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25 Years of Bushwalking for
Pleasure



July 1982 to July 2007

President's Piece

CAEX Bushwalking Club was established on 15 June 1982. The new Club was a merger of the CAEEX Bushwalking group with graduates of the summer CAE bushwalking courses held in the City and Doncaster. The CAE courses had been run by John & Roslyn Steel. The new Club had at least 3 central commitments:

- their motto of "Bushwalking for Pleasure"
- leaders had to bring a cake to share at the end of the walk (this tradition had already started with the CAEEX group)
- a determination to keep bureaucracy to a minimum.

I consider CAEX has retained those 3 central commitments, which is quite an achievement for a voluntary organisation.

35 names appear on the first membership list, dated June 1982. 8 of these people are still members of CAEX today. The Club's walking man logo appeared in the December 1983 newsletter - designed by Jim Barras.

As was noted by David Reid, President of Bushwalking Victoria in his speech at the 25th Anniversary party held in July 2007, CAEX members have provided a valuable contribution to the bushwalking community in Victoria through their involvement with the Council of Adult Education in the 1980's and 1990's. The running of the 'bushwalking for pleasure' courses over those years enabled many people to gain a basic understanding of the requirements for undertaking short and extended walks in the 'bush'. This community service along with the many strong and lasting friendships that have developed over 25 years are two of the most important achievements of CAEX.

As we reflect over the past 25 years it is important to consider what the future will hold for the club and its members. The majority of the club's activities revolve around day walks and the occasional base camps when there is a long weekend to enable the time to travel further throughout the state. The Falls Creek and Mt Hotham lodge weekends have been a great success and hopefully they will continue into the future, but I would encourage members to look at other opportunities for club activities such as base camping as it appears to be what many members are interested in.

I congratulate CAEX on reaching 25 years and may the club continue to offer some wonderful experiences for us all for many years to come.

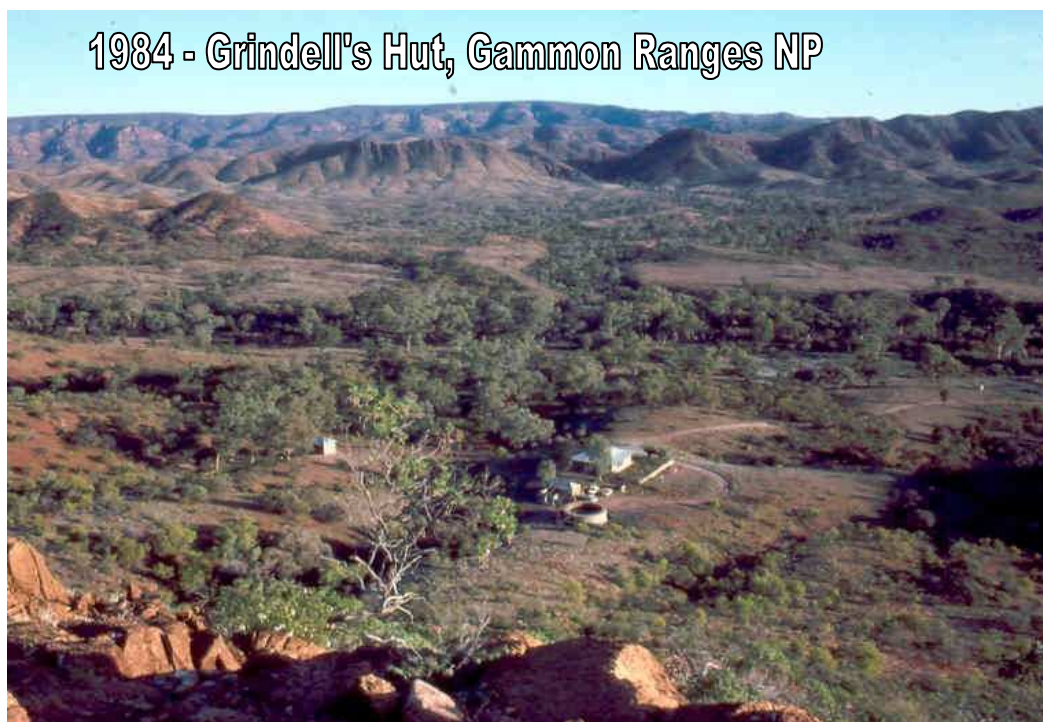
Des Fitzpatrick



25 Years in Pictures



The first extended walk undertaken by CAEX to Mt Bogong on the March Labour Day weekend

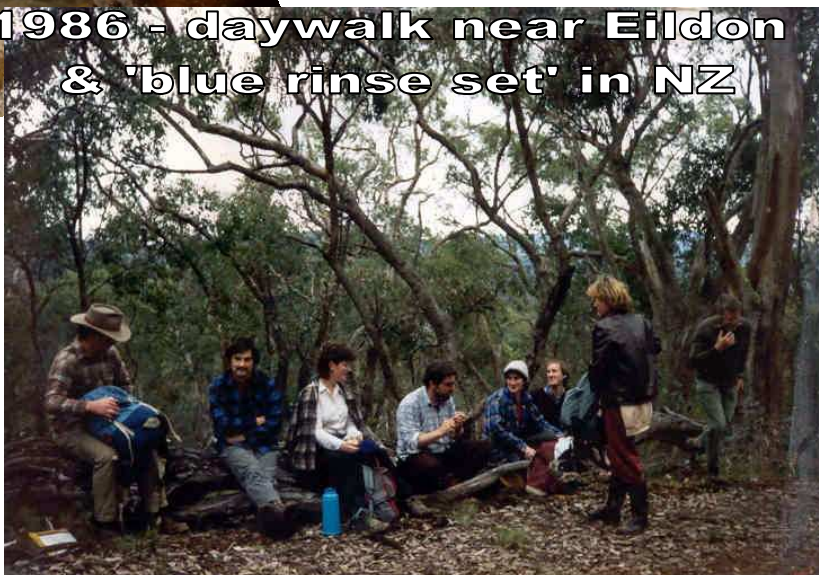


The first CAEX 'expedition' to the Gammon and Flinders Ranges in Spring 1984

1985 - Michel Z in the Western Arthurs



1986 - daywalk near Eildon
& 'blue rinse set' in NZ



Chris T, Rod Taylor, Arlis, Arnis Stonis, Margaret Maxwell,
Brian Churchill, Vicki Cox & David Nicholls.

Ron & Jennie
Lees, David &
Jean Nicholls

1987 - 5th anniversary walk, Fraser NP



Robyn Burns, Penny
Lane, Jim Barras, John
McMahon, Cate Leslie,
Fiona Nicholls, Chris
Towers and ?



Rod Taylor, Chris T, Lyn Ivory,
Elaine, ?, Lynne Johnston, Rosemary
Watson, Arlis, David, Nicholls, ?,
Miriam Segon, Jennie Lees, Jean
Nicholls, Ron Lees & Rosemary Lade

1988 - CAEX hosts the Federation Day Walk



1989 - Lake Mountain

1990 - Wedding of Colin Nicholls and Fiona Curry

One of at least 12
CAEX 'Mixes'



1991 - summit of Mt Kosciusko

Ron Lees, Michel Zajicek, Chris Towers,
Michael Whitely, Gill Thomas, Mark Barton,
Dennis Wykes, Suzanne Lenne, John McMa-
hon & Jane McMahon.

John McMahon, Dennis Wykes,
Jane McMahon, Elaine, Chris T,
Ron Lees & Michel Z.



1992 - Genoa River



1993 - Lake Tarli Karng

1994 - Mark Barton & course member, Murrumbidgee



1995 - Kooyoora summit, course walk

Rada Leeman & Barbara Buttery

Included in picture are Rosemary Lade, Susan Fitzpatrick, David Nicholls, Lynne Johnston, Herman Oostindee, Arlis Kempf and Des Fitzpatrick



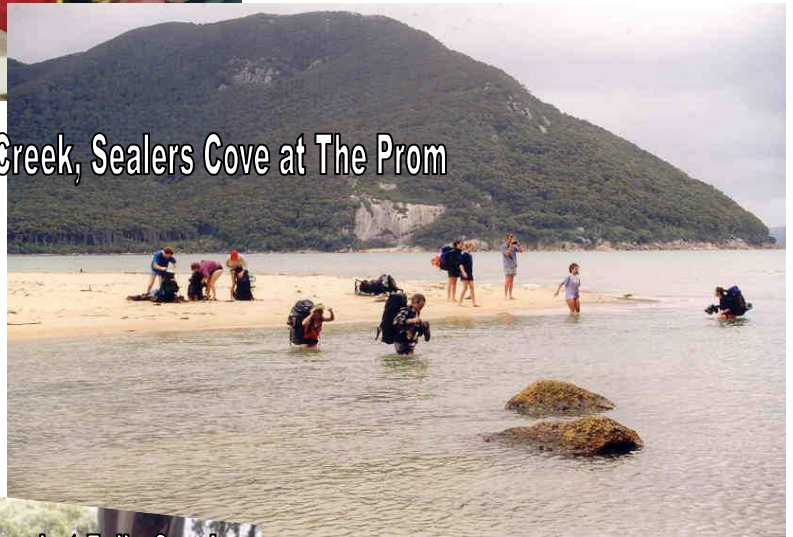
1996 - Falls Creek, rest stop beside an aqueduct

1997 - 15th Anniversary party, Jells Park

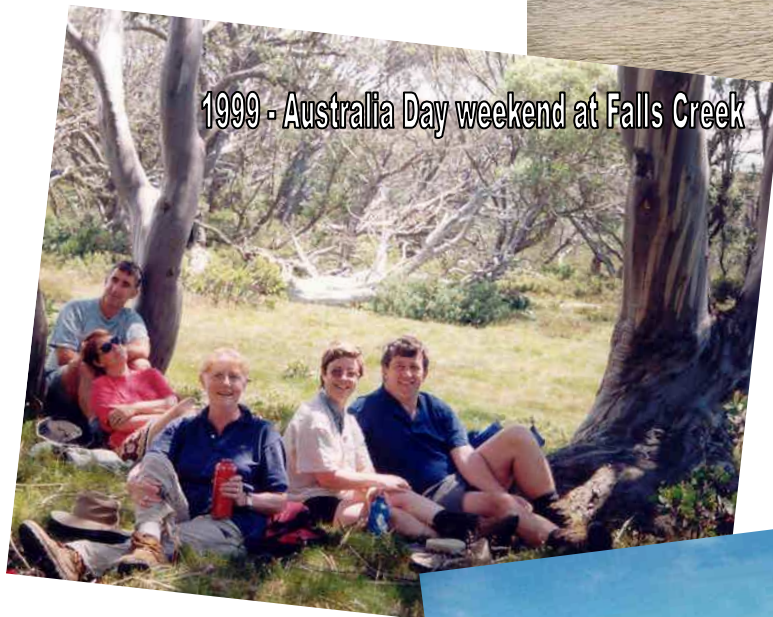


David Nicholls, Lynne Johnston,
Margaret Maxwell, Chris Towers,
Jane McMahon, Wayne Emmins

1998 - Crossing Sealers Creek, Sealers Cove at The Prom



1999 - Australia Day weekend at Falls Creek



Dennis & Karen Wykes, Jean
Nicholls, Chris & Elaine Towers

2000 - Summit of Mt Kooyoora



Eddy Chan, Peter Koukouparris,
Susan Fitzpatrick, Des Fitzpatrick,
Michel Zajicek

2001 - Hollow Mountain, Grampians



Paul Stoddart, Arlis Kempf, Eddy Chan, Adriana Stoddart, Des Fitzpatrick, David Nicholls, Susan Fitzpatrick, Michel Zajicek, Elaine Towers & Anna Dimou



2002 - 20th Anniversary party

2003 - Christmas party at Studley Park



Chris Baker, Lyn Ivory, Leanne Pike, Chris Towers, Val Wake, Herman Oostindee, Russell Hoffman, Taleen Gaidzkar, Margaret Fengler, Gert Fengler



David & Jean Nicholls

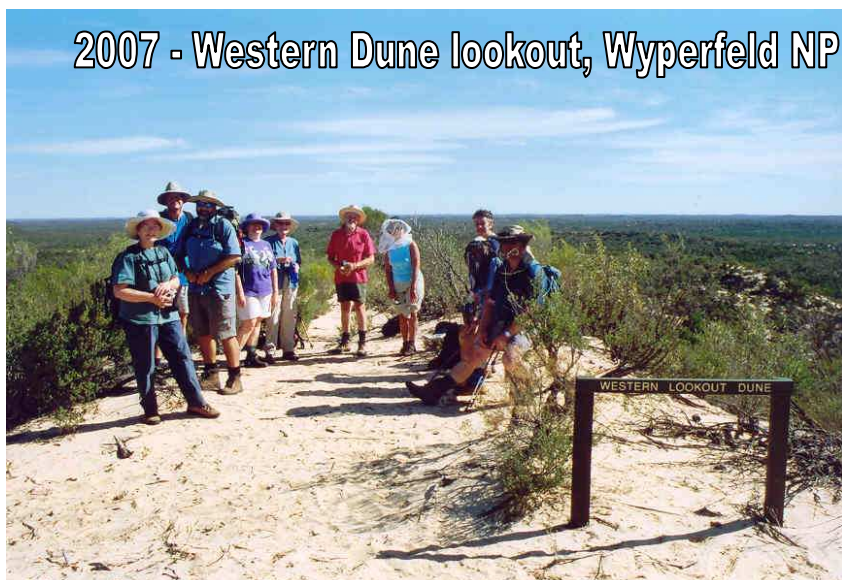
2004 - Blanket Bay, Otways NP



Pauline Troutbeck, Gail, Rees, Katrina Hansen, Chris Towers, June Torcasio, Val Wake & Patsy Gutterson



Val Wake, Arlis Kempf, Russell Hoffman, Lia Albergo, Taleen Gaidzkar, Elaine & Chris Towers



Val Wake, Michel Zajicek, Marek Turski, Leanne Pike, Jean Nicholls, David Nicholls, Christine Elsworthy, Taleen Gaidzkar, Jennie Epstein & Peter Koukouparris

CAEX Bushwalking Club Inc

Honour Roll: 1982 - 2007

Year	President	Secretary*	Treasurer	Committee	Editor
1982	David Leihy		Rhobyn Walsh		
1983	David Leihy		Rhobyn Walsh		
1984	David Nicholls		Chris Towers		Arlis Kempf
1985	Margaret Maxwell		Rod Taylor		Ron Lees
1986	Wayne Emmins		Michel Zajicek		Margaret Reid
1987	Chris Towers	Elaine Alexander	Arlis Kempf		Ron Lees
1988	Jennie Lees	Jean Nicholls/ Lynne Johnston	Arnis Stonis		Gerry Theile
1989	Wayne Emmins	Arlis Kempf	Rhobyn Walsh	Miriam Segon Dennis Wykes	Elaine & Chris Towers
1990	Des Burns	Margaret Maxwell	Monica McQuatters	Chris Baker Peter Duffell	Jean Nicholls
1991	Lynne Johnston	Miriam Segon	Monica McQuatters	Margaret Maxwell	Ron & Jennie Lees
1992	Suzanne Lenne	Val Wake	Mark Barton	Lynne Johnston	Jean Nicholls/Val Wake
1993	Val Wake	Peter Roberts	Norman Beilby	Mark Barton Des Fitzpatrick	Suzanne Lenne Lynne Johnston
1994	Leanne Pike	Peter Roberts	Barbara Addie	Des Fitzpatrick Pat Raco	Susan Fitzpatrick
1995	Leanne Pike	Des Fitzpatrick	Val Wake	Brad Caulfield Lino Filisone	Susan Fitzpatrick
1996	Des Fitzpatrick	Lino Filisone	Val Wake	Helen Birch Brad Caulfield	Keilleigh Booth
1997	Chris Towers	Lino Filisone	Leigh Pike	Chris Baker	Darrell Ross
1998	Chris Towers	Leanne Pike	Susan Fitzpatrick	John McRae	Darrell Ross
1999	Susan Fitzpatrick	Leanne Pike	Val Wake	Shona Dewar John McRae	Chris Donald

2000	Susan Fitzpatrick	Val Wake	Lia Albergo	Shona Dewar Michel Zajicek	Des Fitzpatrick
2001	Elaine (Alexander) Towers	Chris Towers	Lia Albergo	Michel Zajicek Jennie Epstein	Des Fitzpatrick
2002	Elaine (Alexander) Towers	Chris Towers	Laval Chu	Michel Zajicek Jennie Epstein	Des Fitzpatrick
2003	Lia Albergo	David Nicholls	Laval Chu	Michel Zajicek Taleen Gaidzkar	Val Wake
2004	Lia Albergo	David Nicholls	Ted Bailey	Chris Baker Taleen Gaidzkar	Val Wake
2005	David Nicholls	Val Wake	Lia Albergo	Gail Rees Jean Nicholls	Chris Towers
2006	David Nicholls	Val Wake	Lia Albergo	Gail Rees Jean Nicholls	Chris Towers
2007	Des Fitzpatrick	Margaret Maxwell	Val Wake	Leanne Pike Rada Leemann	Chris Towers

CAEX Mixes

Mark & Effie Barton

Des & Rhobyn Burns

Brad & Kelleigh Caulfield

Brian & Sharon Churchill

Shona Dewar & Henry Stork

Margaret Maxwell & Rob Francis

John & Jane McMahon

Colin & Fiona Nicholls

Leigh & Leanne Pike

Peter Roberts & Maureen Robinson

Chris & Elaine Towers

Lyn & Craig Ivory (now not married)



The above 'mixes' occurred as a result of the couples meeting through CAEX. If we have missed any, let us know.

Artwork by Jean Nicholls

CAEX Milestones

First CAEX Day Walk

11 July 1982 Fraser National Park

First Overnight Walk

14-15 August 1982 Grampians. Base camp at Buandik Camping and Picnic area

First Extended Walk

Labour Day Weekend, March 1983 to Mt Bogong. Leaders, Chris & Alison Leihy

First Expedition

Feb 1984: Overland Track, Tasmania. Leader Des Burns

CAEX Expeditions 1982-2007

Listed below are Club expeditions, as recorded in Cakewalk, since 1982. The line between expeditions and extended walks is a little blurry, so the following list may be subject to further revision!

When	Where	Leader/s
Feb 1984	Tasmania	Wayne Emmins
Sept 1984	Flinders Ranges	David Nicholls
Feb 1985	SW Tasmania	Wayne Emmins
Oct 1985	Budawangs	Michel Zajicek
Nov 1985	Flinders Island	Des Burns
Feb/Mar 1986	New Zealand	Chris Towers
Sept 1986	Flinders Ranges	Des Burns
May/June 1987	Kakadu	David Nicholls & Wayne Emmins
Oct 1988	Outback NSW	Jennie and Ron Lees
Oct 1988	Flinders Ranges	Jane Cairns
Sept/Oct 1989	Western Australia	Jennie and Ron Lees
Oct/Nov 1990	Budawangs	Michel Zajicek
Oct/Nov 1992	Budawangs	Michel Zajicek
March 1992	Genoa River	Jennie Lees
March 1993	Tasmania (Cradle Mtn)	Lynne Johnston
April/May 1994	The Kimberley	Des & Susan Fitzpatrick
Sept/Oct 1995	Flinders Ranges	Fitzpatrick's/Towers
May 1997	Kakadu	Val Wake
Feb 2001	New Zealand	Val Wake
October 2004	Bibbulmun Track	David Nicholls
July/Aug 2006	South America	Arlis Kempf, Val Wake & Lia Albergo

Recurring Trips

January Australia Day long weekend: Falls Creek, organised from 1985 to 1998 by Ron & Jennie Lees and since 1999 by Chris Towers. **November Cup Day long weekend:** Mt Hotham, organised by Herman Oostindee each year since 1994



The 'Rock Buns' CAEX Members since 1982

David Nicholls

Rosemary Lade

Jean Nicholls

Arlis Kempf

Michel Zajicek

Margaret Maxwell

Des Burns

Chris Towers

Rhobyn Burns

25th Anniversary Edition of The Cakewalk. Chris Towers Editor