

BEN CRUACHAN WALKING CLUB INC.

Minutes for Management Committee Meeting

Held on Wednesday 12th April 2023 at 7:00 pm
Maffra Community Sports Hotel

1. President's Welcome:

1.1. Attendance: K Free, J van Beek, P Jennings, E Davis, J Wigg, J Muir, C Snell, J Patterson, R Patterson, G Mattingley, M Scicluna, R Kercher

1.2. Apologies: J Cox J Winterbottom

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

2.1. Confirmation

Moved: M Scicluna

Seconded: J Wigg

Carried

2.2. Matters Arising

Action list as presented by the president below

Wilderness training is not complete yet, venue booked. There are currently 14 members booked in.

Publicity for leadership training is on-going

C Trevorrow has J van Beek lined up for the talk at Heyfield on the 4th of May about Mc Millans Walking Track, which has been publicised. Bookings needed, gold coin donation, light supper available.

PLB purchased, in Blue Bag.

Attendance sheets to be kept for at least 12 months.

Joe has spoken to J Porter, and the Chapmans regarding his suggestions, but has not replied formally to the suggested changes to track markings.

3. Correspondence:

3.1. Listed Below

Of note is the donation of \$5,000 to the club from the estate of club life member Norm Williams.

Robyn will reply to the solicitors and send a thankyou card to the family.

Alana from the Friends of the Earth is doing a walk at Nunniong. Peter will ring them, and we will send the information on to club members.

4. Reports:

4.1. President

Walks calendar is filling, but still looking for new walks.

Strzelecki website has been hacked, they have changed to WordPress.

The recent Club night was a great success, well attended, informative and fun.

The combined club walk at Inverloch included 13 Ben Cruachan members and was great. Nicki and Liz both wrote walk reports.

President has completed insurance renewal and e bike survey.

4.2. Treasurer

Report below, \$5,000 has been put in a short-term deposit

Moved: M Scicluna

Seconded: R Patterson

Carried

4.3. Tracks and Conservation

4.3.1 McMillans Track

There was some discussion regarding the missing person on Mc Millans Walking Track: he was not lost, but late. Joe was asked about logbooks on the track. The Kelly's hut book is currently not there due to the hut renovations. the discussion also mentioned that there is a possibility that our donation could be used for log books on the ends of the track.

4.3.2 BTAC

The report by J van Beek is attached below but it is noted that he is hoping for additional volunteers for the weekend of the 21st to the 25th of April on the Mc Millans Track.

4.3.3 Federation Walks

These will be held in the Wombat State Forest on the 21st and 22nd of October.

Bushwalking Victoria is still looking for support from potential walk leaders and clubs in the vicinity.

4.4. Newsletter Editor

Jack was absent, but will get the newsletter out in a timely manner.

4.5. Publicity

K Knights was an apology, but sent forward a report as listed below.

4.6. Facebook Page

J Wigg reported that the Facebook page continues to grow at about 2% per month, and we now have 453 members. The report is attached.

4.7. BCWC Membership

The report is attached below, and there was discussion about the category of membership for life members, and the following motion was put forward.

Membership Renewals

Life Membership: That when a club member who is part of a family membership is awarded a life membership, their family membership will continue without any annual fee.

Moved: K Free

Seconded: G Mattingley

Carried

5. Walks Program

5.1 Development of Walks Program

Emails have been sent out to request walks to fill the calendar. Thanks to leaders who have volunteered. Four new walks have been listed however there are still some gaps.

It was decided that the club birthday will be held on the 1st of July 2023, 58 years old and celebrations will again be on Ben Cruachan.

6. Meetings Program

6.1 Committee Meetings 14 June 2023@ 7:00 pm preceded by Dinner at 6:00pm Maffra Community Sports Club

6.2 Club Nights

This will be on the 10th of May in Bairnsdale at the Bairnsdale Club upstairs and Joe will give a presentation about the SW walk he recently completed.

6.3 Other Social Events:

Club Birthday Party at Ben Cruachan 1 July 2023, the club will be 58 years old, details on the web page to follow.

6.4 AGM

12 July, please note the change of venue to the **Star Hotel!**

7. Management of Website

7.1 List Priority issues

John was absent, and his report is listed. It was noted that we all appreciate the efforts and time John puts into his responsibilities with the website.

8. General Business:

8.1 Wilderness First Aid Course still being investigated.

The meeting closed at 8:16 PM.

ACTION LIST

ACTION	WHO	STATUS
Respond to John Parker regarding his correspondence relating to the McMillan's track	Joe	Complete
Make appropriate corrections to the McMillan's Track information as suggested by John Parker on the BCWC website	Joe and John	Complete
<i>Wilderness First Aid Course.</i> Joe van Beek has proposed a date in June or July and is awaiting confirmation.	Joe	Pending
Confirm venue arrangements (Sale Baptist church) with Jack Winterbottom.	Peter	Complete
An article to publicise leader training will be prepared for the Feb newsletter.	Peter or John	Complete
Follow up with Caroline Trevorrow re the Heyfield Community Resource centre event	Peter and/or Robyn	Complete
Purchase a new GME Personal Locator Beacon with case to replace the expired unit in the Blue Bag.	Geoff	Complete
Write letter to Norm William's solicitor and family	Robyn	Complete
Contact Alana Mountain re Nunniong	Peter	
BCWC birthday celebration on Ben Cruachan 1/7/23	Joe	

PRESIDENT'S REPORT April 2023

WALKS CALENDAR

There are still plenty of gaps on the calendar for May, June, July and August.

RETENTION OF ATTENDANCE SHEETS

I emailed an enquiry to BWV and received a reply from the Administration Officer who said that claims have to be lodged within twelve months – so, he suggested a minimum of 12 months and that we should have a policy.

STRZELECKI BWC WEBSITE

Over the past few months the SBWC website has been the target of hackers who have managed to add some unauthorised files to their website. Luckily(?) there was no member data stored on the website so all personal information is secure.

CLUB NIGHT March 2023

At Gary Watt's suggestion Heather and Jim Phillipson were the guest speakers at our March club night. The night was very well attended (over 30) and I think all present were amazed at the environmental work that the Phillipsons in conjunction with others have undertaken. As a thank you, the club made a small donation to the Trust.

HEYFIELD COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

As mentioned at the last meeting, the HCRC was keen to be involved in a joint "event" focussed on McMillan's Track. Joe has kindly led the charge for us on this and will be the main presenter at the event on 4 th May at the Heyfield Memorial Hall. Robyn has circulated details.

COMBINED CLUBS EVENT AT INVERLOCH

Thirteen of our members attended the event hosted by South Gippsland Walking and Adventure Club. It was great weekend of activities and a good opportunity to see some "new" territory and to meet new people who enjoy walking and the delights of nature. See the next newsletter for Nicki's report.

E-BIKE AND INSURANCE RENEWAL SURVEYS

On behalf of the Club I completed the surveys. (Thanks Ken, Monica, Joe and Robyn)

Membership Secretary's Report BCWC Management Committee Meeting 12 April 2023

As at 11 April 2023, the total membership is 143.

8 of the total members are designated "non-walkers".

There are 6 Dual memberships (8 dual members).

In addition, there are 9 long-term members who receive the newsletter only.

Ken Free

Membership Secretary

11 April 2023

Walks Co-ordinator Report

1. 6 walks completed since last committee meeting - largest number of participants 13 on Peter's Crosscut Saw (all members)
2. Three new day walks on program.
3. No other responses from possible leaders.
4. Personal Locator Beacon in Blue bag replaced - battery expiry date is April 2030.

Geoff

Website Report

All outstanding Walk Previews have been sorted and swapped into the correct folders. I have started

checking the files for outdated/duplicate versions and adding these to the appropriate sections on the website. This is a very time-consuming process. There are about 250 to be linked - I can do about

15 an hour.

Previous Years' Newsletters have been archived into single files for each year and the Newsletter page altered accordingly.

We have many copies of admin forms eg Membership Renewals 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2021/23. I think we should delete all but current copies of forms.

I have asked Enoch to undertake the upgrade to Joomla. I'm awaiting a timeline for this.

We received an email from a visitor that the Contact Form on our Contact Us & Feedback page is not working. Do we wish to fix this or remove it?

John C

Tracks and Conservation.

Report from Joe van Beek for BCWC April Committee Meeting

4.3 Tracks and Conservation Report

McMillans Walking Track

Track maintenance on the Crooked River section is scheduled for 21 - 25 April.

BTAC

The Mt Sunday to Low Saddle section of the AAWT was cleared by 20 volunteers, including 5 BCWC members and lead by club member Patrick Platt, on February 17 - 20. The BCWC shelter was damaged in a passing thunder storm.

26 volunteers attended the combined BTAC and FoBB track maintenance activity clearing the link track from the Baw Baw Resort to the AAWT and some 5km of the AAWT. New signs were erected and two board walks were repaired.

BTAC committee met on 6 April to firm up further activities.

The Crooked River Section of MMWT will get attention on 21 - 25 April. More volunteers are welcome.

The section of the AAWT from the Omeo Highway to Gill Creek will get attention over the weekend 19/20 May.

BTAC is supporting the Grampians Walking Track Support Group for their activity 3 - 4 June.

Conservation:

Parks Victoria from the Ovens Region have asked if we would be interested in helping to plant out former ski slopes on Mount Buffalo with native species in February next year.



Before



and after track



clearing on the AAWT on the Baw Baw Plateau.

Some of the satisfied Mt Sunday volunteers.

Publicity Report Kerry Knights

Since the walk reports have been arriving from Walk Leaders, the Publicity role has become so much easier.

So, thanks to all for the prompt relaying on of the reports.

I merely tweak the content a smudge, aiming for around 300 words and aim to ignite enthusiasm in those readers who may be contemplating walking with the Club. I firmly believe that demonstrating our diversity, by reporting on a range of walks, will encourage others to join us.

The Yallorn North community newspaper is in hiatus, which is unfortunate. Anthony, Editor, was a great supporter.

Meanwhile, it's statistically unlikely we'll ever get anything in the local Bairnsdale Paper. Wellington and the Latrobe Valley are helpfully printing articles.

So, that's about it for now. Kerry Knights

Financial Statement for 31st March 2023

Ben Cruachan Walking Club

Total Account Balance @ 31st January 2023 13869.71

Club 7023.38
MMWT 6846.33

Income :

Membership :

Kline (Dual), Deacon B, Rodgers-Wilson,S 58.00

Visitor Fee : 25.00

Fedwalk Booklet Sales : 165.00

Fedwalk Re-imburement No. 2 a/c 4669.08

McMillan Book Sales 260.00

McMillan Book Sales (Chapman Share Refund) 189.25

McMillan Donation 5.00 5371.33

Sub Total : 19241.04

Expenditure :

249570	Aust Post (PO Box Rental)	148.00	
249571	Wigg, J (McMillan Walk Dep Refund)	350.00	
249572	Thomas, P (McMillan Walk Dep Refund)	350.00	
249573	McLennan, R (McMillan Walk Dep Refund)	350.00	
249574	McLennan, N (McMillan Walk Dep Refund)	350.00	
249575	Mattingley, G (PLB)	405.00	
249576	Biodiversity Legacy Ltd (Donation)	100.00	
249577	Scicluna, M (March Guest Speakers Meals)	65.06	
	Bank Transfer To Term Deposit	15000.00	17118.06

Total Account Balance @ 31st March 2023 2122.98

Unpresented Cheque :

249576	Biodiversity Legacy Ltd	100.00	
	Bank Balance @ 31st March 2023		2222.98

Term Deposit \$10000.00 due 14th February 2024

Term Deposit \$ 5000.00 due 14th June 2023

Club 9822.40
MMWT 7300.58

Correspondence

Incoming emails

F Henderson	Mc Millan's
C Trevorrow	Mc Millan's
Bush Walking Victoria	Walk Attendance Sheet Retention
Sale Baptist Church	Booking for Training
C Walker (FOE)	Road Trip through Upper Ovens and Mitta Mitta
BWV	Affiliate Club Status
J van Beek	Damaged Shelter
BWV	Insurance
BWV	E bikes survey
BWV	Club Update
M Scicluna	New Walk
B Deacon	Membership
F Henderson	Mc Millan's
Julia	Walk Enquiry
S Rodgers	Membership Enquiry

K Knights	Yallourn North Connection Finale
J Cox	Leadership Training
J van Beek	Leadership Training
SGWAC	Combined Club Wrap
J Rowley	Re Leadership Training
FOE	Nunniong Bush Walk
J van Beek	Talk at Heyfield
S Sanchez	Bird Survey

Outgoing emails

BCWC sec to Committee	Donation to Speaker
BCWC sec to Committee	Log-ins
K Free	Delivery Failure of emails
P Jennings	Insurance documents
H Tracksdorf	Parking Mc Millan's
P Jennings	Leadership Training
J Cox	Leadership Training
F Henderson	Mc Millan's
SGWAC	Combined Club Wrap
J Rowley	Re Leadership Training
Julia	Walk Enquiry
J van Beek	Talk at Heyfield
C Trevorrow	Mc Millan's
FOE	Nunniong Bush Walk

Outgoing emails to all members

BWV	Bulletin
SBWC	Newsletter
BCWC Sec	Reminder Social Night
Coopers Travel	Bushwalking Tour
Sec BCWC	Reminder Combined Walks
SBWC	Newsletter
Conservation Regulator	Conservation Matters
BWV	Bushwalking News
FOE	Road trip
SBWC	Newsletter
BCWC Sec	Link for Plant Conservation Article
BCWC Sec	New Walk
BCWC Sec	Yallourn North Connection Finale
BCWC Sec	Leadership Training Information
BCWC Sec	Meeting Reminder

Facebook Report – April 2023 by Jodie Wigg

Memberships

New member requests (last 60 days) = 34

Growth (last 60 days) = 2%

Total members = 453

Engagement:

Posts (last 60 days) = 17

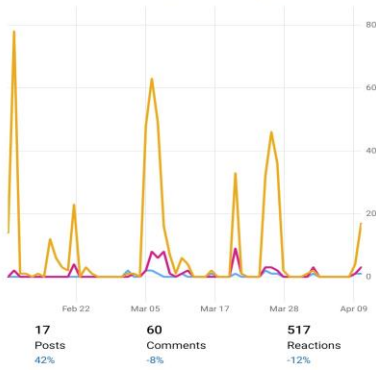
Comments (last 60 days) = 60

Reactions (last 60 days) = 517

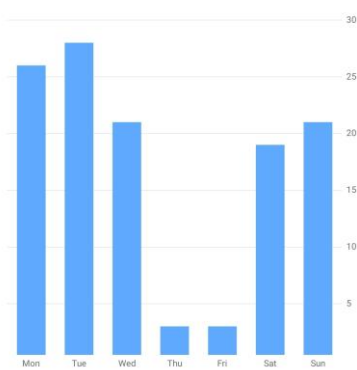
Active members (last 60 days) = 399

Feb 10, 2023 - Apr 11, 2023

Posts Comments Reactions All



Popular days



Top contributors

Mar 14, 2023 - Apr 11, 2023



Joe Scicluna

2 posts · 0 comments



Jason Harris

1 post · 2 comments



Angela Roughley

1 post · 1 comment



Anne Stephens

1 post · 0 comments



Helmut Tracksdorf

1 post · 0 comments



Julie Wilson

1 post · 0 comments



Anne Wilson

0 posts · 3 comments



Allister Wade

0 posts · 2 comments



Belle Deacon

0 posts · 1 comment



Ann Andrew

0 posts · 1 comment