

CAEX bushwalking club

"Bushwalking for pleasure"

SECOND NEWSLETTER

FRASER NATIONAL PARK WALK A BEAUTY

Twenty two CAEX bushwalkers, friends and one baby braved the uncertain weather for a 12km stroll round Fraser National Park. Once the short steep climb at the start was negotiated the panoramic view of the countryside and lake did not eventuate due to encircling mist. Naturally the mist cleared when we returned to lake level later on. The rest of the walk was over rolling hills, down a ridge line to the lake for lunch and then a long walk around the lake back to the car park for traditional coffee and cake shared with our feathered friends. A feature of the walk was the large number of kangaroos and birds seen both around the car park and along the walk. After lunch there was a rain shower that brought forth a canopy of bright new parkas for their first waterproofing test (thankyou Paddy Pallin and Coy!)

WEEKEND WALK - 14/15 AUGUST 1982 - GRAMPIANS

The next walk will be in a lesser known area of the Grampians on the western side. A base camp will be established with day walks from the camp giving you the advantage of being able to truck your gear in, live in relative comfort (no shower unless you'd like to try a dip in the river) and carry light packs on walks. Features of the area include primitive aboriginal cave markings, wildflowers and birds. You might even see an emu or kangaroo or two.

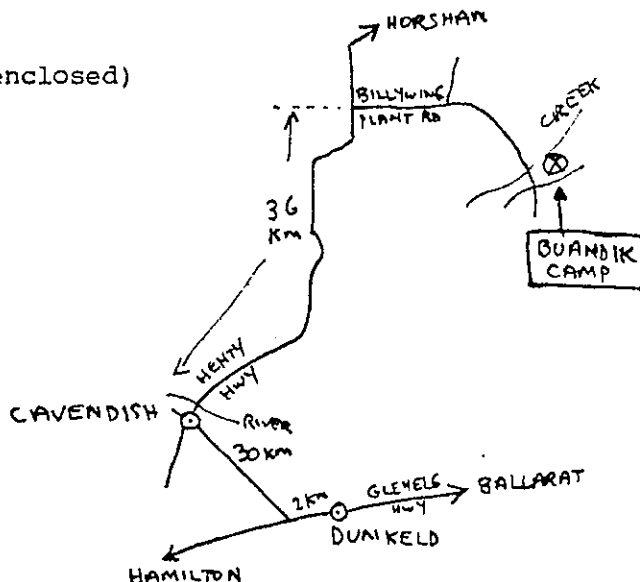
If you can it would be wise to travel up on Friday as its a long drive from the City. I'll do so and set up camp. Otherwise travel up early Saturday morning to arrive before 10 am. I have two tents and other gear so if you are short of a canvas roof or other essentials ring me. In any event, ring me to tell me of your travel plans and to arrange car pooling if required.

BRING: Day packs, sleeping bag, parka, wildflower guide, food and more food, liquid refreshments(I like Bailey's irish cream), camera, cooking stove and gear, spare clothes, jokes, stories or poetry to relate over the camp fire and a hot water bottle for the, tent.

CAMP: Buandik Camping and Picnic Area (see map enclosed)

DRIVING ADVICE:

Melb. to Ballarat.	1hr 15 min
Glenelg Hwy to Dunkeld.	1hr 45 min
2km west on Glenelg Hwy.	
Turn right to Cavendish.	30 min
At Cavendish, turn right onto Henty Hwy.	
Travel North 36 km.	30 min
Right at Billywing Plantation Rd.	
Veer right at Red Rock Rd.	
Follow signs to camp.	30 min
TOTAL	4hr 30 min



NOTE: Last time I was here there was a detour round direct route after Red Rock Rd junction including a safe concrete based river crossing and via plantation.

WALK: Leave base camp at 10am on Saturday 14 August 1982 for day walk (see details enclosed and walk plan overleaf). A number of alternatives available for Sunday.

CLUB MEETING - 7 SEPTEMBER 1982

Our next club meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7 September 1982 (Note date change) at AEA clubrooms, 1st floor, Council of Adult Education, 256 Flinders Street, Melbourne. We will discuss our experiences to date, the walking plan for the balance of the year and beyond, organisation of each walk, other activities, etc. Please come ! Bring slides and photos, your ideas and supper including liquid refreshments. Ring me with your agenda items.

Due to high postage and other costs, if you want to remain on the mailing list and continue to receive walk details either come to the above meeting or if you cant come ring me and say your still interested.

David J Leihy, Protem something or other.

18 SEPTEMBER DAY WALK

Lynne Standing (Home tel. 7892924) will organise and lead the next day walk on 18 SEptember 1982. She is planning a beach/rocks walk at Phillip Island. Lynne will attend the next meeting on 7 September to hand out details or will be posted subsequently for those who cant attend.

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WALK PLAN FOR GRAMPIANS - 14 AUGUST 1982

Map. NATMAP : GRAMPIANS (1967)

Day: 14 AUGUST 1982

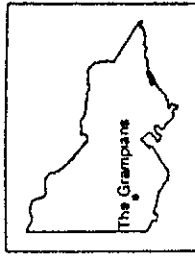
Magnetic variation: 10.3°

Stage	Endpoint	Bearing	Distance km	Height (+or-) m	Terrain	Stage time h m	Total time h m	Remarks
0	DEPART	BUANDIK CAMPING AREA					10.00	
1	CAVE OF FISHES	140780	3.5	+220	steep ↑	1.30	11.30	LEAVE PACK INSPECT CAVE
2	VIC. RANGE TRK. JUNCTION	150775	1.0	+40	plateau	— .15	11.45	LEAVE PACK AT CREEK
3	INITIATION SHELTER	155777	1.0			— .30	12.15	INSPECT SHE
4	VIC. RANGE TRK. JUNCTION	150775	1.0		on road	— .15	12.30	
	LUNCH AT CULTIVATION CREEK					— .45	1.15	
5	HUT CREEK TRK. JUNCTION	163754	2.8		on road	— .45	2.00	
6	BRIDGE ON HUT CREEK	150740	2.0	-300	steep ↓	1.00	3.00	
7	HARROPS TRACK	109751	4.0	-120	marshy	1.15	4.15	
8	BUANDIK CAMP AREA	105775	2.0		easy / flat	— .30	4.45	
	TOTAL		17.3	km		6.45	HOURS MIN	

Sunrise 7.20 AM

Sunset 5.30 pm.

Grampian Ranges: 12 Victoria Range



12. Victoria Range 6 km 2 to 3 hours
Buandik camping area—Cave of Fishes, and return or
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Track—Mt Thackeray—Hut Creek—Buandik camping
area 25 km 1 or 2 days

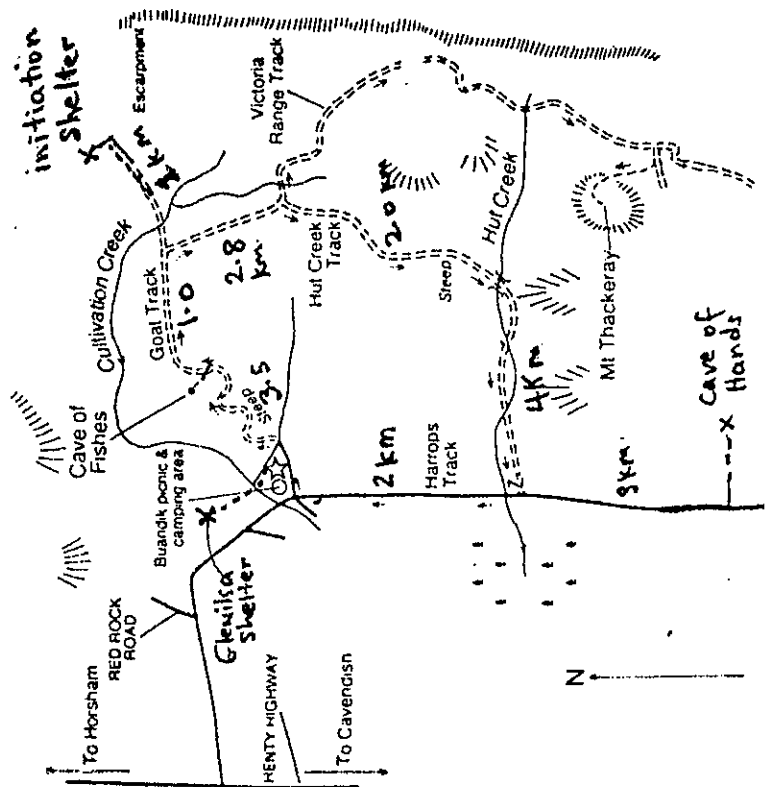
The Victoria Range, the westernmost of the Grampian Ranges, presents a fascinating prospect as you approach along the Henty Highway. Almost every spur and ridge is crowded with rocky pinnacles, boulders and columns, so much so that it is difficult to single out any outstanding features.

Aboriginal tribes often visited the lower, more hospitable slopes of the Grampians from their home on the surrounding, fertile plains. On sheltered rocks, they left a permanent record in paintings of the legendary birds and animals of their Dreamtime. Fortunately, many of these paintings have survived in good condition, especially in the Victoria Range. They are accessible to visitors, but are viewed through the necessary protection of high, strong, wire fences.

Wildlife is prolific in the Victoria Range: emus are not an uncommon sight on the foothills, gang-gang cockatoos and black cockatoos, as well as echidnas, with luck, may be seen on the main ridge.

Named after the local Aboriginal tribe, the Buandik picnic and camping areas serve as bases for exploring the Victoria Range.

From the Henty Highway, 36 km north of Cavendish, or 62 km south of Horsham, drive along a rather rough unsurfaced road leading east and signposted 'Billywing Plantation' and 'Aboriginal Paintings'. Farther on, veer right at a junction with the Red Rock Road. At the next junction, follow signs pointing left to the picnic-ground, Aboriginal paintings and Harrops Track. Just across a narrow bridge over Cultivation Creek, turn left to the picnic-ground, Aboriginal paintings and Goat Track at yet another junction. The Buandik picnic and camping areas are then only a short distance along on the left from a Y-junction.



The Victoria Range is traversed by the Victoria Range Track, which is closed to public vehicles for part of the year. It can form the main part of the routes of day walks or longer, more energetic expeditions, focused on Mt Thackeray, with an overnight camp on the range, around the headwaters of Cultivation Creek, or in the valley of Hut Creek.

An inspection of the Cave of Fishes involves a steep climb part-way up to the main ridge. From the Y-junction at the entrance to the picnic-ground, an unmarked vehicular track (Goat Track) leads approximately north and almost immediately crosses a branch of Cultivation Creek, but without the help of a bridge. From the vehicle barrier across the road just beyond the creek, the long climb begins. Breaks in the open forest through which the track passes afford views of the dark grey cliffs and boulders lining the valley carved out by the creek.

After about 3 km, a signpost on the left of Goat Track points to a foot track that winds down to the Cave of Fishes. The cave is actually a large grey boulder; the paintings are on the lee side, an overhang with a sandy floor. A small plaque inside the wire fence explains their likely origin and meaning.

↓ NOT ALL THE WAY

If you intend to continue on to Mt Thackeray, follow the Goat Track past the Cave of Fishes turnoff to a track junction in a sandy clearing and swing right (south) along the signposted Victoria Range Track. The scenery that unfolds as you climb is a fitting reward for the effort: a row of enormous boulders guarding the valley of Cultivation Creek, and beyond, smaller, oddly shaped rocks punctuating the uniformly grey-green forest.

Before you cross cultivation creek, there is a track on the right

Retrace your steps back to the Victoria Range Track, turn left and follow it north and north-west for 7 km to a track junction on the left, signposted 'Hut Creek Track'. Walk along this track, which is permanently closed to vehicles, and descends extremely steeply to the flat, open and swampy valley of Hut Creek.

The ridges ringing the valley are lined with an amazing conglomeration of isolated boulders and small cliffs, including what looks like a natural rock bridge, but is really a hole in a large, isolated rock—a bridge to nowhere. Only the first of a number of crossings over Hut Creek is bridged; except perhaps in mid-summer, it is necessary to wade the last of these.

Follow the track through dense thickets of titree and on to a locked gate and a wide, well-used but unsurfaced road, Harrops Track, on the other side of which is a pine plantation. Turn right and walk back to Buandik, a distance of about 2 km.

SUNDAY

A number of alternatives to be decided on the day including:

- (1) Walk to cave of hands and return (10 km)
- (2) Drive to other walking tracks
- (3) Return part way home to Duskeld and climb a few of the spectacular peaks at the southern end of the Grampian chain.

OPEN LETTER TO ALL GROUP MEMBERS

3/82

From: Jill Thompson, Executive Officer.

June 1982

HONORARY SECRETARY

Welcome to MARGARET WEATHERLEY, our new Honorary Secretary. Margaret works in Creative Arts and has previously been involved with Community Centre in Doncaster. I am sure she will bring a lot of new ideas to AEA in its planning especially in the area of Art.

LUNCHEON

I was very happy to see such a good response to the luncheon from Group Leaders on June 3rd. Almost every group had a representative and I gather from the feedback that it was an enjoyable event for everyone. It was good to meet a few whom I didn't know.

Ian Christie did a very good job standing in for Ken (who was flat on his back at the time), and I felt there was a good exchange of views about some of the difficulties the AEA is faced with - not insuperable difficulties, I might add, but difficulties arising mostly from rapid growth - very healthy!

USE OF THE CLUBROOM1. Time Free on Thursdays in the Clubroom

The Classic Guitar Group have offered to shorten the time they use the room (when necessary) and finish at 12.30 p.m. giving us the potential of organising regular social/discussion events on Thursday afternoons.

Many thanks.

2. Social/Discussion Events

On Thursday 22nd July, 12.30 p.m. there will be a bring-your-own-lunch get together of all people interested in developing a social/discussion group and taking part in a range of activities.

MRS. FONZA FRANCKEN is a new member of the AEA with a lot of ideas for speakers. She would like to discuss with you the sorts of activities which would be of interest to people in the AEA and get help in organising them.

P.T.O.



Her suggestions include:

- speakers: -The Police, on safety in the home, safety for the elderly
- demostration of hydroponics
- excursions
- film outings
- travel club
- discussion groups

COME ALONG WITH YOUR LUNCH AND HELP US ORGANISE WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE.

3. ROOM 401

There is a room in the library which for some time has been used for informal learning groups and the AEA is now programming some groups into this room. It's room 401 on the left inside the library doors. This extra space is a great help this year and postpones the need to go outside the building.

TWO MORE NEW GROUPS

Bushwalking - a long time coming but well and truly away, with a very successful meeting of some 30 people. The new group manages to combine several ex-CAE bushwalkers whose group was almost defunct with a larger number of recent 'graduates' from Ros and John Steele's classes. See 'diary of events' for their program.

Contact: David Leighy -

Counselling Skills - several people who have been doing this course are starting a group and would be happy to welcome any interested people who have some experience in the area.

Contact: Lindy Brush -

USE OF CAE AV EQUIPMENT

A number of groups use CAE sound or film equipment either regularly or from time to time. The CAE has asked that any booking be made through me, a reasonable time in advance, so that I can fill out a special form. In this way the request doesn't get lost - neither do tempers or equipment! CAE are extremely co-operative in this way and I would like, with your help, to keep their goodwill and co-operation. Please let me know if you want to book some equipment about a week ahead of time.

CHILD CARE CENTRE

Just a thank you from Lyn and Lian for all the useful supplies which keep arriving. Lyn is very creative and as a result the children get a lot of enjoyment from your egg cartons, cotton reels and milk-bottle tops! There is a "thank you" on the notice board in the Clubroom from the children.