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Walking and Talking with the Bushwalking Victoria President

I hope you have all enjoyed a pleasant summer break. Many clubs are now getting back into preparing their 2015 programs.

Three new 'Tip Sheets'

Over the summer, Bushwalking Victoria has been working on a short series of papers aimed at helping clubs address some of the issues many of us face.

Our market research work and conversations over the past few years indicate that many clubs struggle with recruitment – ie, attracting and keeping new members. It is also clear that many clubs are not fully aware of the opportunities that can come from ensuring that they know and engage with the decision makers in their local communities.

There are a number of ways in which a club can get publicity and make itself well known in its community that don't involve a significant expenditure of money. To help clubs, we have put together a list of some of the best ideas we've come across, and how to implement them. Many clubs already do some of these things, but hopefully the sheets may trigger some new ideas or approaches.

The three short papers focus on:

- **Engaging with the media** – how get publicity for your club and for local bushwalking issues
- **Engaging with decision makers** – how to build relationships with members of parliament, local government and land managers

- **Recruiting new members and retaining existing ones**

We are conscious that each club operates in its own way and in a particular local environment, and that there is no 'one size fits all'. Nevertheless, the papers contain ideas that have worked for bushwalking and other clubs inside and outside Victoria.

We have deliberately kept the sheets short. We know much more that can be said, but each club's Bushwalking Victoria board contact is very happy to discuss the contents of the sheets with you and help you translate them into something that can work for your club. We also welcome feedback and comments. We will email a copy of the three sheets to all clubs as soon as they are finalised (which we expect to be by end January). They will also be available for download from the Members page of the Bushwalking Victoria website.

Individual membership of Bushwalking Victoria

Over the last 18 months the number of Individual members of Bushwalking Victoria has continued to grow, and the total number of individual memberships is now equivalent to the membership of some of the larger bushwalking clubs. This is a very pleasing development. It means that the wider bushwalking community is becoming more involved with the issues and responsibilities of bushwalking, and it helps to spread the load in terms of financial and volunteer contributions to our work.

In recognition of this growth in Individual member numbers, we need to consider how to recognise their contribution in terms of access to the Bushwalking Victoria board and influence on Bushwalking Victoria decisions and policy.

We will be putting forward a number of proposals at the 2015 AGM in June designed to address these changes in our membership and to help us to utilise the skills and enthusiasm of these members. We will provide more details of these proposals in the near future.

Promoting bushwalking

As I mentioned last year, 2015 is the year when we start telling the world about why more people should be bushwalking. We are working on a program to build publicity and awareness of bushwalking as a healthy, enjoyable, safe and socially positive activity. We will be looking for some individual bushwalking clubs that would like to work with Bushwalking Victoria to test and trial the strategies we evolve on a local basis before we commit larger resources.

We need to be sure our messages and approaches are right. The campaign will therefore begin small and then gear up. The campaign will emphasise the values and joys of bushwalking, and will encourage the wider public to get involved. Some will do so by joining a club, and we will be emphasising the benefits and merits of club membership; others will prefer to organise their own bushwalking activities and we will hope to recruit them as individual members.

I'll report on the progress of this program periodically throughout 2015.

New Victorian government

In Victoria, we have a new government, with sets of priorities and programs different to the previous government. For organisations like Bushwalking Victoria, this means a new learning curve while we get to know what to expect, and what new issues and opportunities will arise.

With the election of a new Victorian Government with a different political agenda, we will be looking to meet with those ministers whose portfolios cover the areas that affect us as bushwalkers, mainly Environment, Sport and Health, and convey to them our views and priorities. We need to know which existing programs will be continued and which are subject to review or termination.

Bushwalking Victoria has been, and will continue to be the strongest voice it can for the Victorian bushwalking community.

See you on the track,
Tony Walker

Extended Walks Leadership Course

Calling applicants

Bushwalking Victoria has worked with some of the bigger clubs to develop courses that help clubs identify and train activity leaders.

The first course covered leadership skills, planning and conducting a walk, basic navigation and risk management.

An extended course has been developed for leaders of day walks who would like to extend their knowledge to include base camps and overnight walks (pack carries). The course will also help leaders improve their navigation skills.

When: Saturday 16 May to Sunday 17 May, 2015.

Time: 9am-4.30pm both days.

Where: Conference Room, Parks Office, Westerfolds Park (Melway 33 F1).

Cost: FREE
A light lunch and morning and afternoon tea will be provided on both days.

Eligible applicants: The course is open to all members of clubs affiliated and associated with Bushwalking Victoria and to individual members of Bushwalking Victoria. The course numbers are limited. Preference will be given to applicants who have attended the initial course and are now leading day walks OR applicants who have significant day walk leadership experience.

To register contact: Sally Walker (email preferred) at training@bushwalkingvictoria.org.au or telephone 03 9807 5576.

Deadline for applications: Friday, 1 May.

Notification date: Successful applicants will be notified by 8 May.

When applying, provide the following information:

Name:				
Club name / Individual member:				
Telephone:				
Mobile phone:				
Email address:				
Leadership experience:				
Did you attend the first course?	Yes No			
If you did not attend the first course, indicate your level of navigation skills:				
• Map craft	Understanding contour lines and landforms	None	Basic	High
• Navigation	Using grid references	None	Basic	High
• Map scales	Estimating distance	None	Basic	High
• Using a compass	Grid bearings	None	Basic	High
	Magnetic bearings	None	Basic	High
	Walking on a bearing	None	Basic	High

Bushwalking Tracks and Conservation (BTAC) Program

Australian Alpine Walking Track clearing – Omeo area

6-9 March 2015

We will again be working with Parks Victoria to keep this section of track open in an area of vigorous regrowth of vegetation.

We are looking for people willing to camp out and trim regrowth vegetation using loppers and motorised tools. We will provide training to those willing to learn how to use these tools, so previous experience is not mandatory.

There will be jobs to suit volunteers who do not wish to use these tools, including removing cut materials from the track and clearing of the run-off channels.

We are looking to put on the traditional pot roast!

For more information or to register an expression of interest, contact Charlie Ablitt at: conservation@bushwalkingvictoria.org.au.

Charlie Ablitt, Bushwalking Tracks and Conservation Projects Coordinator

Australian Alps Walking Track clearing – rock shelter to Talbot Peak

20-23 March 2015

Bushwalking clubs and individuals are invited to join local Parks Victoria staff, Friends of Baw Baw National Park and the Strzelecki Bushwalking Club over a four day track clearing activity on the Baw Baw Plateau (Baw Baw National Park) between Friday 20 March and Monday 23 March 2015.

The activity will focus on clearing the Australian Alps Walking Track between the Rock Shelter and Talbot Peak. This will further enhance walking opportunities in Baw Baw National Park following the completion of track works in the remote Mt Whitelaw area of the park in 2012.

Parks Victoria will establish a base camp for the activity at Jeep Track Flat from early Friday 20 March. Access to the base camp is via the St Gwinear car park or Baw Baw Village. Parks Victoria will supply fresh fruit, general consumables, energy food and meals for participants who register an interest in attending. Ample water will be available at the base camp.

Volunteers will need to bring camping gear, sturdy footwear and wet weather clothing.

Participants are welcome for whatever time they can spare and there will be a variety of tasks to complete from very easy to arduous. All safety gear will be provided by Parks Victoria.

For further information or to register your interest in the activity, contact the Parks Victoria Latrobe Ranger in Charge, Andy Gillham, on 5172 2186, mobile 0428 333 464 or email agillham@parks.vic.gov.au.

NOTE: The activity leader may cancel or postpone the activity at short notice due to extreme weather conditions.

Andy Gillham, Parks Victoria Latrobe Ranger-in-Charge

Bushwalking Tracks and Conservation Reports

Heatherlie Quarry, Grampians NP

Sunday 12 October 2014

Six members of the Grampians Bushwalking Club cleared the Heatherlie Quarry track using tools provided by Parks Victoria. A pruning machine and loppers were used to clear the track and a chainsaw to clear fallen trees. Visitors met during the working bee expressed their appreciation of the work being done.

The club will check the track a few times a year to keep it under control.

Based on an article by **Graeme Edwards**, *Grampians Bushwalking Club Newsletter*, Summer 2015

Track Work Weekend: Bogong High Plains

Friday 21 - Sunday 23 November 2014

Melbourne Bushwalkers joined with the Friends of Bogong and Parks Victoria rangers Ross Grant (Ranger in Charge, Bogong Management Unit) and Iris Curran (Mt Beauty Parks Office) for track work on a section of the Australian Alps Walking Track near Cope Hut and below Mt Cope.

Our task was to cover the eroded area next to the permatred tiles that had been affected by ice-crystal heave. To do this, we pinned jute sacking and sterilised hay rolled into 2m lengths onto the exposed areas to protect the bare earth so that native plants can re-vegetate it. We also hand weeded the invasive weed 'sheep sorrel' found along the walking track, but this proved to be difficult because of the weed's very long running roots, so the rangers will come along later to hand spray this invasive weed.



The section of the AAWT we worked on is marketed by commercial groups as a guided Falls to Hotham Alpine Crossing walk between the alpine ski villages of Mt Hotham and Falls Creek.

The weekend was a special for the Friends of Bogong who were celebrating their 30th anniversary.

Précised from an article by **Rod Novak**, *The News of the Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc*, January 2015



Sallow Willow Eradication, Falls Creek area

Friday 23 - Sunday 25 January

Sallow willow (*Salix cinerea*) is a highly invasive exotic species that displaces native alpine vegetation and disrupts aquatic nutrient regimes and water flows. Willows are considered a grave threat to alpine bogs and associated fen communities. The 2003 fires in northeast Victoria burnt most of the high plains, laying bare areas previously thickly covered by bog and wet heath plant communities. This allowed an opportunistic mass germination of willow seedlings, blown in from surrounding areas.

Control programs to eradicate the willows have been carried out since 2004 by Parks Victoria and other government bodies, using volunteers and contractors.

During the Australia Day long weekend, 30 volunteers from various bushwalking clubs participated in the annual sallow willow eradication weekend organised by the Bushwalking Tracks and Conservation committee in conjunction with Parks Victoria. We were accommodated at the Alpha ski lodge in Falls Creek.

Each day, the 30 volunteers worked in groups of 10 in different areas near Falls Creek, supervised by a Parks Victoria ranger. The rangers used maps indicating bogs identified and surveyed for willows to set our work areas. (A total of 63 bogs have been surveyed; 75% contained willows, and 50% had at least one large willow that could be a source of seed in the future.)

Each person was armed with secateurs, a 'dabber' of herbicide, plus some additional loppers and saws. The control method is to cut each willow down to ground level and paint every cut surface with herbicide - the aim being to kill the plant by poisoning the root system and stopping off-cuts from sprouting. Thunder storms and lightening on Saturday afternoon meant that the groups returned to base an hour or so earlier than otherwise. The weather on Sunday was perfect for working. In some locations many more willows were found than the rangers expected. We also cut and poisoned feral apple trees.



Each willow found is GPSed as part of the program to collect and update information about sallow willow distribution. The location of control efforts and estimates of control effectiveness help to prioritise locations for future control and to identify potential seed sources.

The rangers and participants considered the weekend to be a great success, both in terms of willow eradicated and enjoyment.

Charlie Ablitt, Bushwalking Tracks and Conservation Program Coordinator

Additional information:

<http://vnpa.org.au/page/nature-conservation/parks-protection/fighting-the-willow-menace>

http://keyserver.lucidcentral.org/weeds/data/080c0106-040c-4508-8300-0b0a06060e01/media/Html/Salix_cinerea.htm

News from Land Managers

DEPI is now Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning

As at 1 January 2015, Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI) has been broken up. Environment has been moved to the new the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP). DELWP is tasked with creating liveable, inclusive and sustainable communities.

The DEPI website still exists. It can be accessed from DELWP website.

Source: <http://www.gazette.vic.gov.au/gazette/Gazettes2014/GG2014S432.pdf>

Parks Victoria upgrades Glenelg River sites

Parks Victoria is upgrading amenities and rebuilding canoe and vehicle campsites along the Glenelg River.

- The Bowds canoe camp has a new landing, picnic table and toilet.
- The Wilson Hall jetty has been widened for better boat and canoe access. The campsite layout has also been improved to include picnic tables, fireplaces and better defined camping sites.
- At Moleside, one of the oldest picnic areas, there is a new viewing deck.
- The Great South West Walk camp area at Moleside also has an upgraded multipurpose shelter for walkers.



Invitation to Participate in Nest Boxing Weekends, 2015

21-22 March 18-19 April 16-17 May

The nest box program has been in operation for over 13 years. 381 boxes are in place, with Squirrel Gliders and Sugar Gliders nesting in about two-thirds of them. An increasing number of boxes contain the Stringybark nests of the rare Brush-tailed Phascogale.

The basic problem facing all of these animals is an extreme shortage of natural tree hollows because the old trees were heavily cleared decades ago and the regrowth forests are still far too young to have hollows. Nest boxes help fill this need.

Regular checking of the nest boxes helps us to discover preferred habitats in different seasons, the breeding success of particular colonies, barriers to wildlife movement across the landscape and determine areas in which to place additional boxes. It also enables us to monitor unwanted species (eg, starlings, feral bees or rats) that might be taking over the boxes.

The box locations have been accurately mapped on 1:25,000 contour maps, and there are careful descriptions to help people 'home in' on the exact location.

GPS fixes: It's critical to use the GDA 1994 mapping co-ordinates to ensure you are at the correct nest box. (UTM/UTS WGS 84 in the GPS menu.)

Activities

- Checking nest boxes to see the wildlife at home
- Recording data for our ongoing research investigations
- Sharing insights from our day's observations
- BBQ tea (BYO food and drink)



Accommodation

- Own arrangements
OR
- Free accommodation at Benalla Scout Hall
 - Mattresses supplied
 - BYO sleeping bag and pillow
 - Minor kitchen facilities available
 - BYO tent if you prefer to camp outside

Meals

- BYO lunch and drinks for Saturday and Sunday as we are out all day
- BYO food and drink for the Saturday night BBQ

Personal gear

- Sun screen, hat, sturdy shoes, long trousers
- Sock protectors to keep out grass seeds

Group gear

Please let me know if you can bring any group equipment, eg:

- 5-6m extension ladder
- Roof rack and rope to carry ladder
- Tow bar to carry a ladder on one of our trailers
- A compass for map reading
- GPS unit for easy location of boxes

Meeting

- 9.30 am Saturday; 9.00am Sunday
- Regent Honeyeater Nursery, Sydney Rd, Benalla
Located at the Yooralla Community Farm, about 1km past the Mitre 10 store
Look for the steel gates and cattle grid
We're behind the buildings at the end of the long drive

Bookings

- Please let me know the number of people expected
- And any of the extra group equipment you can supply

Contact

Ray Thomas:

- Business hours (03) 5761 1515
- email ray@regenthoneyeater.org.au

Ray Thomas, Coordinator, Regent Honeyeater Project

One Way of Optimising your Backpacking Food

Bushwalking Victoria's Facebook page includes an article by Ryan Gardner, an American backpacker who proposes that the energy-to-weight ratio (caloric density) should be the primary consideration when deciding what food to take on a pack carry. Ryan holds a degree in Exercise and Sports Science from the University of Utah.

Below is a summary of some of the salient points in the article. Read the actual article at <https://www.facebook.com/bushwalkingvictoria?fref=nf>

Ryan's proposition is irrelevant for most day walks, but is something to think about when packing for a pack carry when weight and bulkiness become increasingly important considerations the longer and harder the walk.

Calculating caloric density

You calculate caloric density by dividing the total number of calories an item of food has by its weight. The higher the density the more energy an item packs given its weight. So if there is a choice between similar items – eg, energy bars or main meals – one should take those with the highest energy density.

How much food

How much food you need depends on your body weight and your basal metabolic rate. Basal metabolic rate (BMR) is a measure of the number of kilojoules your body will burn on any given day, without taking into account any exercise you may do. Essentially, this is how many calories it takes to keep your body alive and ticking over, even if you do not move a muscle.

It's all right for your body to use up fat (what Ryan calls the 'reserve tank'), but it's important that it never begins to start eating up muscle because you need muscle to keep you going during the walk. Unless you are fat, you should not be aiming to lose weight on a walk (even though many of us do!). You will lose weight anyway because a huge amount of energy is expended on a pack carry and also because many people find their appetite drops while on an extended walk.

Tips: Label your food bags/portions with the amount of calories inside each bag.

What food

Ryan does not include fresh fruit and vegetables in his pack carry menu because while they have important vitamins and minerals, they are low in energy given their weight. And energy is what you need on a pack carry. Instead he says you should be eating lots of fruit and vegetables in the weeks and months leading up to the pack carry.

Nuts have a good caloric density and are also high in the good unsaturated fats and Omega-3 fatty acids as well as being high in protein.

The 'sugar crash'

Sugars, or carbohydrates, come in two main forms: simple carbohydrates and complex carbohydrates. Simple carbohydrates are found in things like table sugar and candy bars. Simple carbohydrates provide a quick boost of energy, but that energy level drops off rapidly. The drop off is what is often referred to as a 'sugar crash'. Complex carbohydrates are found in foods like whole grains, rice, and pasta. Complex carbohydrates take longer to digest and as a result provide longer, more sustained energy. Complex carbohydrates do not result in a sugar crash.

For every day healthy living, complex carbohydrates are by far the better choice. However, for backpacking, simple carbohydrates have higher caloric densities and are convenient to eat on the go. So one should eat a breakfast and dinner of complex carbohydrates but consider using 'calorie-dip method' of nibbling simple carbohydrates frequently throughout the day. This way you avoid spikes and dips in your energy levels. So scroggin (that contains lots of nuts) is good!

Ryan prefers not to eat a 'traditional lunch' on a pack carry. He thinks taking a long lunch not only sets you up for a potential sugar crash, but also causes your heart rate to return to normal, making it harder to get going again after lunch.

Preparing for the pack carry

The best thing you can do to help your body run efficiently and recover quickly from the more intense exercise you are doing on a pack carry is to exercise regularly when you are not pack carrying and eat a healthy, balanced diet.

Source: <http://www.wildbackpacker.com/backpacking-food/articles/all-about-food-nutrition/>

Dehydrated Food or Freeze Dried for Pack Carries

This article looks at dehydrating food and freeze drying using dedicated appliances.

When food is being dehydrated, the food is placed on racks and hot, dry air is circulated across the food to remove its water content. The temperatures are high enough to remove water, but not high enough to cook the food.

When food is freeze dried, the food is placed on racks inside of a vacuum chamber. The temperature is lowered to below freezing and then raised rapidly to above boiling. The process is so fast that it removes the moisture from the food without destroying the structure.

- **Moisture content:** Dehydration removes about 90-95% of the moisture content of the food. Food dehydrated at home usually has a higher moisture content than commercially dehydrated food. Freeze drying removes about 98-99%.
- **Time:** Many factors affect how long it takes to dehydrate food - temperature, air circulation, humidity, the kind of food being dried, the amount of food on a tray, the size and thickness of the piece, and the total amount of food in the dehydrator. Pieces on the edges of the trays dry faster than pieces in the centre. If slices or lumps of food are of different thickness or size, the thinner and smaller pieces will dry before the others. It takes 12-24 hours; more if you are drying something with a high water content or if the pieces are thick or large.
Freeze-drying takes 24-72 hours.
- **Shelf life:** Commercially dehydrated food has a very long shelf life. Home-made dehydrated food has a shorter shelf life because of its higher moisture content. Home dehydrated food has a 'typical' shelf life of 6 to 12 months. However, the shelf life can be extended if the dehydrated food is stored in a cool place or is vacuum sealed.
Dehydrated or freeze-dried food should be stored at below 15°C.
- **Resealing packages:** The packaging of dehydrated food can be resealed as long as the unused portion has not got wet. Once the packaging of freeze-dried food has been opened, all the contents must be used within a few days.
- **Nutritional content:** Dehydration doesn't change the fibre or iron content of food. However, because dehydration can break down vitamins and minerals, dehydrated food may have less nutritional value than freeze-dried food. Dehydration tends to result in the loss of Vitamins A and C, thiamine, riboflavin and niacin. According to the American Institute for Cancer Research, freeze-dried foods retain the majority of the vitamins and minerals found in the original food, but will lack in some vitamins which break down very rapidly – eg, Vitamin C.
Commercial freeze-dried foods are not always the most calorie-packed—an important consideration for pack carriers.
- **Appearance:** Dehydrated food looks shrivelled, leathery, discoloured. Freeze-dried food looks and feels more like the original product.
- **Weight:** Freeze-dried food weighs less than dehydrated food.
- **Cooking:** Dehydrated food takes between 15 minutes and 4 hours to rehydrate. Dehydrating usually results in some loss of flavour, so the rehydrated food may require additional seasoning. Freeze-dried food will usually be ready to eat in less than 5 minutes.
- **Cost:** Commercial dehydrated foods are usually cheaper than freeze-dried. Taking into account the cost of dehydrators and freeze dryers and the relative efficiency of the appliances, home-made dehydrated meals are probably cheaper than home-made freeze-dried meals.
- **Doing it at home:** Home dehydrators are relatively cheap to purchase. Freeze-dryers are much more expensive than dehydrators. Dehydrators are relatively

small. Home freeze-dryers can be the size of a dishwasher.
You can dehydrate or freeze-dry both cooked meals and raw ingredients.

There is also another, newer moisture removing methodology - vacuum-microwave dehydration.

Home dehydrating tips

- Cleanliness is the key to quality dehydrated food that has a long shelf life and will not make you sick when you finally eat it. Wash all uncooked fruits, vegetables and meats thoroughly before placing them on dehydrator trays.
- Do not mix different food items in the one dehydration session because the flavours will taint.
- All items should be crispy before they are taken out of the dehydrator.
- Clean the dehydrator after every use. Scour the dehydrator trays, plastic liner inserts on which food or liquid has been placed, the bottom tray and the bottom of the cover. Even if your trays show no sign of food particles, the plastic pieces can hold bacteria that will ruin your food.

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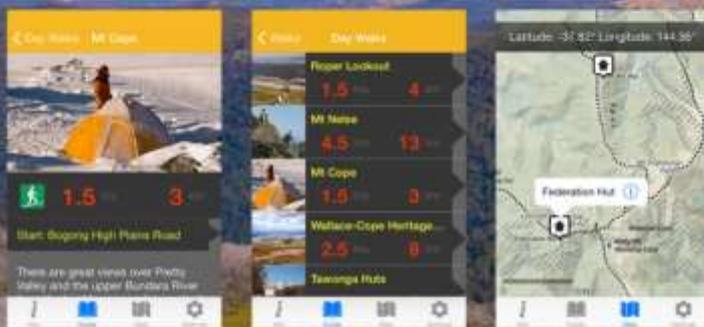
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