

# Better Bushwalking For Victoria

2012 –2013

## About BWV

Bushwalking Victoria (BWV) Inc is a not for profit association, established in 1934 as the peak body in Victoria representing people who bushwalk and walk recreationally.

BWV has approximately 8,000 members in 3 membership categories - Affiliated Clubs, Associate Clubs and Individual Members.

### **Our Vision:**

*Better Bushwalking For Victoria*

### **Our Mission:**

*To inspire more people to walk in natural areas for enjoyment, health, wellbeing and appreciation of the Victorian environment*

For more detail refer to our Annual Report at:

<http://www.bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/annual-report.html>



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## Highlights for 2012—2013

### **Federation Day Walk 2012**

Maroondah Bushwalking Club hosted a very successful event with 349 walkers from 26 clubs travelling to Marysville to participate in 22 different walks on a glorious spring day.

### **Leadership Forum 2012**

This annual one day event enables club committee members and BWV to discuss matters of common interest. 60 representatives from 30 clubs participated in two open forums focussing on club issues and provided valuable input into BWV's strategic planning process.

### **where2walk**

Over 1,000 people have registered to access our online directory of walks since it was launched in September. *where2walk* has detailed information on 153 walks around Victoria and more will be added in 2013-2014.

### **WhereWeWalk**

With support from the Victorian Government and a number of generous outdoor retailers, BWV launched an online bushwalking participation survey and website in September 2012. In 9 months some 650 walks have been entered into the participation survey. The analysis of this data and of the often detailed comments provided by walkers will be shared with relevant land managers.

### **New BWV website**

Our new *Joomla!* based website went live in July 2012 with revised content and a new directory of BWV member clubs. Further development in both public content and member only access services will occur over 2013 -2014.

### **New Strategic Plan**

A significant review process included research conducted amongst BWV members and also with people who bushwalk but who are not BWV members. The new plan builds on the previous plan and sets a new vision, new mission and the goals, strategies and objectives that will focus BWV's efforts from now on.

For the complete Strategic Plan go to:

<http://www.bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/governance.html>

# Our Work

2012—2013

## Representing Bushwalkers

- ◆ Regular meetings with Parks Victoria, Dept of Sustainability & Environment, Sport & Recreation Victoria and Victorian Trails Coordinating Committee
- ◆ 12 Field Officers liaising with rangers in key national and state parks plus Australian Alpine Walking Track
- ◆ BWV Representatives on Mt Buffalo and Wilsons Promontory Advisory Committees, Grampians Peak Trail Task Force, Old Beechy Trail Committee
- ◆ Australian Alps Walking Track 2 day conference
- ◆ Submissions:
  - ⇒ VEAC Yellingbo Investigation
  - ⇒ VEAC Investigation into Additional Prospecting Areas in Parks
  - ⇒ Senate Inquiry into Extreme Weather and Climate Change
  - ⇒ Protection and Access to the Barfold Gorge

## Tracks, Huts and Conservation

- ◆ Track maintenance work undertaken on:
  - ⇒ Tin Mine Cove to Lighthouse Point (Wilson's Prom)
  - ⇒ Bench Rest Track, Kurth Kiln
  - ⇒ Steps installed, Thornton's Track
- ◆ Work done for the Regent Honey Eater Project
- ◆ Government funding for State Forests Walking Tracks Upgrade cancelled so expected activities in this area did not eventuate
- ◆ Conservation work planned for Alpine NP and Snake Island cancelled due to bushfires and bad weather

## Support to Clubs

- ◆ Significant work and advice provided on implications of Incorporated Associations Reform Act 2012
- ◆ Advice and technical support for club websites
- ◆ Critical Incidents Guidelines developed and made available to clubs

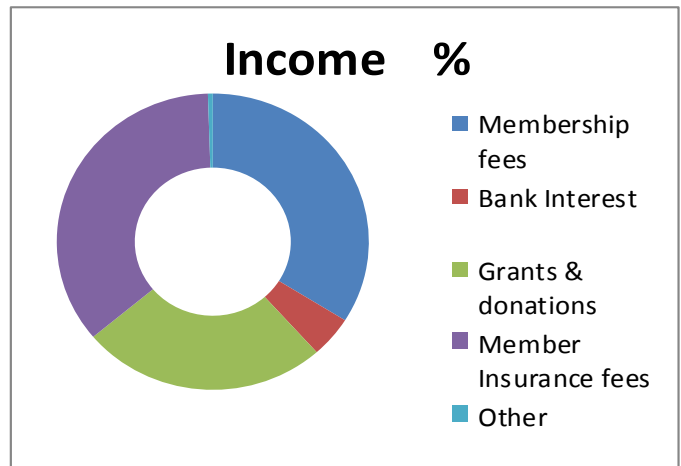
## Policies and Key documents

- ◆ BWV Rules of Association reviewed and changes will be tabled at the 2013 AGM for member approval
- ◆ Strategic Plan 2013
- ◆ Reports on internal and external market research, conducted for the Strategic Review

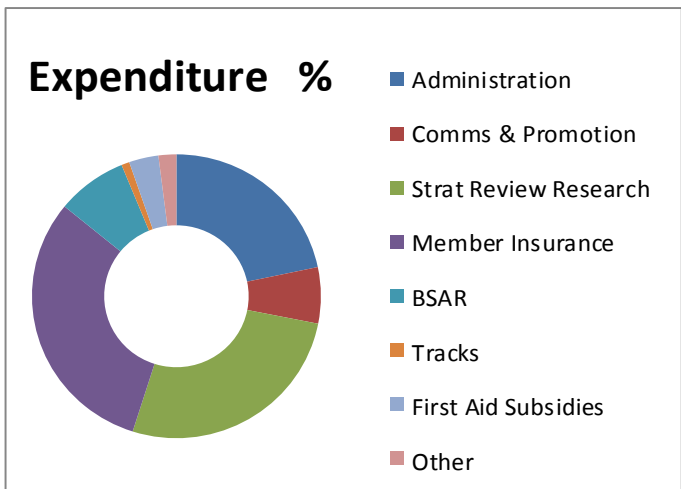
## Bush Search and Rescue (BSAR)

- ◆ 4 calls outs by Victoria Police (33 search person days).
- ◆ 168 people attended 3 specialist training events
- ◆ Attended first Emergency Services Leadership Forum
- ◆ Replacement of call out system now in final testing phase
- ◆ BSAR Strategic Plan developed, approved and implementation commenced

## Where our funds came from:



## How we used them:



## Thank You

To all who supported BWV over the past 12 months — each and every volunteer, club and individual members, office staff, Board and Committee members. BWV could not have achieved these results without

**you!**