for BCWC February Committee Meeting

4.3 Tracks and Conservation Report

McMillans Walking Track

McTk2023 end-to-end supported walk has been rescheduled to 2 - 14 December 2023. It is fully subscribed but still accepting applicants for the waiting list.

There has been no progress on the GPS data collection exercise for DELWP (now DEECA). Track maintenance on the Crooked River section is scheduled for 21 - 25 April.

BCWC sold 77 copies of the McMillans Walking Track Guide Book during 2022, while the Chapmans sold 123 copies. The Chapmans owe BCWC some \$240 for 2022 sales.

There is a 7 page article by Beau Miles on his run of McMillans Walking Track in issue #816 of Wild magazine.

BTAC

The January activity held from 26 -31 January focused on the Clive Lanigan Track on the Wellington River through the Valley of Destruction below Tali Karng. 14 BTAC volunteers cleared the 6.5km and also did some work on the Riggall Spur Track and the Wellington River Track.

The Mt Sunday activity has been rescheduled for February 17 - 20.

BTAC met on 2 Feb to firm up further activities. Mt Baw Baw National Park is late March. The MMWT is on the list for April. The 2023 program will be published shortly.

Conservation: Nil to report



The Clive Lanigan Track team. Two BCWC members present: Patrick Platt and the photographer Joe van Beek.



This little Platypus entertained participants in the Wellington River adjacent to camp.

MCMILLANS TRACK CORRESPONDENCE - received by snail mail:

McMillans Walking Track Guide book published by John Chapman First Edition 2000 Section between King Spur Track and Ritchie Road.

To whom it may concern.

In January 2023 I walked this section. I would like to make some suggestions to be included in any updated book publication.

The key points are:

One. I found no section of the walking route following old fence lines in a **south west direction** for the distance shown on the guide book map, or substantial component of the 1.8 km distance described in the book.

Two. I discovered on my walk that the walk route made a **right angle turn** from a west (or westerly) direction to a south (or southerly) (actually slightly south easterly) direction.

Three. I had to **pass through a fence** (not barbed) next to a wired shut gate to follow the walk route.

I have included with this letter, a map with markings that show what I think could be an approx route of the McMillans Walking Track route.

Some detail which might help.

My walk started as a 3 day full pack solo circuit walk, including the component of McMillans Walking Track between King Spur Track and Ritchie Road. When I reached the fence with the wired up gate, I decided the map and description in the book was so much at odds with the reality on the ground, I thought it wiser to change my focus on the original walk plan. I say this without any anger. These things happen on walks, that's reality. I have done many, many solo walks since 1976 with many, many successful navigations. But sometimes things don't go to plan, and where there is doubt I always change plans with safety as a priority. I decided to do car based camping and day walks for the next 2 days. My priority for the next day was to start a walk from Ritchie Road and walk north to a location I would recognise from my previous days efforts. This was a big walk day (38 km return) because I couldn't get my 2 wheel drive car very far along Ritchie Road (Half Way Plain Track as a short cut walk I found overgrown/overgrowing). I successfully arrived at the wired up gate, and felt very satisfied at solving the knowledge of the walk route.

I use paper maps as my primary map. I also have smart phone GPS as a back up. I use a Map My Run app coupled with a digital recorder on walks these days for data mainly for post walk data analysis. The distances I will now describe for my walk are based on data from this app. I do not purport that my data is 100 % accurate.

Start walk. King Spur Track. Junction of Dargo High Plains Road.

0.6 km walk south along Dargo High Plains Road to the McMillans Walking Track sign. My car odometer also read 0.6 km

- 0.5 km south westerly across grassy uneven ground. There was no semblance of any track. This was the section I was most worried about. I simply went in a direction and I must have got it right, because I went past occasional ribbons tied to trees then arrived at the fence with ribbons. I felt pleased with myself.
- 0.7 km I walked west beside the fence until I found a minor walking pad.
- 0.1 km The minor walking pad was able to be followed. It meandered a little bit and had ribbons to guide.

The walking pad, ribbons, and fence line going west came to an abrupt halt. A corner fence post was on my left with old fence line going south. Expecting to be following a fence line going south west soon, I took a gamble and followed it. It went too south for my liking, met a fence T junction, then went west, too west for my liking, then arrived at the wired up gate. It was here that I felt uncomfortable about where to go next. So I scouted around, went north then east found more walking track route evidence. I even returned back to the wired up gate and passed through the fence for a bit. It felt wrong because there is no mention of this in the book and felt I was going south too soon and going into private property. Unfortunately there is an immediate boggy patch and I thought this can not be right.

0.3 km approx (I somehow messed up my data here).

From where the walking pad, ribbons and fence line came to and abrupt halt. Keep going west (westerly). It is too early to go south yet.

The fence going west momentarily disappears but soon you will see wires on the ground. Eventually the fence improves until it is a good fence.

There is even a walking track triangle marker along it.

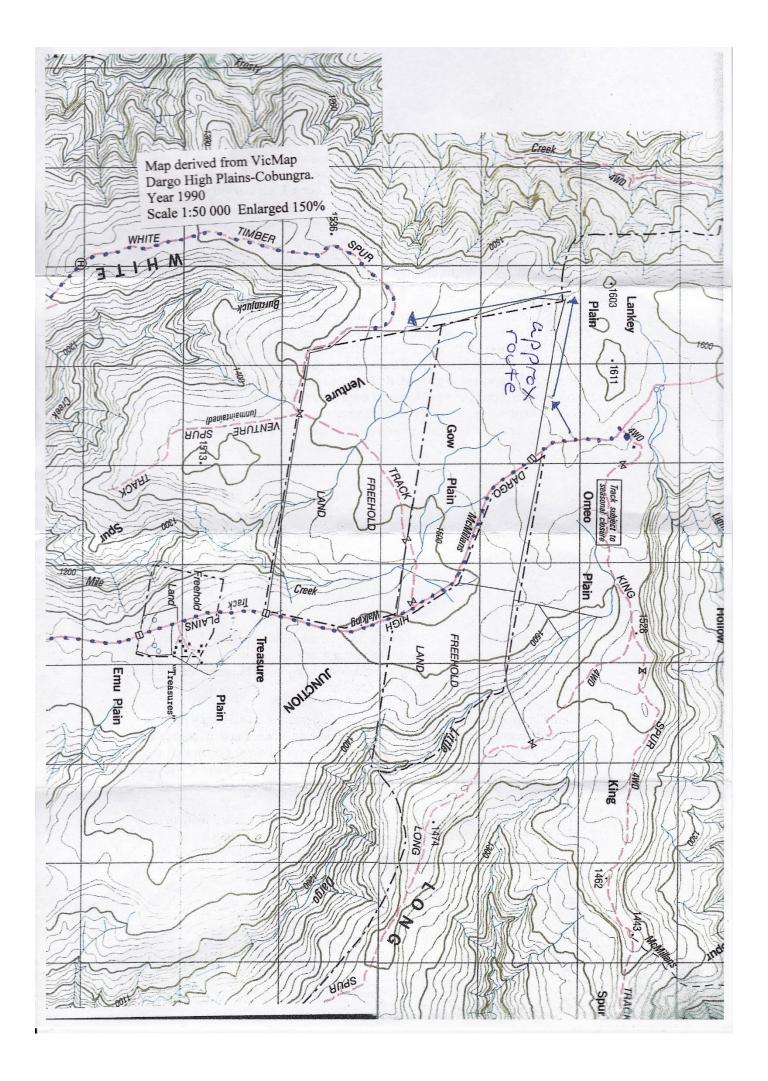
The route goes through a smallish cleared area to meet 2 large gate posts (no gate in it) at a north south fence line.

- 0.2 km Make a right angle turn at the 2 large gate posts.Walk south (southerly). The fence going south soon becomes non existent.Walk south to meet an east west fence at a wired up gate.There is a walking track triangle marker on a tree just on the other side of the fence. Pass through the wire fence (not barbed).
- 1.6 km Initially follow the outline of a former vehicle track. A small boggy patch is initially encountered. A small cleared area is soon reached and a fence going south becomes visible just to the left. It is easier to follow the outline of the former vehicle track going parallel with the fence. When the former vehicle track meets the fence, continue walking south beside the fence.

 Arrive at a small rise.
- 0.4 km Descend gently continuing south beside the fence. Keep a sharp lookout for White Timber Spur Track South going parallel on your right.

I have also sent a copy of this letter to John Chapman.

John Parker Unit 16, 30 Elizabeth Street Bayswater VIC 3154. Phone 0417 380 501. Email johnparker 58 @ big pond.com



PUBLICITY REPORT

Feb 2023

Kerry Knights

The role of Publicity person has articles submitted every few weeks.

Changes, post last meeting, with the individual walk reports also arriving in my inbox kerryknights@aussiebb.com.au has been helpful for publicity.

Having said that, the limited number of walks at present has curtailed my usual flying fingers on the keyboard.

Print media in Wellington and Latrobe Valley are very supportive, and I feel the local Bairnsdale paper is a lost cause. 'Pipped at the post', so to speak, by Editorial decisions around other specific local groups, and the church timetable half page spread.

Thanks are extended to those who advise me when articles do appear in other papers.

Is it worth keeping these and perhaps putting on the website?

I try and write articles with the understand that they advise potential members/guest walkers that the Club is active, and provides diverse opportunities to participate.

I'm away for 3 weeks in Feb (New Zealand beckons!), so will get back to sending off articles when I return.

Facebook Report – February 2023 by Jodie Wigg

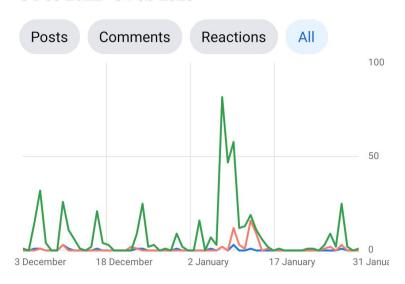
Memberships:

New member requests (last 60 days) = 38 Growth (last 60 days) = 9% Total members = 442

Engagement:

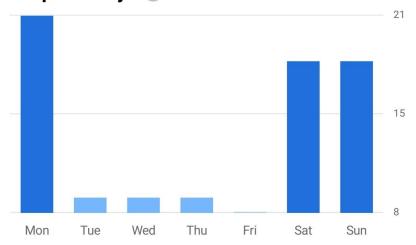
Posts (last 60 days) = 18 Comments (last 60 days) = 57 Reactions (last 60 days) = 498 Active members (last 60 days) = 357

5 Dec 2022 - 3 Feb 2023



18 Posts -25% 57 Comments -24% 498 Reactions

Popular days 🕕



← Top Contributors



Jason Harris

1 Post · 5 Comments



Rob Paterson

1 Post · 3 Comments



Janine Muir

1 Post · 3 Comments



Anne Wilson

1 Post · 2 Comments



Jessica Casper Leister

0 Posts · 7 Comments



Joe van Beek

1 Post · 1 Comment



Angela Roughley

1 Post · 0 Comments



Sue Wielgosz

1 Post · 0 Comments



Akeneta Marama

0 Posts · 2 Comments



Andy Stevenson

0 Posts · 2 Comments

Membership Secretary's Report

BCWC Management Committee Meeting 8 February 2023

As at 4 February 2023, the total membership is 139.

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

There are 5 Dual memberships (7 dual members).

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

Ken Free Membership Secretary 4 February 2023

Website Report February 2023

Altered incorrect date at top of December minutes and uploaded corrected version.

All Committee Minutes from past years have been amalgamated into one file for each year and uploaded. I would suggest that we do the same with previous years' newsletters.

Trip Report column has been removed from Walk Previews – now shows Walk Name, Walk Preview & Walk Plan.

Walk Coordinator's Report from AGM was added to the minutes and uploaded.

Have altered *Upcoming Walks Menu* to take you straight to *Walk Previews*.

All Walk Plans and Previews that were already on the website have been sorted and re-linked. Geoff and I have started work on adding the latest additions. In order to assist with this, I have recorded a couple of short videos to assist with the process.

After discussions with Geoff Mattingley about the complexity of maintaining both .pdf and .docx files in the Plans and Previews section, we decided that it would be much easier to just work with .pdf files. It was felt that it was most likely that a file would be updated by the previous leader, in which case they should still have the original. If another leader wanted to do the same walk, they could ask the original leader for a copy, or more simply, re-type it.

The Walk Plans and Previews section was (apparently) originally restricted to Members Only i.e. you had to log in to access it. Currently it is open to all Public Users. Do we wish to continue with this?

I have discussed the merits of changing platforms with a couple of other webmasters. Whilst a change to Wordpress would enable us to improve the appearance of our site, it is apparently a little difficult to learn. For what BCWC uses its website for, I feel that it is not worth the angst.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. That when an updated walk preview is added, that the previous version be removed. i.e. if a 2023 version is uploaded, the previous 'edition' is deleted.
- 2. That we request Enoch to update our version of Joomla.
- 3. That Previous Years' Newsletters be archived in the same way as the Committee Minutes.

Walks Co-ordinator's Report for February Committee meeting:

- 1. Joe's walk 7th January Mt St Gwinear Mt Erica was a great success, with 20 participants. Last time we had that many on a walk was September 2021.
 - 2. Avon Channel on program for 14 January cancelled by leader re-scheduled for 18 March.
- 3. Wangaratta Ski Club 17 20 February had to be cancelled due to double booking. Unfortunately our Wangaratta Ski club host was not available for other times.
 - 4. One other new walk on program. No other responses from leaders.

Agenda Item:

Personal Locator Beacon In Blue bag needs replacing - battery expiry date is March 2023.

Unlike 2 years ago when the unit in the pink bag had to be replaced, there appears to be no shortage of stock. Local brand GME is widely advertised - most common price is around \$380. This new model does not come with a case - has to be purchased separately at \$25.

Cheers

Geoff

Email correspondence with Puranen Audet re navigation skills

From: Ken Free < freekenneth@optusnet.com.au > Sent: Wednesday, 23 November 2022 11:19 PM

To: puranenaudet@yahoo.com.au <puranenaudet@yahoo.com.au>

Cc: Robyn Kercher < rkercher@outlook.com.au >

Subject: Re: Compass and Map Skills

Hi Puranen,

I'm a member of the Ben Cruachan Walking Club and our club secretary, Robyn Kercher, has forwarded your email to me.

Firstly, I must say that the journey you are planning is a huge challenge and I admire your enthusiasm in taking this on.

I started bushwalking when I was 6 years old (I'm now 74), so I have quite a bit of experience navigating my way through the Australian bush. I've never been lost, although at times I've temporarily lost the track. I don't consider myself to be an expert navigator but like most things, if you learn the fundamentals and don't take shortcuts, you'll be okay.

So, I am happy to help you in whatever way I can. Time is a bit of a problem given that you intend to leave before Xmas, but we'll see what we can do.

I have recently purchased a book titled "How to Navigate" written by Caro Ryan, a woman based in The Blue Mountains, New South Wales. Caro is a Search Commander for the NSW SES Bush Search and Rescue, has considerable experience in bushwalking and runs navigation courses. I would strongly recommend that you purchase a copy of the book which is written in an easy-to-understand style ideally suited to anyone new to navigation. Here's the

link: https://lotsafreshair.com/product/how-to-navigate/. Caro also has a lot of other useful information on her website which you may find of interest.

I would also recommend that you purchase a good quality compass,

like https://www.snowys.com.au/ranger-ms-compass. Please don't buy a cheap compass - your life might depend on it!

I've attached a Map Reading Guide from Geoscience Australia, the government organisation who produce all the topographical map information.

I'll telephone later today to discuss how I might help you get up to speed with compass and map skills.

Kind regards,

Ken Free

0414 774 144

Hi Puranen,

I'm forwarding this to one of our club members who may be able to help you. Good luck with your adventure.

Regards

Robyn Kercher

Secretary

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On Tue, 22 Nov 2022 at 12:04, Puranen Audet puranenaudet@yahoo.com.au> wrote:

I'm planning to walk with my pony (as a packhorse) up to Queensland along the National Trail from Healsville. I hope to leave before Christmas.

I'm wanting to learn some compass and map skills, incase I come off the trail and have no phone battery. Would you know who would be able to teach me such skills or how I might go about finding such information.

I am currently located in Poowong but am happy to travel if need be.

Thanking you for your time Puranen 0428 362 113