Ben Cruachan Walking Club - Walk Preview

Please register with Walk Leader before the day of the walk. See website: Upcoming Walks - Ben Cruachan Walking Club						
Walk:	BOGGY CREEK/PROSPECT CREEK (Melwood)					
Area:	Mt Alfred State Forest					
Date:	Saturday 23rd February 2019To be publicised in local papers?No					No
Grade:	M -4- 6		Style:	Day Return		
Walk Length:	11.5 km		Walk Duration:	5 hrs		
Meeting Place:	Bairnsdale - car park b McDonalds, facing K-n		Meeting Time:	9 am		
Walk Summary:	To the north-west of Bairnsdale, Prospect Creek (some maps show it as Boggy Creek) is an old gold-mining area, with one interesting site (see photo) and evidence of several shafts. The first half of the walk is along vehicle tracks, including a short section through private property (with permission!). Lunch is at an exceptionally scenic spot on Prospect Creek itself. After lunch we follow a track once used by trail-bikes, but as it has not been used for several years it is becoming overgrown, and we will have to push through vegetation (non-prickly) in some sections. We complete the loop with a pleasant walk through forest, then return through the private property to the cars. This walk includes two crossings of Prospect Creek which is at present barely flowing and easy to cross , though it would be difficult if the water level was high. This does not look likely between now and the date of the walk.					
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