

# Bushwalking News Victoria



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## Walking and Talking with the Bushwalking Victoria President

### Bushwalking Victoria Branding

Well, we are reaching the end of another year; 2014 has passed frighteningly quickly. A lot of things have happened this year in Bushwalking Victoria, highlighted by our new branding, which seems to have been very well received. We'll be using the new branding in our major projects next year, which will include a push to promote bushwalking to a wider public as a healthy, socially inclusive, safe and enjoyable activity.

### Walk Leader Training

We have been successful in getting support from Sports and Recreation Victoria to assist in the development of an extended walk leader training course to cover base camps, pack carries and walking in challenging environments. Once again, the intention is for Bushwalking Victoria to deliver the course initially and then to make it available to all bushwalking clubs via our website.

The training development team is busy scoping the content of the extended course. I'll keep you updated with their progress.

Meanwhile, if you would like to access the current Walk Leader Training course material, follow the instructions in *Accessing Walk Leader Training Materials*.

## Federation 2014

Federation 2014 was an outstanding success, as the 295 bushwalkers from all over the state who attended know. The four clubs that did the organising - West Gippsland Bushwalkers, Strzelecki Bushwalking Club, Ben Cruachan Walking Club and South Gippsland Walking and Adventure Club - put on a terrific show, great walks and superb entertainment at a great venue. What more could we ask for! Thank you, all the organising clubs and the many volunteers who gave their time and effort to making it all work so well.

Thank you also to those many walkers (over 60% of the total attendance) who responded to the survey of attendees. The results of the survey will be published on the Bushwalking Victoria website.

Last but not least, thank you to the local staff from Parks Victoria and Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI) whose cooperation and assistance contributed so much to our enjoyment of the tracks and trails we walked on over the weekend.

## Bushwalking Australia

The annual Bushwalking Australia face-to-face meeting occurred this year in South Australia in November. Bushwalking Australia has now agreed on its key goals and strategies, and we are working on a strategic plan for the next few years.

As President of Bushwalking Victoria, I am very much committed to the success of Bushwalking Australia. If we are to have a greater influence on behalf of bushwalkers in Victoria, we must be aware that we are living in an environment where people travel far and wide for their bushwalking. This means that what affects us in Victoria affects bushwalkers from throughout Australia who walk here and, conversely, what happens in other states affects many Victorian bushwalkers.

It is my firm belief that, in order to get the best outcomes for bushwalkers, we need a strong Bushwalking Victoria, backed and supported by a strong Outdoors Victoria organisation and a strong and effective Bushwalking Australia. We intend to continue to work closely with both organisations in 2015. For this reason, Bushwalking Australia and Outdoors Victoria have appeared frequently in my column and will continue to do so.

## Outdoors Victoria Policy Agenda

The election of a new state government will present some challenges for Bushwalking Victoria as we learn how the change will be affect the main government organisations we interact with: Parks Victoria, DEPI and Sports and Recreation Victoria.

In particular, we will be closely watching the outcome for the Victorian Trails Strategy. Although it was an initiative of the previous Coalition Government in Victoria, we believe that the strategy, although not perfect, has considerable merit and provides a coherent picture for the future of trails development and management in Victoria. It would be a pity if the hard work we and many other organisations put in were to be lost.

## Trail Users Forum

As readers of this column would be aware, I have been advocating for some months now, for the formation of a Victorian Trail Users Forum (preferably coordinated by Outdoors Victoria). The forum would concentrate on formulating a set of guidelines for land managers, covering issues such as where trails should be sited, where and when trails can be shared, fair access to all trail users and guidelines to minimise contentious issues.

The [Greater Alpine National Park Draft Management Plan](#) foreshadows such a forum for

the alpine area, and we supported this in our submission on the plan (available at [http://www.bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/files/Submissions/2014\\_08\\_14\\_Greater\\_Alpine\\_National\\_Parks\\_Draft\\_Management\\_Plan.pdf](http://www.bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/files/Submissions/2014_08_14_Greater_Alpine_National_Parks_Draft_Management_Plan.pdf)). We believe that such a forum is needed in order to prevent single-user groups gaining undue influence and we hope it will foster a more cooperative attitude towards the sharing of a finite resource at a time when pressure on our trail network is increasing inexorably.

We will be advocating that the forum (which may well operate on a regional or local basis) should form an integral part of the implementation of the Victoria Trails Strategy.

Finally, I'd like to wish all members of the Victorian bushwalking community, a safe and happy holiday period, and all the best for 2015.

See you on the track  
**Tony Walker**



## Bushwalking Victoria on Facebook

Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/bushwalkingvictoria>.

Help Bushwalking Victoria to get a total of 500 'Likes' on our Facebook page.

I have recently been given responsibility for managing and maintaining Bushwalking Victoria's Facebook page and have been posting content of specific interest to bushwalkers, as well as covering activities Bushwalking Victoria undertakes such as Bush Tracks and Conservation track clearing, annual Federation walk event, leadership forum and leadership training.

Individual members and members of our affiliate and associate members clubs are encouraged to head to our page and 'Like Us'.

If your club has a Facebook page, let me know so we can 'Like' and 'Follow' each other.

Also welcome are images from club walks, and news and information on club/member activities to be shared on our page.

Let's see how quickly we can reach the target of 500 'Likes'.

**Patsy Scales**  
**Bushwalking Victoria Office Manager**



## Accessing Walk Leader Training Materials

To access the Walk Leader Training material, you need to log on as a member in the Bushwalking Victoria website.

### Member Account Holders

If you already have an account:

1. Open the Bushwalking Victoria website.
2. Click **Login**.
3. Enter your account details.
4. Click **Members**.
5. Select **Walk Leader Training** to access to the course materials.

### Creating a Member Account

If you don't have an account, create one as follows:

1. Open the Bushwalking Victoria website
2. Click **Become a Member**.
3. Select **Member Individual at \$16.50**.

NOTE: If you are a member of a bushwalking club you do not need to pay the individual membership fee. Before proceeding to step 4, obtain the Coupon Code from your club's secretary. It is the same code that provides free access to *where2walk* to bushwalking club members.

4. Click **Subscribe Now**.
5. Fill in your details.
6. To waive the individual membership fee, enter the Coupon Code for your bushwalking club.
7. Once your subscription has been completed, follow the instructions for member account holders above to access the training materials.

## Shared Trails: Catering for Walkers on Rail Trails

Most Rail Trail Australia (RTA) members have cycled along our wonderful rail trails; enjoying the scenery, thriving with the lack of traffic and the clear signage at cross-roads, cruising on a typical fine gravel or granitic sand surface and stopping at facilities located at reasonable intervals along the way. But do walkers look for different attributes? How should trail managers and friends groups make sure that all users are catered for?

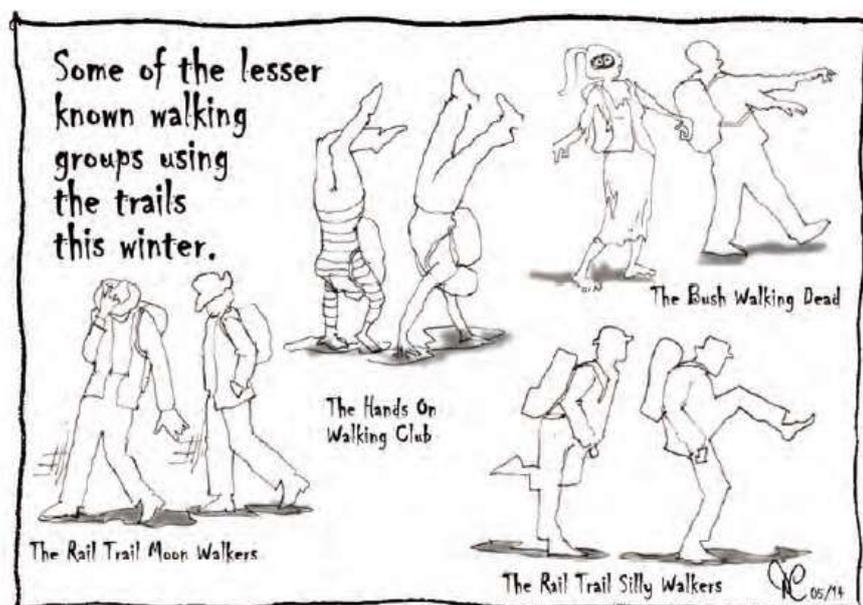
Walkers travel slower, so information about the distance travelled needs to be reasonably frequent. Some trails have kilometre markers for the whole trail; these markers would be particularly helpful for the popular sections of a trail. Some trails offer little privacy for a call of nature - accurate information on the location of toilet facilities and drinking water along the trail can make all the difference.

Compacted trail surfaces are a joy for cyclists, but might be difficult for walkers by the end of a long day. Walkers may at times prefer to use a grassed section alongside the trail – it can help if these sections are clear of rocks and the grass is slashed.

Pedestrians always have right-of-way. Cyclists should be encouraged to keep an eye out for pedestrians, to use a bell to warn pedestrians and slow down when passing. These courtesies will make the trail more enjoyable for walkers. Similarly, pedestrians need to be aware that cyclists cannot stop or change direction instantly and unexpected changes of direction by walkers and dogs (even on leads) can be real hazards to cyclists.

Find out more about the needs of walkers by asking local walking groups and trail users about your trail and how it could be more walker-friendly. Be part of the trial of trail user surveys to find out how many walkers are already using your trail.

RTA is keen to hear about actions that Friends Groups and other trail managers have taken to support walkers and other users. If you have any tips, please email the editors of the Rail Trails Australia newsletter at [editor@railtrails.org.au](mailto:editor@railtrails.org.au).



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# Park Management Plans

## Kakadu National Park

The Australian National Parks Service has issued a draft management plan for Kakadu National Park. This is the sixth plan for the park and will guide management of the park for the next 10 years. Kakadu is a popular and iconic destination for bushwalkers from Australia and overseas, and the plan is likely to have important implications for how and where bushwalking can be undertaken, such as permits, fees and charges, areas that can/cannot be accessed, etc.

The draft plan, fact sheets, submission form etc. are available at <http://www.environment.gov.au/resource/kakadu-draft-management-plan>.

The deadline for public comment is 30 January 2015. Given the importance of the draft plan, Bushwalking Victoria will make a submission on behalf of Bushwalking Australia and welcomes input from bushwalkers, bushwalking clubs or bushwalking organisations. Individuals, clubs and other bushwalking organisations are also encouraged to consider making their own submissions.

The address for submissions if you do not use the online submission form is:

- Email address: [KakaduPlan@environment.gov.au](mailto:KakaduPlan@environment.gov.au) or
- Postal address: Planning Officer, Kakadu National Park, PO Box 71, Jabiru NT 0886

**Chris Towers**  
**President, Bushwalking Australia**  
**Bushwalking Victoria board member**

# Bushwalking Environment

## Alpine Sphagnum Bogs and Associated Fens Ecological Community National Recovery Plan

Alpine vegetation is particularly susceptible to change in general, along with a range of more specific adverse impacts. Where degradation has occurred, the recovery of structure and function takes several decades, even when the source of the degradation is removed. If Sphagnum has been completely lost from a site, both the Sphagnum and the bogs which depend on it for the development of permanently moist conditions become locally extinct unless new Sphagnum plants can be introduced.

The key threats to Sphagnum bogs and associated fens are fire; climate change; domestic livestock; invasive fauna (feral horses, deer and pigs; rabbits, foxes, cats and trout); invasive flora (e.g., sallow willow and hawkweed); pathogens and diseases (e.g., Chytrid fungus which is a known pathogen that affects Australian frogs); and infrastructure, development and recreation, which includes us bushwalkers.

You can read the draft plan at <http://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/resources/9cc1f452-9121-44e1-aa88-80939c14d404/files/draft-recovery-plan-alpine-sphagnum-bogs.pdf>

Bushwalking Victoria's submission regarding alpine sphagnum bogs and fens is available at [http://www.bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/files/Submissions/2014\\_11\\_24\\_Response\\_to\\_the\\_Draft\\_Alpine\\_Sphagnum\\_Bogs\\_etc\\_Recovery\\_Plan.pdf](http://www.bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/files/Submissions/2014_11_24_Response_to_the_Draft_Alpine_Sphagnum_Bogs_etc_Recovery_Plan.pdf).

## Wild Horses Management, Victoria and NSW

Increased publicity surrounding the conditions and management of wild (feral) horses - or brumbies, as they're known colloquially - has coincided with the review of both the Victorian Alps and Kosciuszko National Park five-year Wild Horse Management Plans.

The New South Wales Parks and Wildlife service had a public consultation process throughout November, while the Victorian government used a roundtable group and public consultation to produce a draft management plan that will be opened up to the public for comment.

During the consultation process undertaken by the state governments, stakeholders from all backgrounds voiced strong opinions on the best way to control horse populations in protected areas and about how much control is necessary.

The *Wild* magazine article (see link below) about the review process concludes that the ideological divide between environmentalists, bushwalkers and the Snowy Mountain Horse Riders Association remain as intractable as ever.

To find out, more visit the relevant websites, including:

- NSW Parks and Wildlife Service at <https://engage.environment.nsw.gov.au/protectsnowies>
- Parks Victoria at <http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/explore/parks/alpine-national-park/plans-and-projects/victorian-alps-wild-horse-management-plan>
- Wild horse management and control methods at [http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0011/574148/Background-Paper-3-Wild-horse-management-and-control-methods.pdf](http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/574148/Background-Paper-3-Wild-horse-management-and-control-methods.pdf)
- Human dimensions of wild horse management in the Victorian ALPS at [http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/574131/Information-Sheet-3-Human-Dimensions-of-Wild-Horses.pdf](http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/574131/Information-Sheet-3-Human-Dimensions-of-Wild-Horses.pdf).

Bushwalking Victoria's submission regarding wild horses is available at [http://www.bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/files/Submissions/2013\\_07\\_10\\_Vic\\_Alps\\_Wild\\_Horses.pdf](http://www.bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/files/Submissions/2013_07_10_Vic_Alps_Wild_Horses.pdf).

**Original article: *Wild Magazine*, November 2014**  
<https://www.wild.com.au/news/article/alpine-feral-horse-management>

## Protection of Large Owls

Environment East Gippsland has launched legal action against the Victorian government for its alleged failure to properly protect three threatened species of owl in East Gippsland because the previous Coalition Government in Victoria did not allocate replacement habitat area to compensate for protected zones lost to bushfire.

**Source:** <http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2014/nov/06/environment-group-takes-victorian-government-to-court-over-owl-reserves>

For more information about large owls and their protection, see:

- [http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0008/192932/DEPI\\_ARI\\_web.pdf](http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/192932/DEPI_ARI_web.pdf), section 2.5 *Large Forest Owls and Gliders*
- [http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0005/230828/1-Powerful-Owl-Survey-Standards-FINALv1.0\\_2MAY11.pdf](http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/230828/1-Powerful-Owl-Survey-Standards-FINALv1.0_2MAY11.pdf)
- [http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0006/251169/Barking\\_Owl\\_Ninox\\_connivens.pdf](http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/251169/Barking_Owl_Ninox_connivens.pdf)
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- <http://www.vicforests.com.au/forest-owls>
- <http://www.oren.org.au/issues/endspp/powerfulowlIAS.htm>.

## BTAC Track and Conservation Program

<b>24-26 Jan, 2015 Falls Creek</b>	<p>The annual Sallow Willow Eradication weekend is currently being planned.</p> <p>Contact Charlie Ablitt at <a href="mailto:conservation@bushwalkingvictoria.org.au">conservation@bushwalkingvictoria.org.au</a> for more information and to register interest in joining the activity.</p>
<b>20- 23 Mar 2015 AATW</b>	<p>Australian Alps Walking Track clearing.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Volunteers will need to bring camping gear, sturdy footwear and wet weather clothing.</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. All safety gear will be provided by Parks Victoria.</p> <p>For further information or to register your interest in the activity, contact the Parks Victoria Latrobe Ranger in Charge, Andy Gillham, on 5172 2186, Mob 0428 333 464 or email <a href="mailto:agillham@parks.vic.gov.au">agillham@parks.vic.gov.au</a>.</p> <p>NOTE: The activity leader may cancel or postpone the activity at short notice due to extreme weather conditions,.</p>

## BTAC Activity Reports

### Australian Alpine Walking Track, Barry Mountains

#### Saturday 1 - Monday 3 November

The Barry Mountains track clearing ended up with four Bushwalking Vic volunteers: Philip Davis (Ben Cruachan); Joslin Guest (Boroondara Bushwalkers), Jim Harker (VMTTC) and Mark Heath (Melbourne Bushwalkers). Unfortunately, the chainsaw operator was unable to attend.

We were transported to and from our work sites by members of the Victorian Mobile Landcare Group (VMLG) who were clearing 4WD tracks in the same area.

We camped at Maclver's picnic area, which is where the VMLG picked us up and dropped as off each day.

**Saturday:** The expected Friday night rain arrived in buckets early on Saturday morning and looked set in for the day. Our Job Safety Analysis specified that in extremely wet weather we were to return to base, so we thought it would probably not be possible to do any work that day. The VMLG group came along around 9:15am and they agreed that

work would be impossible for people with no access to shelter from the weather while we were on the track. We drove out with them for a few hours and got on well with them. It rained heavily the whole time during our excursion and after.

**Sunday:** The weather was good – a bright and sunny day. The VMLG group picked us up and dropped us at the junction of Harry Shepherds Track and Barry Saddle Walking Track. We were to clear into Barry Saddle. We started clearing at about 10:30 am. As deer hunters had been driving along the track as far as Barry Saddle, the track itself was pretty clear on the ground, but in many places wattles were growing over the track at head and shoulder height. Our main work was cutting them back. We cleared the first 3km to a good standard, the next 700m to a rough standard. We didn't reach the saddle, although I walked there and saw that there were only a few spots that needed clearing. The campsite at the saddle is in good condition and the signs at camp are also in good condition. I didn't see the water tank, but a couple of bushwalkers who we met next day reported that it is as in good condition. The part of the track we walked on Sunday was adequately marked, but we put up a few extra markers.

**Monday:** Only three of us worked (as one of us was unwell in the morning) and left camp at 8am for East Riley Rd to clear the walking track from there to Harry Shepherds Track. This time we used our own transport.

We started work around the AAWT junction post to the east of the intersection. We replaced the track marker that was missing from the sign. The water tank near the junction is in good condition and had plenty of water. The outlet doesn't have a tap on it and I am not sure if it's meant to be like that. Water still comes out when you turn the handle, but shoots out with a lot of pressure.

This section of the walking track needed a lot more clearing than the previous day's track. The brush cutter was going continuously. A lot more logs need to be chain-sawed in this section. After about 1.5km we hit a pile of fallen logs. Philip reconnoitred for about 200m and the pile of logs continued. There was no point continuing without a chainsaw, so we headed back around noon.



As we walked out, a couple of bushwalkers came along the track behind us. They said that the track from the point we turned back is in terrible condition with fallen logs. The tops of the ridges were OK, but in the saddles there are continuous fallen logs. We GPSed 10 logs to be cleared before the log jam started. The section between East Riley Rd and Harry Shepherds Track desperately needs a chainsaw party. The two bushwalkers said that the worst section of the AAWT was at Black River, west of Mt Skene; because of fallen logs, it took them two hours to cover 700m.

**Jim Harker, VMTC**

## Sundial Car Park to the Farmyard, Cathedral Range State Park

**Saturday 8 November**

Seven members of Boroondara Bushwalkers worked with ranger Rhyl Shaw to cut back prickly acacia and other vegetation converging on the track, clean the steps and clear the gutters to prepare the track for the peak holiday season.

It was pleasing to see many young people on the track, intending to do either the southern or northern circuit. They all stopped to chat and express their appreciation for what we were doing. It was less pleasing to see how inadequately equipped most were and hear how little comprehension they had of the time it takes to do complete either circuit.

**Joslin Guest, Boroondara Bushwalkers**

## Club Anniversaries



### Melbourne Walking Club - 120 Years

On Sunday 26 October, 52 members and visitors lunched at the Elsternwick Hotel after the commemorative walk from St Kilda to Elsternwick. Visitors included descendants of the club's founder Mr A O Barrett.

At the lunch, the club's president, Trevor Rosen, and other club members reminisced about the formation of the club in 1894 and its founders Arthur Barrett and his brother-in-law, Reverend Ted White. Vern Routley, Gordon Proudfoot, Denis Ward, John Moore and Lance Cranage spoke about their introduction to the club, the pack-carrying treks, overseas tours, and the start of the Third Wednesday Walks, [something missing here?] growth. Also discussed were the decline of membership and the possible introduction of women as full members.

Although it was not mentioned during the speeches, Arthur Barrett was a Manxman, which explains the adaptation of three-legged Triskelion from the Isle of Man's flag as the club's logo. He reversed the direction of the legs.

**Circular, December 2014 (newsletter of the Melbourne Walking Club)**

### Bayside Bushwalking Club - 30 Years



The BBC's 30th Anniversary was celebrated in perfect walking conditions on 5 October. Three groups walked in the Cape Schanck area, revisiting the very first walks undertaken by the BBC. One group did a return walk along the lighthouse trails to Bushrangers Bay. Another group did a circuit walk incorporating the Long Point track, returning via Bushrangers Bay. The third group started from Baldry's Crossing, walked through beautiful Green's Bush and visited Bushrangers Bay. Bushrangers Bay was pretty packed for a while! All groups then met at the Lighthouse car park for cake and bubbles and photos.

**Mary Steel**

**BBC News, November 2014 (newsletter of Bayside Bushwalking Club)**

### Corrections – Benalla Bushwalking Club Anniversary



The article about the Benalla Bushwalking Club's 30th anniversary in the October edition of *Bushwalking News Victoria* contained editorial errors:

- Doug Kneen is the president of the club, not Bob Shaw, as stated in the article.
- All photos were taken by Gill Sydes and were incorrectly attributed to Charlie Ablitt.

Apologies to all parties.

**Joslin Guest, Editor**

## Clean Up the Bush Initiative

Parks Victoria encourages the community to report rubbish dumping. The options for bushwalkers are to report:

- By phone at Parks Victoria Information Centre on 131963
- Online via the EPA Interaction Portal at <https://portal.epa.vic.gov.au/iri/portal>
- Using the Report Litter free mobile app, obtainable from <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.epa.litter&hl=en> and <https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/report-litter/id483072539?mt=8>

Preferably, you should send a photograph of the dumped rubbish or rubbish being dumped. Remember to set your image preferences to record the GPS coordinates and date and time.

On November 8, 65 members of the Gippsland 4WD club, Just Mates 4WD Club and locals in 19 vehicles took part in a trial Clean Up the Bush initiative, searching parks and bushland in the Crossover and Neerim district for rubbish. They took about 480 photographs of illegally dumped rubbish—fridges, tyres, garden waste, etc.

Sources:

<http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/>

*Warrigal and Drouin Gazette, November 25, 2014*

## Trailrider ‘Sherpa’ Opportunity

A Trailrider is a cross between a wheel barrow and sedan chair that allows a disabled person, with the assistance of several helpers (‘sherpas’) to guide the vehicle and to experience being on an otherwise inaccessible bushwalking track. Articles about the Trailrider have appeared in past editions of *Bushwalking News Victoria*.

If you are interested in volunteering to be a Sherpa on the 5km Cornish Hill Track at Daylesford, contact David Stratton at [davidhughstratton@gmail.com](mailto:davidhughstratton@gmail.com). For more information visit David’s blog at <http://trailridertales.blogspot.com.au/>.

## Federation Walks Weekend 2015

Fed15 will be held in the Victorian Goldfields and Spa Country around Daylesford and Hepburn Springs on the weekend of 24-25 October 2015. Make sure these details are included in your club’s activity calendar.

The event will be hosted by the Bayside Bushwalking Club and the Great Dividing Trail Association.



## Seasons Greeting from the Editor

I wish all bushwalkers and readers of *Bushwalking News Victoria* a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you to all the contributors to *Bushwalking News Victoria*. Special thanks to John Campbell, who proofs the newsletter.

**Joslin Guest, editor**

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[www.svmaps.com.au](http://www.svmaps.com.au)

## 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: [editor@bushwalkingvictoria.org.au](mailto:editor@bushwalkingvictoria.org.au) or  
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