

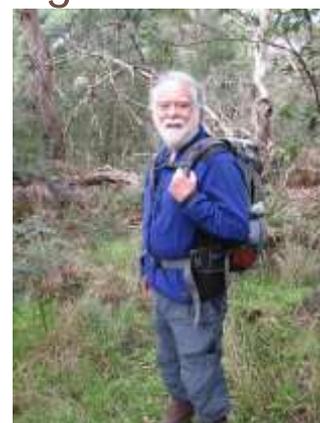


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## Walking and Talking with the Bushwalking Victoria President

**It's the time of year to look forward** – to the key issues facing bushwalkers and what we hope to do in 2016.

As always, there are so many things we would like to achieve on behalf of the bushwalking community despite our limited resources. In 2015, we worked hard on strengthening Bushwalking Victoria and turning it into a more capable organisation, able to represent effectively on behalf of all bushwalkers. We still have a long way to go, and this will form a key part of our work in 2016.



Tony Walker, President of Bushwalking Victoria

## Key issues for 2016 and beyond

I will mention three of the many key issues affecting us all as bushwalkers, which I have chosen deliberately as they are long term issues. **They are not problems that can be ‘fixed’ overnight.** They are problems that need long-term management, and Bushwalking Victoria needs to ensure that the bushwalking community is properly represented and consulted in the formulation of those management plans and processes.

### Influencing decision makers

During 2016 one of our major themes will be building our ability to make our case at the highest levels of government and decision makers. We bushwalkers tend to be a quiet and restrained lot. Many of us **walk to escape the pressures of jobs and urban life, and we don’t, as a friend of mine put it, ‘want to be noisy advocates for our quiet recreation’.**

But we must accept that with pressure growing on the tracks and trails network from an increasing variety of users, we need to make sure that the walking community is not pushed aside by more assertive interest groups.

We’ll have more to say on this theme later this year.

### Access vs conservation

One key issue for 2016 will probably always be with us: striking the right balance between conservation and access in national parks and other protected areas.

This is a serious and long-term issue. As bushwalkers, we have **an ethos of ‘minimum impact’ and this** informs our behaviour in our protected areas. But the truth is that we still want tracks, huts, campsites and other bushwalking amenities in our parks, so we accept that compromises must be made. In some parks, such as Wilsons Promontory, accommodation facilities have been in place for many years. In many parks there are proposals for walker and tourist accommodation facilities either in the park or on its immediate periphery.

Striking the right balance is not easy, **and my personal belief is that there is no ‘one size fits all’ answer.** What is acceptable in one area may not be acceptable in another. Many bushwalkers would accept well-managed and controlled, low-impact accommodation in some key walking areas, but have a very reasonable dread of obtrusive development, and poorly managed or maintained facilities causing pollution and compromising the integrity of natural areas.

Increasing pressures from international, interstate and local tourism are a reality we must accept. Tourism does put pressures on our parks and protected areas both through increased visitation and through demand for accommodation and visitor facilities. But it is unrealistic to seek to limit tourism growth – indeed Australians are themselves among **the world’s great tourists.** What we must do is to work with all land managers and local tourism boards so that the increased pressures are met sensitively and appropriately. Victoria is too beautiful to destroy!

## Feral animals and plants

In many of our protected areas, damage from feral animals is growing and is increasingly visible. We have major problems in Victoria from wild horses, deer, goats, pigs, dogs, cats, foxes and other introduced animals.

This is a problem that has been growing for decades, and we need to make it clear to land managers that it must be squarely faced. In the Alpine areas, for example, wild horse numbers are very large and apparently still growing. Most high-country bushwalkers I speak to record multiple meetings with groups of horses, and as large hoofed animals, they are as destructive as cattle in that delicate environment.

Deer are less visible, as they are normally forest dwellers and shyer than horses, but their depredations are becoming very obvious. We need programs to sharply reduce the number of deer and to keep their number down. Ideally, they should be eradicated from our parks altogether.

Invasive plants are probably an even more insidious and intractable problem than feral animals. Many of the plants were brought into areas such as the high country as seed clinging to clothes, camping equipment and vehicles, or in the guts of animals coming from other areas. Invasive plants are often very difficult to control, in some cases need skilled identification and can be extremely difficult to eradicate once they gain a foothold. **Often we don't realise they are there until they are** entrenched and already a serious problem.

## Bushwalking Victoria Projects in 2016

Bushwalking Victoria is also pursuing a number of projects aimed at strengthening bushwalking clubs, and helping them to grow.

In the next two editions of Bushwalking News Victoria, I will ask the various board members and volunteers who are leading projects or key focus areas for Bushwalking Victoria, to talk about what they hope to achieve this year on your behalf.

## SRV Grants

As some of you may be aware, the Department of Health and Human Services has announced the latest **round of grants aimed at 'Supporting Victorian Sport and Recreation'**. This time the grants have a longer focus – 3.5 years – and are aimed at supporting organisations with longer-term programs.

Bushwalking Victoria has made an application for a grant aimed at helping us promote bushwalking to the wider community, and encourage more local participation in walking in natural places. As we only had a three-week window in which to respond, the Bushwalking Victoria board led by Elaine Towers, our Strategy Consultant, was extremely busy in November and early December putting together our application, which we believe makes a very good case. We expect to know the outcome of our application in February 2016 and I will let you know the results as soon as possible.

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

## Nominations for the Bushwalking Victoria Board

If you think you would like to be a member of the Bushwalking Victoria board, working on behalf of the Victorian bushwalking community, please download and complete a nomination form available from [Bushwalking Victoria website](#) (navigate to **Members** → **Forms** → **Board of Management**).

The board is appointed at the annual AGM in June, and your term of office would begin then.

**If you'd like to contact either me or any other member of the current board, we'd be happy to talk with you informally and without commitment about what the board does, and how you could contribute.**

Board membership is open to any club or individual member of Bushwalking Victoria.

The board is a volunteer group of bushwalkers just like you.

Tony Walker, President, Bushwalking Victoria

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Meeting of Bushwalking Club Presidents – Notice

Dear Fellow President

Happy New Year. I trust it has started off well for you and your club.

As agreed at the first Quarterly Meeting of Presidents, I propose the next meeting be held from **7:30pm, Monday 29 February** at my home in **Malvern East**, and hope that this meets with your availability.

The preference from the first meeting was to have plenty of time for networking and informal sharing of information and experiences relevant to the role of president.

This time, rather than propose a list of possible discussion topics, I will only include the background to one topic - **Getting People Involved** - which was reported in *Bushwalking News Victoria*, August 2015, page 8 ([http://www.bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/files/Newsletters/BNV\\_260\\_Aug\\_2015.pdf](http://www.bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/files/Newsletters/BNV_260_Aug_2015.pdf)) and which was mooted as an item for the quarterly meetings. We did not get around to it at the first meeting, and it will be a timely topic at the February meeting as it will enable us to report our discussions to the next Bushwalking Victoria Leadership Day in June this year.

If you have other topics you would like to raise feel free to let me know and we can add them to the list.

Looking forward to your advice on attendance and catching up on the night.

Yours in bushwalking,

Ian Mair, President, Melbourne Bushwalkers  
Tel: 0417597615 | Email: [president@mbw.org.au](mailto:president@mbw.org.au)

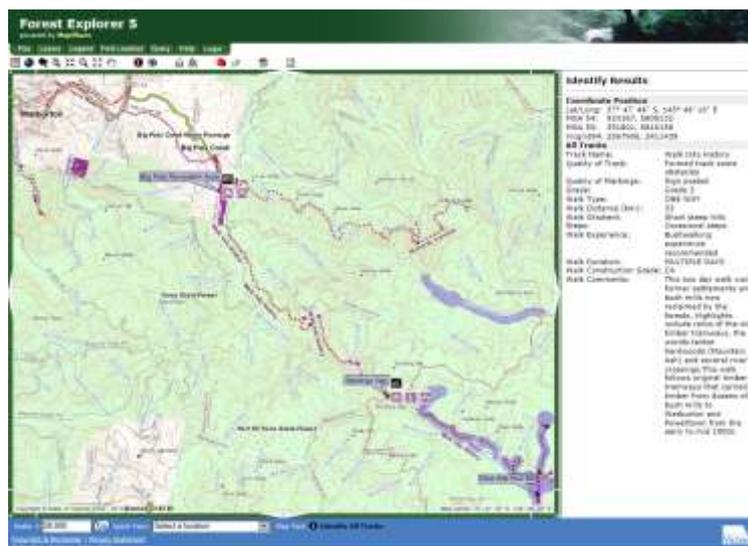
# Access the Latest Information about What to See and Do in Victorian State Forests

The Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning (DELWP) manages over 170 walking tracks, more than 260 camping and picnic sites and numerous mountain bike trails, horse trails and scenic touring routes. DELWP maintains comprehensive information on camping and picnic sites in State Forests across Victoria, as well as walking trails and other recreation activities.

Information on all these activities can be viewed via an online interactive map called **Forest Explorer**.

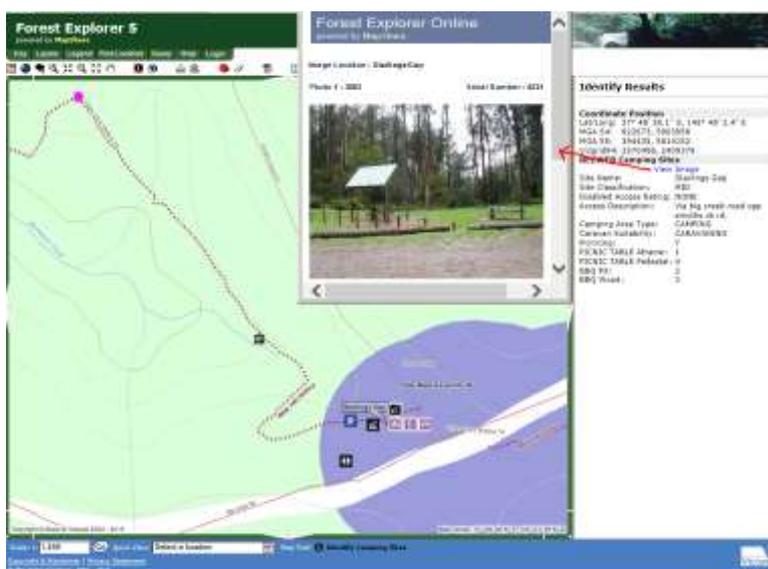


To access **Forest Explorer**, search on the words **State forest places to visit** and open up the DELWP **Places to Visit** webpage and click on the link to **Forest Explorer**. A short guide to using **Forest Explorer** is available from the **Help** menu, and I recommend you read it before using **Forest Explorer** as it explains its key features and functions and how to use them.



**Forest Explorer** allows you to zoom into your area of interest and click data layers on and off to view information most useful to you. Recreation information that can be displayed includes the location of camping sites, picnic areas, walking tracks, mountain bike tracks and information on currently closed roads, sites and tracks. You can also access photos of sites to check out the areas you propose to visit.

Once you have the map view you want, you can add text, draw symbols or add labels to personalise your map. The maps you create can be saved as PDF documents for emailing or printing purposes.



Please use **Forest Explorer** to plan your next walking or camping trip. You can even use it to create and save your own customised maps.

The data it contains is very comprehensive and you might find it a bit tricky to use, especially at first. **It doesn't work on mobile phones but future improvements are planned in this area.** I'd be interested in feedback on **Forest Explorer** and the data it contains. The more feedback I get, the more improvements I can make to this online map.

Richard Wadsworth

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Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning

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## Feedback from a user

Good to see DELWP's **Forest Explorer** being mentioned. I have been using this for quite a while when planning walks. It is particularly useful for measuring distances, whether on or off track. Other features which assist in planning are public land boundaries, information on recent bushfires and projected burn-offs, tree cover, public versus private roads, track closures, and contours and spot heights.

It is pleasing to read that Richard Wadsworth is seeking comment from the public on **Forest Explorer**. I'd encourage people to start using it as I imagine there may be a number of suggestions for improvements as more users become familiar with this resource.

One that comes to my mind is for **Select a location** to offer a more useful set of locations than are currently available. Perhaps to include state regions: Mallee, Wimmera, etc.

John Campbell (Independent bushwalker)

# Bushwalking Tracks and Conservation Activities

## Forthcoming activities

### Track clearing - Omeo area

<b>Date:</b>	Friday 11-Monday 14 March 2016
<b>Organisers:</b>	BTAC and Parks Victoria
<b>Description:</b>	Travel to the work area on Friday. Work on track on Saturday and Sunday. Return Monday. More details later.
<b>Expression of interest:</b>	Contact Charlie Ablitt at <a href="mailto:conservation@bushwalkingvictoria.org.au">conservation@bushwalkingvictoria.org.au</a> or 0400 967 054

### Annual track clearing activity in the Baw Baw National Park

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday 17-Sunday 20 March 2016
<b>Organisers:</b>	Parks Victoria, Friends of Baw Baw National Park and Strzelecki Bushwalking Club
<b>Description:</b>	<p>The activity will focus on clearing the Australian Alps Walking Track from the Mt Erica car park to where we finished last year beyond 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.</p> <p>Parks Victoria will establish a base camp for the activity at Mountain Monarchs car park from early Thursday March 17. Access to the base camp will be via the road to Mt Erica car park. Parks Victoria will supply fresh fruit, general consumables, energy food and meals for participants who register an interest in attending. There will be ample water at the base camp.</p> <p>Volunteers will need to bring camping gear, sturdy footwear and wet weather clothing.</p> <p>All safety gear will be provided by Parks Victoria.</p> <p>Participants are welcome for whatever time they can spare and there will be a variety of tasks to complete from very easy to arduous.</p>
<b>Expressions of interest:</b>	For further information, or to register your interest in this activity, please contact Darren Hill, Parks Victoria Latrobe Ranger in Charge, on <a href="mailto:darren.hill@parks.vic.gov.au">darren.hill@parks.vic.gov.au</a> or 03 51722143.

## Help clean up the Grampians National Park on Saturday 5 March

Conservation Volunteers Australia will run a large-scale clean-up day in the Grampians National Park to remove rubbish that encourages pest species, damages the habitat and health of wildlife and clogs waterways. I am looking for individuals or groups to collect rubbish left by visitors from areas such as MacKenzie Falls, the Pinnacle walking track, campgrounds, picnic areas and lookouts.

To register interest or obtain more information, please contact me. Alternatively, go to <http://bookings.conservationvolunteers.org/project/info/64224> to register for this event.

**Caity O'Reilly**, Volunteer Coordinator, Grampians National Park

Conservation Volunteers Australia

Tel: 03 5361 4063 | Mob: 0428 553 040 | Email: [coreilly@cva.org.au](mailto:coreilly@cva.org.au)

## What the clubs have been doing

### Track Maintenance - Heatherlie Quarry, Sunday 20 September 2015

Participants: Jenny (leader), Alex, Brett, Graeme, Joy, Lorraine, Maureen and Phil (Grampians BWC), Kyle (Parks Victoria) and David (Grampians Walking Tracks Support Group)

Distance walked: 5km

We split into groups. Joy and Maureen painted the main gate green. Graeme and Alex worked with David to install water bars to reduce erosion. Brett and Phil worked with Kyle to install a seat at the old school site. Lorraine and Jenny cleared the rail track of rocks and branches.

Kyle showed Brett and Phil an old powder magazine which was off the main track to the township walk.



Images L-R: Installing a seat at the old school site; preparing the new steps and path to the powder magazine; track maintenance participants

Our afternoon work was to clear vegetation and build stone steps to the powder magazine. Most of the group gathered rocks that Graeme and David used to build the steps. Others worked on clearing vegetation to define the track. Maureen built rock cairns to mark the start of the track.

Edited from the Grampians Bushwalking Club Summer 2105-16 newsletter

### Melbourne Bushies Join Friends of Bogong to Maintain Huts, 22–23 November 2015

Five Melbourne Bushwalkers joined with 10 Friends of Bogong on a weekend of perfect weather on the Bogong High Plains near Falls Creek. Under the leadership of Ranger Rudi we worked on preparing three High Country huts – Wallace's, Cope and Faithfull's – for the coming fire season by clearing vegetation and grass around them. We also did some general maintenance and a clean-up of the huts.



The News of the Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc, January 2016

# Broaden Your Walking Experience – Walk with Another Club

## Invitation from Strzelecki Bushwalking Club



Strzelecki Bushwalking Club is located in the Latrobe Valley, with a membership of around 100. We have a fairly full program of activities – day and extended walks, bike rides, canoeing/kayaking, snow activities, social events and occasional extras such as caving.

The purpose of this article is two-fold.

- Firstly, to invite members of Bushwalking Victoria affiliated clubs to check out our program ([www.sbwc.org.au](http://www.sbwc.org.au)) and to come along on any activity of interest (provided you meet any necessary requirements for gear, fitness or experience). No visitor fee will be charged. For people who are not a member of a bushwalking club, we normally charge a visitor fee of \$5, which we deduct from the initial membership fee if they join our club within 3 months.
- Secondly, to ask other clubs, (especially the smaller country clubs) to consider offering similar reciprocal arrangements. If any decide to do so, we would be glad to hear from them.

We welcome members of other clubs on our activities. Everyone benefits from the participation – it opens the possibility of new friendships; opens us to new ideas and often generates interesting discussions. Also increased participation might sometimes mean that an activity can go ahead when lack of numbers might otherwise cause its cancellation.

Perhaps Bushwalking Victoria could facilitate this sort of inter-club activity by publishing a list of clubs that decide to do it and place the list on their website.

We would be happy to discuss this if any club has any queries, and I intend to suggest that the idea be placed on the agenda for discussion at one of the proposed quarterly meetings of club presidents.

Michael Haynes, President, Strzelecki Bushwalking Club

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## Echuca Moama and Benalla Bushwalking Clubs' combined walk

### Mt Buffalo National Park, 13-15 November 2015

The groups camped at the Lake Catani campground, where all the sites have been newly surfaced with gravel.

After setting up camp, the Echuca Moama group did short but interesting walk along the Chalwell Galleries track, a passageway of boulders to scramble over. On we did the Big Walk; the five women walked up to the Chalet and the three men walked down from the Chalet.



On Saturday evening the Benalla bushwalkers arrived in time for nibbles and chatter, and on Sunday all groups did the South Buffalo walk.

Adapted from an article in the Echuca Moama January 2016 newsletter

# New Chief Executive Starts at Parks Victoria

Media Release, 10 December 2015

Bradley Fauteux has joined Parks Victoria as its new Chief Executive. Mr Fauteux was the Managing Director of Ontario Parks and a Board Member at the Canadian Parks Council.

He has extensive experience in park management, environmental issues and stakeholder relations.

He has also developed and implemented digital technologies, which have played a vital role in transforming the communication of park experiences for Ontarian park users.

## Quotes attributable to Parks Victoria Chief Executive Bradley Fauteux:

**“I have been blessed to serve as a leader in the public service for the last 13 years and I am honoured to continue that service in the great State of Victoria as the Chief Executive of Parks Victoria.”**

**“The opportunity to work alongside such a passionate and dedicated group of colleagues, who are caring for the environment and combating the effects of climate change, is humbling.”**

**“People are at their healthiest and happiest when they’re out experiencing nature and we’re really blessed in Victoria to have so many wonderful landscapes to explore.”**

**“Through Parks Victoria’s *Healthy Parks Healthy People* approach to managing parks, which has been adopted around the world, we have a wonderful opportunity to improve the lives of parks and the people that care for them.”**

**“I’m looking forward to many conversations with Victorians about how we best manage their parks.”**



Parks Victoria manages 4.2 million hectares of parks and waterways across Victoria, and instigated the world-wide *Healthy Parks Healthy People* approach to park management. **Victoria’s parks and waterways** attract over 100 million visits each year.

**The Victorian Government’s report *Valuing Victoria’s Parks (2015)* indicates that visitors to our parks system contribute \$1.4 billion in annual spending to the visitor economy, and create 14,000 jobs while underpinning clean air, water supply and other environmental services.**

# Point Nepean Master Plan Review

Parks Victoria is currently reviewing the Point Nepean National Park Master Plan. An important element of this review is community and stakeholder consultation.

A draft master plan, which involved extensive community and stakeholder consultation, was prepared and exhibited in 2010. It was prepared within the planning and management context provided by the *Point Nepean National Park and Point Nepean Quarantine Station Management Plan 2009*.

The review will be undertaken within the following consultation program:

Phase 1	<b>Engagement</b> Parks Victoria seeks feedback on a discussion paper which summarises key elements of the 2010 draft master plan, their rationale and the previous feedback received during consultation. <b>2 Point Nepean National Park Master Plan Information Days</b> which will be held at Badcoe Hall in the Quarantine Station on <b>Friday 5 and Saturday 6 February</b> from <b>10am-3pm</b> .	Jan-Mar 2016
Phase 2	<b>Preparation</b> Parks Victoria prepares a revised final draft of the master plan.	Mar-May 2016
Phase 3	<b>Consultation</b> Formal exhibition of the final draft master plan, including consultation with community and stakeholders, local information sessions and targeted stakeholder meetings.	June – July 2016
Phase 4	<b>Finalisation</b> Amendment of the master plan in response to community and stakeholder consultation.	Aug-Oct 2016
Phase 5	<b>Approval and release</b>	Late 2016

## Have your say

As part of phase 1 of the review, Parks Victoria is seeking your feedback on a discussion paper which summarises the process and feedback from consultation to date.

You can provide feedback on the discussion paper by:

- Emailing us with your comments at [pointnepeanmasterplan@parks.vic.gov.au](mailto:pointnepeanmasterplan@parks.vic.gov.au)
- Send us a letter addressed to:  
Point Nepean Master Plan Comments  
Level 10, 535 Bourke Street,  
Melbourne VIC 3000
- Completing a brief online questionnaire.

For further enquiries, call the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963.

## Document list

- [Discussion paper](#) (1.2MB PDF)
- [Point Nepean Quarantine Station Management Plan 2009](#) (PDF 7.2MB)
- [Draft 2010 Point Nepean National Park Master Plan](#) (PDF 10MB)

# Bushwalking News Victoria Survey

There were 323 responses to the survey – an excellent response. Thanks you all for your responses; I greatly appreciate the additional free-text feedback.

Below is a summary. In due course, details of the results and the analysis will be found on the Bushwalking Victoria website, with a link from the **News Blog** panel (under the **What We Do** menu).

Half the respondents were members of metropolitan clubs. A quarter were from regional clubs – really great to hear from them. The remainder were from people who did not belong to a club – which is a surprise.

More than half the respondents are or had been members of club committees.

65% of respondents received their copy of *Bushwalking News Victoria* directly from Bushwalking Victoria. Only one-third said that they received their copy via their club. This means that most clubs are not routinely forwarding the newsletter to their members, and this would at least partially explain why there was relatively **poor response rate from ‘ordinary’ club members**.

Almost 80% of respondents read *Bushwalking News Victoria* on their computer. 13.5% read it on a tablet and only 7% read in on a mobile phone. The current digital version of the newsletter is designed principally for mobile phone, so the design definitely needs revisiting. Only a small minority of respondents were aware that a pdf /print friendly version of the newsletter is available on the Bushwalking Victoria website.

Many recipients commented that they did not like having to go to Bushwalking Victoria website to read full articles.

When it came to newsletter content:

- 80% of respondents wanted articles about what Bushwalking Victoria is doing on behalf of clubs/bushwalkers – a very important consideration for the board
- 78% wanted articles about the BTAC program and activities – this will make the BTAC committee happy as they work hard to keep bushwalkers informed about BTAC activities
- 74% wanted news about what government and land-managers are doing that affects bushwalkers – another very important consideration for the board
- 60% wanted the newsletter to include contributions from bushwalkers
- 58% wanted articles about what the clubs are doing.

Here, I will comment only on the last two items. There will be a bit of spleen venting. For more contributions from bushwalkers to be included in *Bushwalking News Victoria*, bushwalkers and club committees need to send in articles. There are about 8000 bushwalking club members; more than 200,000 Victorians claim bushwalking is their principal recreation activity. Only occasionally does *Bushwalking News Victoria* receive contributions. So contribute!

Most clubs have a newsletter of some sort. These newsletters are the principal source of information about what clubs are doing. But only a small number of clubs send their newsletters to Bushwalking Victoria. **Bushwalking Victoria’s office manager routinely forwards the newsletters she receives to the editor of *Bushwalking News Victoria*.** I read every one I get, looking for articles of interest to the bushwalking community. So club committees and editors include Bushwalking Victoria ([admin@bushwalkingvictoria.com.au](mailto:admin@bushwalkingvictoria.com.au)) in your distribution list.

Only 11% of editors of club newsletters include any copy from *Bushwalking News Victoria* in their own newsletters. **The free text comments did not explain why this number is so low.** ‘Occasionally’ is not really an informative response. Most of the free text responses to this question were from people who said they were not/never had been newsletter editors! When combined with the fact that only a third of respondents received *Bushwalking News Victoria* from their club, it means that club members are missing out on information about what is going on in the broader bushwalking community.

However two editors commented that they found the digital version of the newsletter difficult to convert to a format they could use for their newsletters, one of whom suggested that a MS Word version of the *Bushwalking News Victoria* be sent to them.

Only 25% of the respondents knew the Bushwalking Victoria Facebook page existed. Only 10 people looked at it regularly.

Joslin Guest, editor

## New Website with Victorian Walking Tracks

**Trail Hiking** is a website that provides detailed information on 157 hikes in Victoria, plus some walks in other states. Darren and Julie Edwards have been recording their hikes for the past few years, writing trail notes and taking photos. The website includes trail descriptions, key features, maps, gpx files, elevation profiles, and picture. Darren and Julie also ask the hiking community to submit their favourite trails and gpx files for inclusion.

For more information, go to <http://www.trailhiking.com.au/>.

Adapted from the Echuca Moama January 2016 newsletter

### Note from the editor:

And if you are planning to added a walk to **this website**, also add the walk to Bushwalking Victoria’s [where2walk](#) facility

**where2walk** lists 216 walks in Victoria. Three new walks have recently been added and 79 walks updated. To access the full details of each walk, log in using your Club Voucher Code if you are a club member or your Individual Supporter ID as relevant.

## BWV Membership Card Benefits, February 2016

For Affiliates, BSAR and Individual Members

Your current Bushwalking Victoria membership card enables you to obtain discounts from a number of mainly Melbourne based retailers of bushwalking equipment and services. Below is a current list of our stakeholders.

Note that Bushwalking Victoria membership cards need to be presented prior to processing of sale.

## Travel

- Outdoor Travel  
5% on Outdoor Travel tours and all reservations made directly with the office at Bright  
Check out their website or join their email newsletter subscription list for tours and current deals  
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Phone: 1800 331 582 | Email: [info@outdoortravel.com.au](mailto:info@outdoortravel.com.au)
- Discovery Holiday Parks, Cradle Mountain  
20% discount off shoulder and low season rates (16 April - 2 December)  
Contact Claire on 03 6492 1289, 1800 068 574  
[www.discoveryholidayparks.com.au](http://www.discoveryholidayparks.com.au)

## Gear

- **AJAY's Snow and Country Sports**, Heathmont - 10% off RRP
- Bogong Equipment, Melbourne - 10% off RRP
- EMC, Eastern Mountain Centre, Deepdene - 10% off RRP
- Melbourne Map Centre, Malvern East - 5% discount
- Paddy Pallin, Melbourne, Hawthorn and Ringwood - 10% off RRP
- The Wilderness Shop, Box Hill - 10% off RRP
- Smitten: Tasmania, merino wear for the outdoors 15% off RRP  
To order, email [www.smittenmerino.com](http://www.smittenmerino.com)
- Woodslane Walking Guides  
20% discount for online orders.  
Note:
  - Must quote "Walking" at the Checkout to obtain your discount.
  - There is a \$5 shipping charge with each order under \$100 net  
Free shipping for anything over \$100 net<https://secure.woodslaneonline.com.au/promotion/walking/woodslane-walking-guides>

Note: RRP = Regular Retail Price-does not include sale or consignment items or hire gear

## Contributions

Email or post news, views, club profiles, articles, photographs, sketches and letters on any topic of interest to bushwalkers (publication is subject to editorial approval) to:

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24 Moorhouse Street, Camberwell Victoria 3124

**Deadline** for the March 2016 edition: Monday 15 February 2016.

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Editor: Joslin Guest

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