

BEN CRUACHAN WALKING CLUB INC.

Minutes for Management Committee Meeting

Held on Wednesday 11th October 2023

at 7:00pm

preceded by Dinner at 6:00pm

Maffra Community Sports Club

1. President's Welcome:

Welcome Committee members and guests (Lyn And Gary Watts, Josie Patterson).

1.1. Attendance: P Jennings, K Knights, J van Beek, G Mattingley, E Davis, J Winterbottom, M Matchen, K Free, R Kercher, R Paterson

1.2. Apologies: M Scicluna, C Snell, J Wigg, J Muir.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

2.1. Confirmation

That the Minutes be confirmed.

Moved: R Patterson **Seconded:** E Davis

Carried

2.2. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Christmas Party

Booked by Monica for November at 12:00 noon for lunch, at the Maffra Community Sports Club. Check the walks website for details, and RSVP Monica 0431777460

Toposcope

J van Beek reported Parks and DELWP have been consulted and given general support for the club plan and decision making on this. Further talks are planned for next week.

3. Correspondence:

That the correspondence below be confirmed.

Moved: R Kercher **Seconded:** P Jennings

Carried

4. President's Report

That the President's report below be confirmed be confirmed.

Moved: P Jennings **Seconded:** K Free

Carried

5. Treasurer

That the Treasurers' report be confirmed, and the account to the Treasurer be paid.

Moved: J Winterbottom **Seconded:** K Free
Carried

6. Tracks and Conservation

McMillans Track report below

BTAC report below

Moved: J van Beek **Seconded:** K Knights
Carried

7. Publicity

That the Publicity report be confirmed

Moved: K Knights **Seconded:** R Kercher
Carried

8. Facebook

Report noted, thanks J Wigg. Picture of Mitchell circulated. Beautiful.

9. Membership

122 members

7 non-walkers

8 newsletter only

7 dual members

Moved: K Free **Seconded:** R Patterson
Carried

10. Walks Program

10.1 Current Status

Looking for more walks, recce of Buchan soon for walk

Moved: G Mattingley **Seconded:** K Free
Carried

11. Management of Website

Task group has been actioned

12. Combined Club Walks 2024

In hand thanks Joe. Getting quotes for Licola Village March or April

13. 60th Birthday Celebrations

In hand as per president's report

14. Newsletter

In hand

Moved: J Winterbottom

Seconded: J van Beek

Carried

15. General Business:

First Aid Kits- J van Beek will send a list of out of date items to R Kercher from the blue bag.

Scams- Website committee will discuss and bring to next meeting

Ken showed us some information about the naming of Ben Cruachan from the book by Don Watson Caledonia Australis.

Need for full address on paper attendance sheet

Non-members need to pay cash to walk, even if with a member

ACTION LIST

ACTION	WHO	STATUS
Traralgon club night November – guest speaker	Peter	Yes
Website update	Ken, Geoff, Rob, Janine	Pending
Ben Cruachan plinth and toposcope	Joe and Peter	Commenced
Internet banking	Marian	Done
Club 60 th anniversary celebrations 2024-25	Jack and Monica	Commenced
Xmas lunch	Monica	Booked
Gippsland combined clubs walks 2024 - coordination	Joe	Commenced
Send list of out-of-date item in blue bag 1 st aid kit to RK	Joe	Pending

Meeting closed

Next Committee Meeting:

Maffra Community Sports Club December 13

Next Social Meeting:

November 8 Venue, Wan Loy Traralgon

Check venues for future Social Meetings and Speakers

President's Report – October meeting

1. Thanks to Liz for filling in for me while we were in France – unfortunately we didn't get to Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Czech Republic and Germany ☹️.

2. Prior to leaving on our trip I hadn't received a call back about the suggested Moscow Villa guest speaker for November. I had heard that Peter Synan (Sale historian) had given a very good talk in Sale on the Sale Common/wetlands a few months ago. As Monica has led walks in the Common I thought that might be a good talk for us too. I discussed the idea with Ken who offered to follow up with Peter, successfully. Thanks Ken.

Treasurer's Report

BEN CRUACHAN WALKING CLUB
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2023

Bank balance as at 1st August 2023 \$ 1,215.38

INCOME:

Memberships: A. Tilley, J. Phillipson, D. Prowse,
Clark Steel Construction, P. Roberts, C. Fuller.

M. Dowe, S. Wesson, S. Howlett 311.00

Visitor fees 50.00

McMillians End to End - R. Kercher MMWT 350.00

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TOTAL INCOME \$ 1,061.00

EXPENDITURE:

R. Kercher (Present for Jodi Wigg's baby 249586 45.00

M. Scicluna (Wilson Prom 2023) 249587 952.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 997.00

Less: Presented cheque 249583 135.68

Bank Balance at 30 September 2023 \$ 1,143.70

Term Deposit \$5041.09 due 14th October, 2023

Term Deposit \$5000.00 due 17th November, 2023

Term Deposit \$10,000.00 due 14th February, 2024

BCWC \$12,883.21

MMWT \$8,301.58

CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming

R Dawson	Walk enquiry
K Knights	First aid items out of date
Various Replies	Larapinta Walk 2024
Gipps Sport	Various Grant Applications
M Scicluna	Consumer Affairs
Hanlon Family	Thankyou re Dorothy Hanlon
Bushwalking Victoria	Bulletin
P Jennings	60 th Birthday
E Gippsland Visitor Information	2024 Renewal
BWV	Webinar
BWV	Bushwalking News
Easyweb	Billing
BWV	Club update
C Trevorrow	Womens Film night Heyfield
T Francis	Sport Club Grants
K Dorbor	Borrowing Gaiters
Bogong Equipment	Inroduction
K Gavins	Conservation Matters
M Toledo	Melbourne Hiking
T Earnst	Wirildera Walk
B Portes	Larapinta
E Davis	Macalister 4WD Club Emergency Training
E Harris	Membership

OUTGOING CORRESPONSENCE

M Toledo	Melbourne Hiking
T Earnst	Wirildera Walk
E Davis, G Mattingley	Walks Calendar
E Harris	Membership
T Francis	Sport Club Grants
K Dorbor	Borrowing Gaiters
B Portes	Larapinta

ALL MEMBERS

Club	Newsletter
Bushwalking Victoria	Bulletin
SBWC	News
Club	Minutes
C Trevorrow	Womens Film night Heyfield
R Kercher	Larapinta Walk
SBWC	News

PUBLICITY REPORT

KERRY KNIGHTS

The Publicity momentum dropped off considerably over Sept as I was away. Whilst newspapers in the Latrobe Valley and around Sale have readily embraced the articles and photos which are sent through over the past months, Bairnsdale has been reluctant to publish ... until now. I have had a request from them to provide articles for their supplementary publications, which is a good starting point. I am thankful to those who send me walk reports, including BTAC articles, which I can easily forward on. The aim of submitting articles is always to increase the profile of the Club, and encourage guest walkers. Thanks to all those who assist me in my role. Kerry

FACEBOOK REPORT

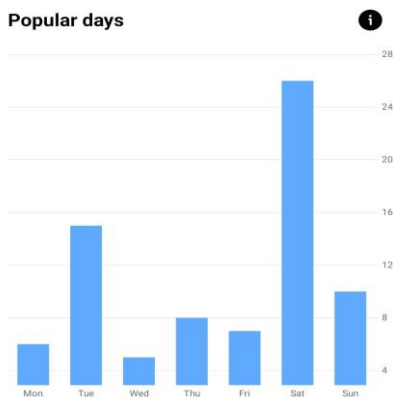
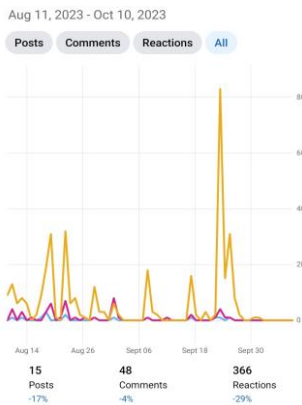
JODIE WIGG

Memberships

New member requests (last 60 days) = 13
 Growth (last 60 days) = 3%
 Total members = 499











Engagement:

Posts (last 60 days) = 15
 Comments (last 60 days) = 48
 Reactions (last 60 days) = 366
 Active members (last 60 days) = 412



Top contributors

Aug 11, 2023 - Oct 10, 2023

-  **Joe Scicluna**
2 posts · 0 comments
-  **Rob Paterson**
1 post · 2 comments
-  **Dan Prowse**
1 post · 0 comments
-  **Wilhelmina Streckfuss**
0 posts · 1 comment
-  **Josie Paterson**
0 posts · 1 comment
-  **April Freely**
0 posts · 1 comment
-  **Becky Horsham**
0 posts · 1 comment
-  **Friends of Tyers Park**
0 posts · 1 comment
-  **Red Jones**
0 posts · 1 comment
-  **Daniel Shugg**
0 posts · 1 comment

Tracks and Conservation.

Report from Joe van Beek for BCWC October Committee Meeting

4.3 Tracks and Conservation Report

McMillans Walking Track

Five members attended the track maintenance activity on MMWT on 9 August to clear the section near Talbotville, from Brewery Creek Track to Pioneer Racecourse. See report in August Newsletter. I had the pleasure of meeting up with a walker from WA who had recently walked the track solo. He was full of praise for the work BCWC did on the track and their role in the production of the guide book.

BTAC

The August activity from 18th to 20th was in the Howqua Historical Area on Eagle Peaks Track. Two BCWC members attended. See attached Report.

The September activity in the Croajingolong National Park was cancelled due to the risk of bush fires and low number of registrations. It has been rescheduled to the ANZAC weekend in April next year. The BTAC committee met on 5 October to firm up further activities. The latest program of activities is available on the BTAC page of the Bushwalking Victoria Website.

Two BCWC members are registered for the October (26-29) activity to clear Duane and T Spur tracks on the AAWT in the Mt Bogong area. In November (18-19) BTAC volunteers will be back in the Howque Hills realigning the Stanley Name Spur Track from Circuit Road to Mt Thorn.

Conservation:

Still awaiting details from Parks Victoria Ovens Region with respect to helping to plant out former ski slopes on Mount Buffalo with native species in February next year.

Where Eagles Soar

EAGLES PEAKS TRACK CLEARING 15-17 SEPTEMBER 2023

Eight BTAC volunteers recently travelled to the Sheeppark Flats in the Howqua area to clear the bottom section of the Eagles Peaks Walking Track. This 6km section entailed a steep climb of 400 metres in elevation to the 1.8km mark and then a gentle ascension to the 5km mark and then a steep section of 1.0km to the top of a knoll at 1236 metres. The volunteers were afforded the luxury of camping at Parks Victoria's Blackbird Depot, about 2km from the start of the track at Davons Flat. Although volunteer numbers were fewer than expected but with the great help from Rangers James and Tahlia the whole section of track was cleared of logs, apart from a very small number of stepover logs, and the brush cutting, trimming and raking was completed to within 1km of the objective. The initial bottom 1.8km had been cleared previously.



It was pleasing to have the company of two new volunteers, Mike and John and a returning volunteer Gabby, who toiled on clearing the very dense track regrowth.

The BTAC team were very appreciative of Parks Victoria for allowing them to access the facilities at the Blackbird Depot, especially the hot shower facility. The great support and contributions from Rangers James and Tahlia were much appreciated. They also prepared a sumptuous meal for the volunteers on Saturday evening. A big thanks to Rangers Jim and Tahlia who carried out a reconnoitre of the track in early August which was very helpful in planning the tools required for the clearing activities.

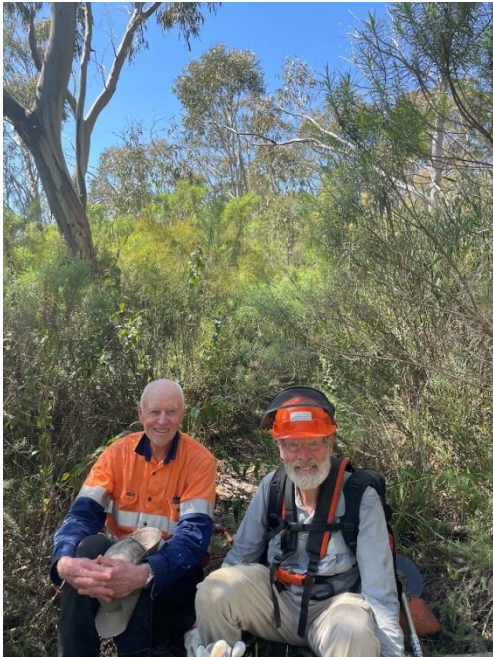
BTAC statistics include 192 volunteer work hours, 70 travelling hours and 14 administration hours. The BTAC team look forward to returning to the area in mid-November when a track from Circuit

Road to Mount Thorn will be cleared. This event will be a good opportunity for new volunteers to participate in the BTAC activities.

The attached photographs show conditions encountered and volunteers in action.

Clearing work: hedge trimmer

brush cutter



Before

After clearing





Lunch

break