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THE NEWS

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Great South West Walk - D. Shand

WE ARE A MEMBER OF



Bushwalking Victoria

Members of the Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc meet on Wednesday evenings between 6.30-8.30 pm in the club rooms at:

**Mission to Seafarers Victoria
717 Flinders Street
Docklands**

Visitors are always welcome!

General correspondence should be directed to:

The Secretary
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NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members:

Helen Andersen	Ishbel Morrison
Manjula Balmurugan	Paul Nguyen
Dean Crowley	Kimalee Reid
Rosemary Latimer	Thao Trinh



The News of the Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc (The News) is published monthly, and is the official newsletter of Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.

Editor: Deb Shand

Calls for expressions of interest for club activities and extended trips, walk reviews, articles, poems, news items, photographs of Club events, reports of new gear, book/ movie reviews, letters to the editor, advertisements, et cetera are always welcome. However, the Editor reserves the right to edit contributions where space, clarity or propriety dictate, and to maintain editorial consistency.

Note: photographs should be sent as separate high resolution files which are capable of being edited.

Please send your contributions as unformatted text files by email to news@mbw.org.au

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Advertisements should relate to bushwalking (e.g. gear, maps, trips, tours, health and fitness etc.). These may be published subject to space availability and Editor's discretion. For current advertising rates contact the Editor at news@mbw.org.au

Next committee meeting: Monday 5 July

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Due date for contributions to August News: 21 July
Email: news@mbw.org.au



President's Column

Dear members

I hope that you, your loved ones, and your friends are safe and well. I can honestly say that I've never experienced an event with such a drastic impact on how we live and work as the COVID-19 pandemic. Now more than ever, we must do the right things and be prepared to take steps beyond what we're typically required to do.

In May we had to make the difficult decision to postpone our 80th anniversary event once more. As much as we wanted to celebrate this month at last, with the restrictions in place at the time we - the committee - decided to delay the event to December 2021. We will be communicating shortly details about the event so you can mark the day in your calendar.

To commemorate Melbourne Bushwalkers 80th Anniversary the Club's committee has decided to plant 500 trees as a long-term legacy for the club. Our fundraiser to raise funds for the tree planting is going strong. Due to the current COVID-driven uncertainty it has been decided to postpone the tree planting to 2022. To date we have raised \$1,965 of \$2,500 goal. The fundraiser will stay open until our event in December where we are planning a raffle to raise further funds to reach our goal. I want to thank you again for your donations. We couldn't do this tree planting without the support of our members.



Link: https://www.gofundme.com/f/melbourne-bushwalkers-80th-anniversary?utm_medium=email&utm_source=product&utm_campaign=p_email%2Bhtml_summary_donations

Saturday, 17 July, 2021 is our club's First Aid Training. You might ask yourself: why do a course? First Aid training helps you become alert to potential hazards and medical issues. It allows you to take better care of yourself and those who are around you on a hike. It creates resilient and emergency-ready communities. People equipped with necessary first aid skills handle emergencies in a much more efficient manner. First aid knowledge and skills are valued by individuals and communities. Trained first aiders provide safety and security in any situation and assist casualties until medical assistance arrives. ... Even basic first aid knowledge can make a difference in life threatening situations. I would like to thank David Cash for organizing the event and hope you can join.

In June, we were able to host again our monthly social night with Nathan Brown from the Australian Wildlife Conservancy as the guest speaker. As we are still looking for a social secretary, our committee member Bettina Brill helped to make this event happen. Thank you!

We all want to be back at birthdays and BBQs – to see friends, to explore the coast or go on hiking trips somewhere new. And if you're taking some time off over the next few weeks, go out and explore our state. Head to the bush, stay at the beach – shop in a small town, and buy Victorian made. And while we all deserve a break and a chance to explore our state and forests, please remember – if you have even the mildest of symptoms, get tested. If you're planning to go on a hike and you've got a sore throat – go another time.

Stay well and safe.
Susanne

FIRST AID TRAINING

Saturday 17th July 9.00am – 4:00pm

New learners & updates welcome

HLTAID003 - Provide First Aid

- Legal and other requirements
- Basic Life Support - DRSABCD
- CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation)
- AED (Automated External Defibrillator)
- Abdominal injuries
- Allergic reaction
- Anaphylaxis
- Bleeding and wound care
- Burns and scalds
- Cardiac conditions
- Choking and airway obstruction
- Crush injuries
- Diabetes
- Drowning
- Envenomation
- Extremes of heat and cold
- Eye and ear injuries
- Head, neck and spinal injuries
- Musculoskeletal injuries: fractures and dislocations, strains and sprains
- Poisoning and toxic substances
- Respiratory distress, including asthma
- Seizures / convulsions
- Shock management
- Stroke
- Unconsciousness



David Cash

Melbourne Bushwalking Club

Venue: Australian Red Cross, 23-47 Villiers St, Nth Melbourne, VIC, 3051

Tel: 0408 924 944 Email: firstaid@mbw.org.au

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CONTACT EMAILS FOR CLUB OFFICERS

Members are reminded that messages to Club Officers can use their generic email address. Key addresses are listed below. These and all other email addresses for Club Officers can be found in the Members' Area of the website.

Secretary: secretary@mbw.org.au

Communications to the club Committee
External correspondence to Melbourne Bushwalkers

Treasurer: treasurer@mbw.org.au

Invoices for services provided
Advice of payments made to the club account other than for Sunday walks

Membership: membership@mbw.org.au

Enquiries regarding the membership process
Submission of completed membership application forms
Requests for updates to member details

News Editor: news@mbw.org.au

Submissions to the newsletter editor (with copies to the webmaster)
Enquiries regarding advertising in the newsletter

Webmaster: webmaster@mbw.org.au

Submissions to the website (other than submissions to news@mbw.org.au)
Enquiries regarding the club Members' Area and Leaders' Area
Enquiries regarding the club Facebook Page
Enquiries regarding the club Instagram Page
Enquiries regarding the club MeetUp site

Sunday Walks: busbookings@mbw.org.au

Requests for booking onto Sunday Walks (bus and carpool)
Enquiries regarding the Sunday Walks program

General Inquiries: info@mbw.org.au

General enquiries and feedback on club activities

Note:

info@mbw.org.au is not to be used as an online booking request address. Repeated abuses will be ignored. Booking requests for non-Sunday walks should be directed to the activity leader. Leader contact details can be found on the Quarterly Activities Program or in the Members' Area of the website.

Ian Mair, Webmaster

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Do you enjoy walking with MBW and would you like to share that enjoyment with potential new members? If so, please consider joining the small group of volunteers who are present in the Club Rooms each Wednesday from 6.30 until 8.30pm to talk to people who come in to find out about the Club. A roster is prepared six months in advance twice a year with each volunteer offering an evening or two as it suits. For further information contact Judith Shaw at judithshaw@protonmail.com



GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES CREATION OF 3 NEW NATIONAL PARKS

On Thursday 24th June, The Victorian Government tabled its long-awaited response to VEAC's 2019 recommendations about the Central West Forests. The Government has committed to create a new Wombat-Lerderderg National Park near Daylesford; Mount Buangor National Park near Beaufort, and the Pyrenees National Park near Avoca, as well as a number of other parks and reserves throughout the region, including a new regional park at Wellsford Forest near Bendigo. This will comprise over 50,000 hectares of Central West Forests and will provide protection for over 370 rare and threatened animals, plants and insects.

The Government's response comes just over 2 years after the VEAC Final report was released on 21 June 2019. Environment groups such as Wombat Forestcare and VNPA, who have long campaigned for the creation of these National Parks, welcomed the Government report but expressed caution that the fight is not entirely over.



Snow gums, Mt Buangor

Government legislation is required to give effect to the key recommendations, and this could take at least 12 to 18 months. While exploration, mining and logging will naturally be excluded in the new National parks, this will not apply to continuing operations within existing permits and licences. A number of companies have moved to peg exploration licences across the area since the release of the VEAC recommendations in June 2019.

TREE PLANTING EVENT - POSTPONED

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 uncertainty, the tree planting event has been postponed until 2022. However, our fundraising for this event is going well and you can still donate here:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/melbourne-bushwalkers-80th-anniversary?utm_medium=email&utm_source=product&utm_campaign=p_email%2Bhtml_summary_donations

Fifteen Trees has been selected as an independent, social enterprise company with established networks with Landcare, community groups and plant nurseries. Fifteen Trees has organised the planting of over 180,000 trees around Australia since its establishment in July 2009.

we are turning



\$1965 raised of \$2,500 goal



NEW GRAMPIANS PEAKS TRAIL HIKES OPEN

New sections of the Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park are ready to explore, with the opening of four day-hikes in the north and south of the park.

Part of the soon-to-be-completed Grampians Peaks Trail (GPT), the featured day-hikes take in the landscape of Gariwerd, including [Mount Stapylton, Lake Wartook, the lower waterfalls of Gar \(Mount Difficult\), and Signal Peak](#). Ranging in distance and difficulty, the hikes provide new experiences of this cultural landscape and heritage-listed national park that is home to an array of native animals and more than 800 species of indigenous plants.

The hikes also provide a taste of the full 160km GPT that visitors will be able to tackle in sections or as a 13-day journey. With the GPT due to be completed in Spring 2021, bookings will open in the coming months for visitors planning to stay at the 11 hiker camps located along the trail.

Running along the spine of the 160,000-hectare national park, the GPT will provide visitors with an experience rich in the Aboriginal culture of the Jadawadjali and Djab Wurrung peoples, who have lived in these ranges for thousands of years.

Further information on the GPT and featured day hikes, including maps, is available from **Brambuk: The National Park and Cultural Centre** in Halls Gap, or from the [Parks Victoria website](#).



BUSHWALKING VICTORIA - FEDERATION WALKS 2021

The annual Federation Walks, a member-only event hosted by combined Gippsland clubs, will be held in the Gippsland Foothills and Southern Alps based at the Licola Wilderness Village from Friday, 12 November to Monday, 15 November 2021. The website fedwalks.org.au is now live.

The walks have been finalised and all details are listed on the website. **Registrations open on Monday 2nd August.** Visit the website to browse the wide and wonderful selection of walks (including three overnight walks) before registrations open in order to have your preferences ready to go.



PLENTY RIVER TRAIL PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Victorian Government is investing in Plenty Gorge Park on Wurundjeri Country. This includes providing a link in the Plenty River Trail (\$19.3million), upgrading Hawkstowe Picnic Area (\$800,000) and uplifting Nioka Bush Camp (\$383,500).

A draft trail alignment shows a new Plenty River Trail that will connect north to south along the Plenty River, along the western side of Plenty Gorge Park. Secondary trails are also planned so users can enjoy shorter return circuit walks. The new trail will link to the new Mernda and Hawkstowe railway stations, providing active transport options for walkers and cyclists.

Parks Victoria is seeking community feedback on the draft alignment. **Consultation is open now and will close on 11 July 2021.** More details at this link:

<https://engage.vic.gov.au/plenty-river-trail>

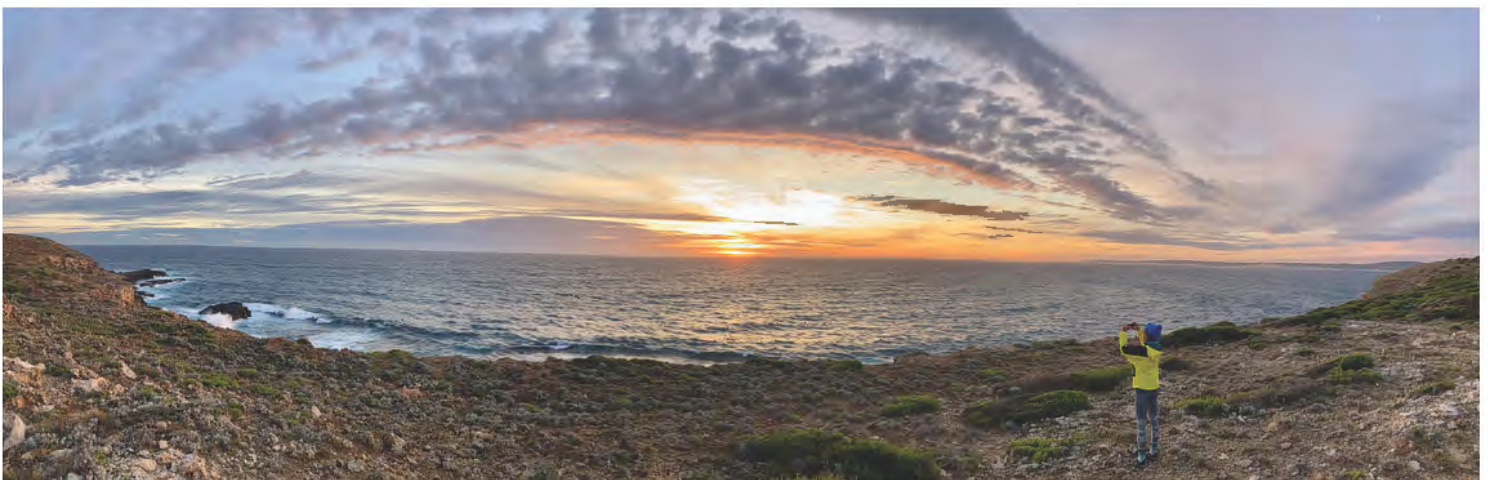
(Thanks to Caroline Gonzalez for sending this information)



Vale Patricia Gray

Patricia Gray died in Canberra on June 12th after a long illness.

There are some club members who will remember Patricia and her husband, Paul Gray. She met Paul on her first outing with Melbourne Bushwalkers, a base camp in The Grampians at Easter in 1976, and they married a year later. Paul's work with the Defence Department led to them living in Britain, Hong Kong, Geraldton and Canberra. These were opportunities to extend their travels, and for Patricia to explore these places and become involved in community activities in them. This was particularly the case with Canberra, where they enjoyed living and chose to remain after Paul's retirement. An interest they enjoyed together until Patricia's illness was Old Time Dancing, and in recent times this has provided Paul with an opportunity to relax from his role as a carer.



Catching the sunset, GSWW - D. Shand

Mt Alexander to Bendigo along the Coliban Aqueduct

Ian Mair (who also took the photos)

Mid-19th century Bendigo was undergoing a surge in growth spurred on by regional gold discoveries and extraction. Water was in short supply. The hot summer months threatened both lives and the flow of gold to the government coffers. Amidst a period of political upheaval and dithering an ambitious scheme, completed in 1877, to divert water from the Coliban River near Malmsbury to Bendigo was drawn up and executed.

Today, the Coliban Main Channel is still in operation. Following the natural contours of the land, the gravity fed system skirts around the toe of Mt Alexander on its way to the outskirts of Bendigo. Engineering works installed over 150 years ago continue to function, a testament to the craftsmanship of the designers and builders. Flanked by an access road along much of its length the path of the Coliban Main Channel provides a convenient route for walkers and a glimpse into some of the history of the region. The Leanganook Track, completed in 2003, is one of the four Great Dividing Trail tracks which link Bacchus Marsh and Ballarat through Daylesford to Bendigo. Sections of the Leanganook Track follow the Main Channel of the Coliban Aqueduct.

We chose to walk a 35km section from the top of Mt Alexander to Spring Gully (on the outskirts of Bendigo) for an easy weekend Pack Carry in May. The mountain, called "Lanjanuc" by the Jaara Jaara people, was important as a sacred ceremonial ground and a high vantage point. The first European to climb the mountain was Major Thomas Mitchell in 1836. The gold discovered nearby in 1851 became known as the "Mount Alexander Diggings", the richest shallow alluvial goldfield ever.

After a comfortable camp on Friday night at the Leanganook Campground atop Mt Alexander our group of 10 assembled near the prominent Langs Lookout for a view north along the route of the aqueduct before



Taking in the view from Langs Lookout

descending to the edge of the aqueduct itself. The 350m descent along the Leanganook Track passes through some of the Manna Gum, Messmate, Long-leaved Box and Yellow Box that make up the Mt Alexander Regional Park.

“Walking the aqueduct” is a delight. With only a couple of short exceptions where intersecting ridges cross the path of the aqueduct and tunnels replace the natural fall of the land, the walking is easy. Plenty of time to take in the surrounding views and often unusual formations of the granite outcrops, as well as to pause and marvel at the stonework crafted to control the power of the water as it surges down steeper drops in the contours.



Fine stonework on the old tunnel entrance



At camp on Saturday night

Camp on Saturday night was within the Greater Bendigo National Park. A new camping area (Goom Gooruduron-yan Camping Area) set back from the aqueduct conveniently divides the walk into manageable sections and offers a pleasant, treed area with plenty of flat ground for tents. A new water tank close by on the edge of the aqueduct access road provides a plentiful supply of water. Together, they combined with a warming open fire to provide relaxed surroundings for walkers both trail-hardened and new to the joys of pack carry walks to sit and chat and share tales and experiences.

The Sandhurst Reservoir marks the end of the track along the Coliban Main Channel. From here the Greater Bendigo National Park merges into the

Mandurang State Forest and lesser roads and channels criss-cross the landscape as the Leanganook Track navigates its way further north through old gold diggings scarring the surrounds of Greater Bendigo. A few more hills along this section and warnings to be aware of old mine shafts. Nothing phased our group as we maintained a steady pace with the promise of a coffee stop at the end.

Local knowledge came into play as we parted from the Leanganook Track. Gayle, a resident of Spring Gully, had scouted out the best route to follow to return to our waiting cars as well as checking out the new camping area before the walk. Thank you Gayle, and thank you to everyone who shared their company and conversation along the way.

Great South West Walk

Derrick Brown (photos by Ian Mair, Deb Shand)

The sand underfoot was fairly firm as we walked close to the waterline, keeping an eye open as the breakers roared in. We'd been warned that there might be several days of hard walking on soft sand but so far it had been reasonably easy underfoot. I must have been deep in some philosophical thoughts when from the corner of my eye I noticed the sea coming in swiftly just a few metres away. Two seconds later I was ankle-deep, another two seconds knee-deep then thigh-deep. It was difficult to move quickly and I had a vision of having an unpremeditated swim. A large pack floated by, and as the sea retreated Deb appeared from beneath it, blowing bubbles and looking a mite surprised. She took the event in her stride, not bothering to change clothes even. Or perhaps she realised that everything in her pack was likely to be wet, and so it transpired. Fortunately, we had campfires every night, enabling her to dry out her kit over the next couple of days.



It was day two of Ian's Great South West Walk, two weeks, 264 kilometres, Nelson to Portland and return in the second half of May. Eleven set off, thirteen finished but we lost one and gained one en route in week one, and lost one and gained three in Portland for week two. The campsites were all very good, with a two-sided shelter with table, a fireplace and a second table, toilets and tank water. The tracks were well maintained, indeed they were the most civilised walking tracks that I've experienced in Australia on any long walk, thanks to the friends



supporting group of this track, various local entities and Parks Victoria.

The first week was coastal walking and I loved it. We enjoyed broody days with a strong wind, squalls and showers. The breakers were a constant, seemingly stretching to the horizon. There were rock formations, middens*, a petrified forest, a whale jaw-bone, a juvenile albatross (rather bedraggled and bewildered), numbers of jellyfish or their fragments, sometimes large quantities of seaweed, at times pristine beaches stretching before us for kilometres. We walked the length of Discovery Bay from Nelson, at the S.A. Border to Cape Bridgewater, then to Cape Nelson and onto Portland.

We left the beach on day three to go inland to Mt Richmond National Park, where we saw koalas (one over our heads as we ate lunch), numerous grass trees and encountered our first of the many leeches that we would meet on the trip. That evening we had a resident koala at the cosy Tarragal campsite where a visiting mouse tried to eat my route guidebook but found it not to its taste. Day four was pretty wild as we made our way back to the coast, Lake Bridgewater and a large cave. Morning tea was had by a swimming hole but no-one was tempted in.

Camp that evening was made in sunshine with time to relax and explore the surrounds. The limestone coast here was raw and rough with a 220 million-year-old petrified forest to gaze at in wonder. Never a real forest, we learnt, but it looked like it. It was nature's work with water acting on limestone. The cliffs here had amazingly been used as pasture in years past and vegetation is now being encouraged to take its place again. It's a slow job. Gina and I saw a fine-looking fox padding along quietly as if he owned the place. As the top predator, he probably does. Rugged up, we sat and watched the sun set, having previously seen a complete rainbow.

Magnificent cliff-top walking on day five with wallabies and mobs of kangaroos, with views (and smells) of a large seal colony. At Cape Bridgewater we found that the rumours of a kiosk were true so lunch there made a welcome change from biscuits and cheese. The enjoyment was palpable! There were great bay views to be had in the afternoon as we made our way to Trewalla camp, clocking up a total of 91 kilometres so far.

Cliffs, high seas and breakers and many wind turbines were passed by before we reached Nelson lighthouse, just in time for lunch at the tearoom! Full marks to the leader for his timing! Jill, who had had to drop out with a back problem, met us here with a bottle of red which was gratefully received and saved for our evening meal. Mallee camp that evening was the only site where a campfire was prohibited.

We reached Portland the next day, passing the Alcoa aluminium works and the pier on our way in. We had a day R&R here when some of us explored the town, the information centre and the small museum (both very good). The town is most pleasant, with its timber and aluminium industries, plus tourism giving it more life than one often finds in small coastal places. I even found a pleasant beach where I could get a swim. The water was a tad chilly.

Day nine: we set off with packs re-stocked and minus one or two things that we'd found we didn't need. We now faced the remaining 135 kilometres back to Nelson, this time inland. We experienced four days of forest walking and showery days where our wet weather gear was put to the test. Perhaps we were tested as to how quickly we could remove/replace our gear as the sun broke through, then within seconds the rain would



Along the track

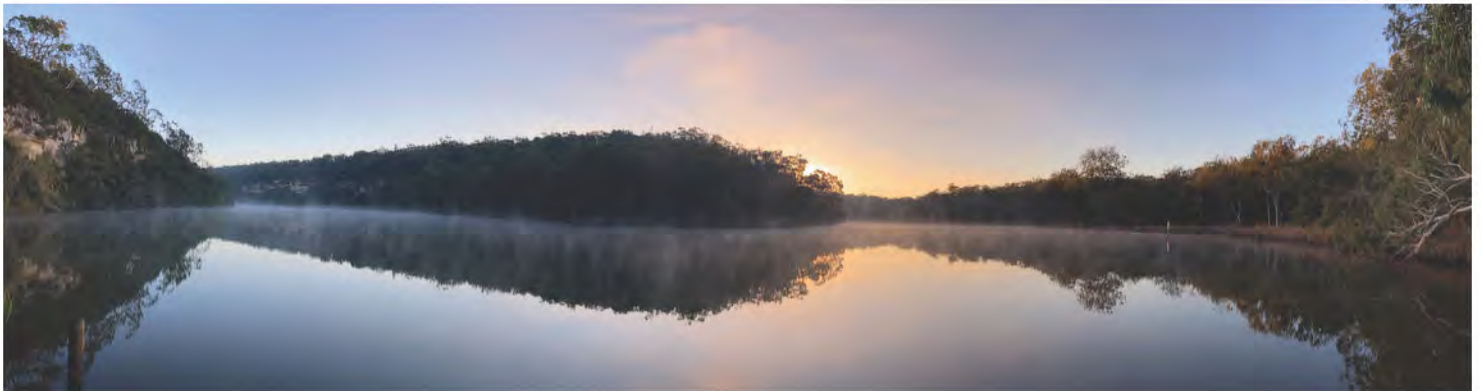
(re)start. On reaching camp, a campfire was most welcome to help us warm up and dry out, as were the shelters that enabled us to rest and eat socially. We found what seemed like many different types of leeches, some of them quite huge! Apparently there are more than five hundred varieties. And fungi grew here in profusion, I have never seen so many varieties within such a relatively small area. Many photos were taken for identification later. Once we were free of Portland's outer regions and farms we didn't see anyone until near the walk's finish.

On day thirteen the rain stopped and the sun shone as we reached the Glenelg River, a wide, seemingly slow-moving body of water that flows through high limestone cliffs to reach the sea at Nelson. Now our campsites were alongside the river, often adjacent to the canoeists' campsites. The nights were colder, our final night being the coldest when we found ice on the tents and tentpoles iced together. Gina at last found the rufous bristlebird that she had been looking for, and others found mice, a water rat and brush-tail possums that seemed to regard our campsites as their territory for evening forages. They are, of course. We strolled along the clifftop with views up and down the river as we neared Nelson and the end of the walk.

Reality struck us as we established the details of the lockdown that had been announced as we were enjoying ourselves away from civilisation. Our planned feast couldn't eventuate but we ordered take-away meals (mine was Beef Wellington!) to have in our isolated hotel/motel rooms as we reviewed our splendid 264 kilometre walk. It was grand, thank you Ian for all the organising and leading, it all worked out as planned except for the lockdown - and Jill's back!

Group - leader Ian with Halina, Ian (2), Deb, Susan, Jill, Bettina, Marion, Fang, Brett, Chris, Agajan, Elizabeth, Gina and yours truly, Derrick.

*midden - aboriginal meeting place - A pile of seashells, being the remnants of many shared meals often over many centuries. Sometimes they are huge.



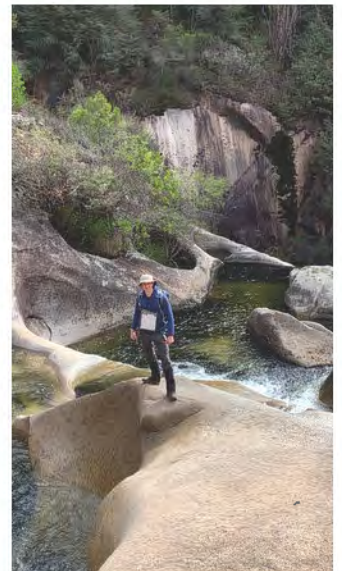
Twin Falls: a great spot for a swim and sauna

Ray Thomas (photos by Andrew Newton)

These Falls and the stunning Gorge nearby, make a terrific spot for a summer day that's too hot to stay down on the plains.

They are both nestled at the foot of Mt McLeod, so have a bit of altitude to cool off the walkers, and the swimming in the crystal clear rock pools is delightful. Buffalo Creek takes a sudden dive down at this point in its journey, so the water suddenly speeds up a lot – enough to shove sizeable rocks over each other. We were really awe-struck by all the fabulous circular bowls, scoured out by boulders swirling in the massive snow melt waters – probably at the end of the last ice age.

If you've been to Rollason's Falls further upstream, then you know the area. It's on the





flatter section about half way up the road to Mt Buffalo. We start walking in shady Peppermint Forest, following a Parks Victoria access road, until we reach a suitable spur that drops down about 500m, meeting the creek at the low end of the Gorge. As we near the bottom, it's steep enough that we hang onto the undergrowth to keep a steady footing on the rock scree. It's all shattered contact metamorphic rocks, 'cooked' when the molten granite welled up under the old sediments about 360 million years ago.

When we hear the very loud roar of the water (still 200-300m away), we realise this stream is going to be really something, and probably too fast to cross over. We creep further down hill, and spot a big waterfall that's making all the noise, and then see it's actually a pretty straightforward descent to the creek - no cliffs just here.

It is beautiful to take in the massive scale of the scene as we just sit and take it all in for a while. Nearly time for lunch, so we climb up beside the falls and have a break at the top, sitting on water-polished boulders, with a good view over the forests and out to the plains.

Then it's off upstream, and we soon realise why this is called Twin Falls. The upper falls are even more spectacular - a very big drop-off, 'swirl bowls' everywhere along the creek, and rock walls both sides of the creek to enclose the whole scene in a canyon.

We eagerly scramble further up the creek, and come to a deeply slotted section that's a bit foreboding; definitely not a goer to walk in there! Vertical walls, and twisted, swirly turns all the way through. We venture up the side to look down into it, but it's a steep mossy slope that we're not risking, so we head into the bush and descend back to the creek further upstream.

Here it's a beautiful, calm scene, with perfect water burbling over sand and rounded boulders, and tree ferns lining the banks – pristine, serene. A magical spot for afternoon tea, before the climb out of the valley.

We head a bit further upstream, often in the creek itself, double (and triple) checking our navigation to confirm we've found the side gully we're looking for. We cross onto the next spur, and up we go. It's a gentler way out than the trip in; almost a stroll, with easier gradients, and open forest most of the way back to the road.

The gentle walk back goes smoothly, and we reflect on the wonderful things we've seen, and think about taking others for a look one day.

NOTE: Ray is planning to lead a base camp trip to this special area on the weekend of 26-28 November (see MBW activities program: Mt Buffalo waterfalls exploratory). He also has some enticing pack carry walks planned in September (Wabonga Cliffs country) and October (Cobungra/Bundarra Rivers to Hotham) so be sure to read the preview notes and register with him if interested.



July 2021

Please note: Due to Covid-19 restrictions the activity program is subject to change. Please check the website for updates.

Thu 1	TOF: Candlebark-Eltham Lower-Westerfolds	Pvt	E	Jopie Bodegraven
2-4	BC: Port Campbell (Hostel accommodation)	Pvt	E	Halina Sarbinowski & Ian Mair
Sun 4	DAY: Greens Bush-Bushrangers Bay-Gunnamatta	Bus	E&E/M	Kim Cowie & John Widmer
Mon 5	MTG: Club Committee meeting	Pvt		
Sun 11	DAY: Bostock Reservoir	Car	E/M	Ian Mair
Wed 14	DAY: Masons Falls	Pvt	E/M	Fay Dunn
Sat 17	TRG: First Aid Training	Pvt		David Cash
Sun 18	DAY: Dandenong Ranges Western Trail	Bus	E/M&M	Jenny Andrewes & Brett Daniel
Mon 19	MOF: Backtracks of Wandin	Pvt	E	Doug Pocock
22-26	PC: Traverse of Wyperfeld National Park	Pvt	M	John Widmer
Thu 22	SOC: Koonung Creek Reserve & wetlands	Pvt	E	Bernadette O'Connell
Sat 24	DAY: Middle Park to Sandringham	Pvt	E	Margaret Champion
Sun 25	DAY: Willimigongon Creek (Mt Macedon)	Car	E/M	Bettina Brill
Wed 28	SOC: St Kilda penguin colony	Pvt		Earthcare St Kilda
30-2	PC: Barmah National Park	Pvt	E/M	Ian Mair

For detailed preview notes and program updates, please refer to the activities program on our website: https://mbw.org.au/mbw_activities/MBW_activities_program.php

