Representing Bushwalkers since 1934

Bushwalking Victoria is the peak body that proactively represents the interests of all who walk in natural areas in Victoria. We proactively advocate on behalf of bushwalkers, contribute to track and conservation activities, provide highly skilled bushwalkers to assist Police with bush search and rescue and support our members.

We directly represent about 8,000 people who belong to our 65 member clubs or are Individual Members. More generally we advocate for the many people from Victoria, interstate or overseas who walk in natural areas in Victoria.

Our Vision is: Better bushwalking For Victoria
Our Mission is: To inspire more people to walk in natural areas for enjoyment, health, wellbeing and appreciation of the Victorian environment.

Bushwalking Victoria is a not for profit, incorporated association run mainly by volunteers. It was established in 1934 as the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs and changed its name to Bushwalking Victoria in 2006 to better reflect its key area of interest. We rely on member fees and small government grants to fund our activities.

Bushwalking Victoria exists to:
- Safeguard and advance the common interests of all bushwalkers;
- Promote safe and environmentally responsible recreational bushwalking and its benefits to the community;
- Maintain for the benefit of the community as a whole, a volunteer specialist search and rescue group to assist in land based searches for persons lost in Victoria;
- Promote and actively work for the conservation and effective management of the environment including national and state parks, wilderness and other public land areas to enhance their bushwalking value to the community;
- Work with other organisations having like interests; to assist with the development, maintenance and protection of the integrity and accessibility of walking tracks, so as to enhance their recreational bushwalking value for all; and
- Publish information regarding safety, preservation of the all bushwalkers in the community.
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President’s Report

This is the second year of reporting against the Strategic Plan we committed to in 2013. Much has been achieved in these first 2 years, but much remains to be done.

There is an old military dictum that ‘no plan ever survives contact with the enemy’, but so far the Strategic Plan has stood up very well. Having said that, we will be undertaking a review of the plan at the start of 2015-16 and we will ratify, amend or delete activities as necessary. The Strategic Consultant’s report will describe the process we will go through to carry out this review.

As always, Bushwalking Victoria has achieved much over the year, but we continue to be constrained by our limited resources. It is galling when we discuss our work with similar organisations such as Four Wheel Drive Victoria and Mountain Bike Australia to realise that they both have full time professional staff doing what we have to do with volunteers. Having said that, BWV continues a long tradition of punching well above its weight. We have a dedicated team of volunteers who have done a great deal for the benefit of the entire bushwalking community.

Governance

During the last 18 months, the number of individual members joining BWV has risen very rapidly, and we now have about 300 paid up individual members and about 600 additional memberships through ‘Where2Walk’. On average we are now getting 30+ new individual members each month. This is consistent with our strategy to seek to represent the entire Victorian bushwalking community, and in the longer term, we hope and expect this figure to continue to rise strongly.

We have therefore proposed at this year’s AGM to recognise the increasing role individual members are playing in BWV, and to allow and encourage them to participate more fully in our activities.

Whilst the details are spelt out in a separate communication to all clubs, in outline, we propose that individual members be allowed to nominate for the board of BWV, (with a maximum of three positions being available to individual members) and that individual members be given one vote on all matters arising at AGMs. These changes, if accepted, will apply from 2015-16 onwards.

From June 2015 onwards, a board member will also be focussed on growing and developing our individual membership. In the longer term, this would ideally be an individual member, but for the short term, the position will be filled by an existing board member.

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Bushwalking Victoria Brand and Image

The new BWV brand and image has been implemented. I believe the rebranding has been very successful, and allows us to present a more professional and contemporary image. All of our new key public documents are using the new branding, and selected existing documents will be 'rebranded' as time permits. As I mentioned last year, this has not been done merely for window dressing, but will help us in our new project to promote bushwalking positively, as part of a healthy lifestyle. That project has now begun, although it won't be visible to the wider world until later in the year. We are very conscious of the need to use the funds you have given us wisely, and we need to proceed carefully on a project of this nature.

Leadership Training (Initial & Extended)

These projects are covered in the Strategic Adviser's report.

Resources for Clubs

A set of three tips and suggestions sheets, aimed at helping clubs has been completed and copies sent to all clubs. The sheets cover:

- Membership Recruitment and Retention
- Engaging with Media
- Influencing Decision Makers

They contain a wealth of useful information, advice and tips drawn from the experience of a number of bushwalking and other clubs. I would urge all club committees to read them and use them to further your club's ambitions. They are also available for download, on the BWV web site.

Submissions to Government

This year, like last year, has been a busy and active one for submissions to governments. The recent change of government makes us expect that we will have yet more work to do in 2015-16.

Led by our Land Management and Environment consultant, we have responded to government proposals on the following topics:

- Arthurs Seat State Park Mountain Bikes Discussion Paper
- GPT Draft Master Plan
- Greater Alpine National Parks Draft Management Plan
- Point Nepean Park activities
- Sphagnum Bogs and Associated Fens National Recovery Plan
- Shipwreck Coast Master Plan
- Central Regional Coastal Plan
- Gippsland Regional Coastal Plan
- Western Regional Coastal Plan
- Forest Conservation Strategy – Forest Management Plan
Forest Conservation Strategy – High Conservation Strategy

VEAC Statewide Assessment of Public Land (not yet completed)

Each of these submissions has involved extensive research and analysis and careful assessment of proposals against our published policies. We have tried hard to balance our conservation ethos, and our support for reasonable planning aimed at enhancing public access to and enjoyment of our natural areas. All of the submissions listed above, with the exception of the VEAC Statewide Assessment are on the website and can be downloaded by any member.

Bushwalking Victoria Policies

We have completed the work, begun last year to update and consolidate our key policies, and these have now been approved by the board and uploaded to the BWV website. There are five key policy documents covering conservation, commercial activities in protected areas, bushwalking infrastructure, other recreational user groups and partnerships, and sponsorships. All of them are consistent with and explicitly reference our philosophy of ‘minimum impact’.

BWV Website

We have been successful in getting additional funding from SRV to assist with the next stage of development of the BWV website. Our vision is for the website to become a bushwalking information centre, where all the information an existing or intending bushwalker needs to know about planning, preparing and undertaking a bushwalking trip, is available either on the site or through links to other sites.

We are continuing to extend and enhance the information on the site, and we are also undertaking a review aimed at ensuring that the website is easy to use, friendly, accurate and consistent. This is a normal process for all complex websites, but is one that needs a painstaking and careful examination of the large mass of information we now have on-line.

Relationships

The new Victorian Government has brought about some changes in how we relate (and to whom). The most important one, which I have alluded to in two articles in ‘Bushwalking News Victoria’ is a separation of recreation from sport in terms of ‘where they fit’. Activities like bushwalking now fall under the Department of Health, rather than Sport.

Potentially, this is a positive step. BWV has always found it difficult to relate to the world of competitive sport, and our voice was often drowned out by the sports monoliths like the AFL, rugby, cricket etc. Sports needs and drivers differ from ours, and I can recall vividly
filling out forms where the answer to most of the questions was ‘not applicable’!

The Department of Health will, as we understand it, have a key focus on active recreation as an adjunct to better community health. We as bushwalkers have a very good story to tell in this space, and in the next 12 months, we intend to tell it! Our new project aiming at promoting bushwalking as a part of a healthy lifestyle seems to fit very well with Health’s objectives as we understand them. We will be contacting the Health Minister’s office in the near future to discuss the part we can play in their strategies for community wellbeing.

Outdoors Victoria (OV) organisation has been very active this year. It has produced a list of policy priorities which have been conveyed to government, and has hosted a leadership forum (in Geelong in February) which has begun the task of agreeing projects we can all contribute to, aimed at increasing awareness, participation and government funding for active recreation outdoors.

We continue to support the work of OV, and BWV board member Chris Towers is an OV Director.

BWV has continued its strong relationship with Bushwalking Australia (BA). BA has begun work on a clear statement of its strategic direction, and a lot of work has been done towards agreeing what its role should be. As we see it, BA can provide a repository of information and expertise, drawn from all the states, and which any state can use, to assist its work. BA can also pool the research all the state bodies do and build a library of research information to help all of us. Of course, BA is the natural focus for relations with the Federal Government where this is relevant.

More work needs to be done, but I believe BA is now in a position to provide increasing value to all the state bodies. The next national conference will be in November 2015, in Victoria.

Our ongoing relationship with Parks Victoria has been covered under the BTAC Committee Convener’s report.

**Federation Walks**

The 2014 Federation event was hosted by the four Gippsland clubs: Strzelecki Bushwalking Club, Ben Cruachan Walking Club, South Gippsland Walking and Adventure Club, and West Gippsland Walking Club. It was an outstandingly successful weekend, with almost 300 bushwalkers enjoying two days of walking based at Rawson Village.

None of us will easily forget Saturday evening’s speaker, Tim Cope, telling the story of his epic ride from Mongolia to Hungary. The evening was stolen by Tim’s dog, a genuine Mongolian itself, who accompanied him for almost the entire way, and then to Australia.

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Planning and organising the weekend required a huge effort by a large number of dedicated people from the four clubs. On behalf of all Victorian bushwalkers (and especially those of us lucky enough to be there), I want to thank all four clubs.

Next Year – Key Activities

Consistent with our Strategic Plan, our top priorities in 2015-16 will be:

- Creating and delivering on our project to promote bushwalking as part of a healthy lifestyle, to the wider community
- Strengthening and growing the Victorian club network, and growing individual membership
- Improving and extending our contacts with key decision makers and hence our ability to influence decisions on behalf of the bushwalking community
- Continuing the development of the BWV website towards a bushwalking information centre
- Increasing our contribution to track maintenance, participation in ‘adopt a track’ and conservation activities
- Maintaining our total commitment to Bush Search and Rescue

We will all be working hard on behalf of the entire bushwalking community in 2015-16!

Funding

One of the major challenges facing Bushwalking Victoria into the future is our very limited funding. We have received valuable funding from Sports and Recreation Victoria (SRV) during 2014-15, but we cannot assume such funding will always be available as it is always subject to the political and economic constraints of the current state government.

I mentioned last year that we had begun a project to identify and secure partnership and sponsorship funds in the longer term. This project is in its early stages, and we cannot assume it will deliver us significant funds in the next two years. In any event, we will be very careful who we partner with – we will never compromise our values or ethics for commercial advantage.

Similarly to last year, our financial planning provides estimates not only for the upcoming financial year, but for the following year as well. This is designed to help all of us to plan for the future beyond the next 12 months. We will be asking you for additional funds both in 2015-16 and 2016-17, to help us to work more effectively for all bushwalkers. The Treasurers report sets out details of our current and projected financial position.
Last but not least – our volunteers!

Bushwalking Victoria relies on a wonderful group of volunteers who give their time and skills in order to make everything we do possible. I want to thank all of them, the board members, the BSAR convenor, committee and all the BSAR volunteers, the BTAC committee and their network of volunteers, Field Officers and of course their track maintenance and conservation project volunteers.

The many submissions BWV has made on behalf of all bushwalkers would not be possible without the dedicated work of BTAC members, and in particular, of our Land Management and Environmental Consultant whose analytical skills and research are indispensable.

The Leadership Training courses have been built by a team of hard-working volunteers who have created a valuable resource for any club to use.

Our Strategic Consultant has provided invaluable coordination, planning and project management skills. Our Bushwalking News Victoria editor keeps us all informed, and our Federation coordinator, has steered and assisted many clubs to deliver successful and enjoyable Federation events.

To all of you, and to any others I have inadvertently missed, thank you – Bushwalking Victoria could not continue without you.

Tony Walker
President

Secretary’s Report

Our Office Manager, Patsy Scales, continues to a very efficient and effective focal point for communicating with Bushwalking Victoria. Patsy has also provided a very high level of support to all Board members and to the monthly Board meetings. This has allowed the Secretary to pay attention to ensuring that our Rules of Association and By-Laws are kept up-to-date and in compliance with the legislation and associated amendments and regulations.

I have now completed six years as a Board member, three years as Treasurer and now three years as Secretary. I thank all Board Members, past and present, for their support and co-operation and wish the incoming Board every success for the future.

Fred Bover
Secretary
Office Manager’s Report

It has been another interesting year communicating with fellow bushwalkers - through reading all the club newsletters and the wonderful walks undertaken by clubs, my “bucket list” has grown.

The implementation of the new branding has slowly but surely been completed and has had great reviews. Whilst we have had a few hiccups on the way, it is a wonderful brand to work with and comes across as very professional.

The database I reported on in the last Annual Report is getting closer to implementation. Little did I know how much goes into planning and programming a decent membership database. Besides all the regular chores, it has taken me a long time. Hopefully, all this will be implemented by August/September.

My biggest challenge as Office Manager is keeping member records up-to-date, therefore I will plead again to Clubs – whenever you have an AGM or a change of Committee, please keep Bushwalking Victoria in the loop. We provide a lot of information and don’t want you to miss out.

Working at Bushwalking Victoria is a pleasure. All colleagues, members, suppliers and volunteers have one thing in common – the love of bushwalking – I am a lucky employee and am looking forward to assisting in the promotion and growth of bushwalking.

Patsy Scales
Office Manager

Treasurer’s Report

In bushwalking terms our financial position is pretty much on track, we’ve had a few off track excursions but have been moving forward at a steady pace towards our goals. We are travelling a little bit slower than hoped for but progress has been steady and there has been no need to revise the original plans or goals outlined in our strategy and operating plans.

Against our 2014/15 budget we spent a little less on projects than envisaged and our revenue was down on that planned as we were not able to progress sponsorship opportunities that had been budgeted for. Due to reduced Government funding first aid subsidy rebates were limited to $4,000 with the rebate reduced from $40 to $25 per member. The net result was a small surplus of $3,980 for the year.

The budget for 2015/16 is for a budget deficit of $9,925. As forecast in last year’s report we are progressively increasing club members’ contributions which have been set this year at $14.40 ($13.09 + GST). Individual memberships continue to grow in significance.
contributing $4,490 last year and we are budgeting for that to double this year. We are a member based organisation and member’s contributions must be our principal source of income. Forecast membership fees for club members for 2016/17 are $16.50 (inclusive GST). Sponsors and government grants are still seen as a potential source of supplemental revenue but we have not budgeted for additional funds beyond those that have been previously received.

**Accounts for 2014-2015**

The accounts for 2014-2015 are attached as Appendix 1 at the end of this Annual Report.

**John Creaser**

**Treasurer**

**Statement by Members of the Board of Management, Bushwalking Victoria Inc A0002548Y**

The Board has determined by means of the Australian Taxation Office self-assessment system that Bushwalking Victoria Inc. is an exempt entity for income tax purposes and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the notes accompanying the financial statements. Bushwalking Victoria Inc. does not have any mortgages, charges or securities; and is not a trustee of any trust nor does it have any trusts held on its behalf. In the opinion of the Board, the financial report as set out in this document presents a true and fair statement of the financial position of Bushwalking Victoria Inc. as at the 31 March 2015 and its financial performance for the year ended on that date.

At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Bushwalking Victoria Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due during the next twelve months.

**Tony Walker —President**

**John Creaser —Treasurer**

**Review of the Annual Accounts for Members of Bushwalking Victoria Inc**

I have reviewed the financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Bushwalking Victoria Inc for the year ended 31 March 2015 as set out in the above pages.
The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Reform Act 2012.

In my opinion the financial report presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Bushwalking Victoria Inc as at 31 March 2015 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in the Notes to the financial statements.

Pierre Ah-Ching
Honorary Reviewer
June 2015

Communications, Marketing and Promotion Report

The major communications and marketing initiatives for 2014 were changes arising from implementation of the new brand image, revising and adding new content to the website with the aim of achieving a one-stop-shop for Victoria's bushwalkers, and improving our presence and activity levels on social media, particularly on Facebook.

Implementation of the new branding included updating some of the design elements of the BWV website with the aim of making it more modern looking and attractive for users, and reducing some of the sites complexity. Further development and revision of the website to meet these objectives remains a work in progress.

Thanks largely to the efforts of our Office Manager, Patsy Scales, BWV now has a much more active and informative presence on social media, with a particular emphasis on Facebook. Most days Patsy posts on BWVs Facebook page and as a result the number of followers jumped from little more than 100 to 600 over the course of the year, and the number continues to climb steadily, reflecting not just the number of posts made, but also their quality and interest to bushwalkers. Patsy has also been exploring the use of other social media options such as Google+, Instagram and Pinterest.

Plans to further improve and add to the BWV website content during 2014 did not proceed as far as was planned, due to in large part to other workload demands. Early in 2015 a professional writer with a passion for bushwalking was engaged to review and update existing content and write new content in line with our one-stop-shop concept. This work is continuing. Victorian government grant money is funding this important work.
A small number of enhancements have been made to where2walk to make it easier to identify walks of particular interest, such as beach and coastal walks and those with particular scenic attractions. Expect to see better quality mapping and more walks added to where2walk over 2015.

The website continues to attract significant numbers of users, subscribers and new members. Most months more than 30 new people are signing up as individual members, and our newsletter mailing list now includes more than 1,000 individual subscribers in addition to our member clubs.

Chris Towers
Board Member

Bushwalking Australia Report

Compared with 2014, the past year was largely business as usual. Organising and arranging insurance cover for affiliated bushwalking clubs and their members continues to be the most important service BA provides. The annual renewal process, which involves clubs completing and submitting a renewal questionnaire is the activity that creates the most significant workload for the BA office bearers and Insurance Officer. It is regrettable that each year a small number of clubs in each state, including Victoria, seem totally unprepared for this critical part of the insurance renewal process, submitting their questionnaire late. This delays completion of the process, adds unnecessarily to the workload of our hard working volunteers and ultimately affects the majority of the 200+ clubs across Australia that do the right thing.

BA's 2014 annual conference and AGM was hosted by Walking SA at a venue in the Adelaide Hills. While our quarterly teleconferences are important for keeping up-to-date on a regular basis, the annual conference where delegates from each state meet face to face over the course of a weekend is the most effective way for issues to be thoroughly discussed and debated and decisions made.

In October 2014, I had the privilege of representing BA at Walk21, the International Conference of Walking held over four days in Sydney. Most of the conference presentations and workshops were focussed on walking for transport and walking for health. Unfortunately there was not as much content devoted to recreational walking as I felt there could and should have been, given that most walking in Australia and in fact in most countries is for recreation.

In both, South Australia and Western Australia, the peak bushwalking bodies undertook significant changes to their governance and membership arrangements along similar lines to those Victoria embarked on in 2006. Some of the other states are
considering similar innovations all, with the aim of ensuring that the interests of recreational walkers and bushwalkers in particular are represented by the strongest possible.

*Chris Towers*

*Board Member & Bushwalking Australia President*

**Bushwalking Tracks & Conservation (BTAC) Report**

**A year of consolidation and growth**

BTAC is administered by a standing committee of BWV. The current members and areas of responsibility are:

- Megan Major – Convener
- Charlie Ablitt – Projects Coordinator
- Phil Brotchie – Land Management Environment Consultant
- David Rimmer – Track Development Officer
- Joslin Guest – Publications Officer
- Peter Maffei – Field Officers Coordinator

In August, David Miller resigned after serving for many years on the Bushwalking Environment Committee (BEC) and BTAC. We thank him for his work as a Field Officer for the East Gippsland region and for his dedication and efforts to coordinate track clearing and maintenance projects on the Australian Alps Walking Track (AAWT).

In October, we appointed Peter Maffei to fill this vacancy. We thank him for taking on the role of Field Officers Coordinator.

BTAC has seen growth and development at all levels and these are detailed below.

**BTAC Projects**

We are pleased to report that the number of BTAC projects doubled from five in 2013-14 to ten in 2014–15 and the total hours worked increased from 680 to 1611 volunteer hours. We must thank Charlie Ablitt for the incredible number of hours he spent to achieve this outcome. For each activity, Charlie spent hours; negotiating work requirements with land managers, advising volunteers about the activity by phone or email, travelling to meet with rangers, not to mention the number of hours spent supervising the projects on the day, then writing up the report for our records and BNV.
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At a rate of $32.50 per hour, this equates to a contribution of $52,357.

Club Projects

This year, eight clubs advised us of the work that their members contributed to tracks and conservation. West Gippsland, Grampians, Bayside, Diamond Valley, Benalla, Boroondara, Waverley and Melbourne.

The activities undertaken included: pruning, chainsaw fallen branches, define tracks with markers, pin jute sacking, install water diversions, clear steps and drains, clear cape ivy, blackberries, boneseed and pittosporum.

We encourage all clubs to report their activities so BTAC can more accurately advise government and the general public of the contribution of bushwalkers.
Adopt A Track

We are also extremely pleased to report that the number of clubs that have “adopted a track” has also doubled. Last year we reported that five clubs were matched with a park.

This year there are ten clubs which have adopted a track or have established an ongoing relationship with the managers of a park. We hope that more clubs will take up the challenge to include ongoing volunteer work in their club programs.

Table 2: Listing of Clubs participating in Adopt A Track

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BTAC Volunteers

The number of volunteers has also increased. There were 45 people on our list for the 2013-14 year. We are pleased to report that 85 volunteers from 22 clubs and 5 individual members worked on one or more BTAC projects in this reporting period. Some volunteers have worked on several projects. A BIG THANK YOU to all of the volunteers for their time and effort: sometimes travelling for hundreds of kilometres at their own expense, carrying equipment into the work site and camping in sometimes uncomfortable weather and surrounds to achieve an outcome for others to enjoy.

A big thank you to all of the volunteers for their time and effort.
Megan Major, Convenor BTAC
Field Officers

The Field Officers liaise and network with local bushwalking clubs and Land Managers and report monthly to the BTAC committee. During the year Pauline McLaughlin, Bernard Jordan and David Miller resigned after many years in the role. We acknowledge their input and thank them for their efforts. We welcomed Terry Sydes, Eileen Clark, Merilyn Liddell, Mike Liddell, Linda Haynes and Alan Dow as new Field Officers. The ongoing Field Officers are: Jim Harker, Bev Williams, David Rimmer, Phil Brotchie, Richard Piesse, John Petheram, Michael Haynes and Ian McKellar. The monthly reports provide essential information for the BTAC committee and the BWV board. In addition, the Field Officers discuss issues with Land Managers within a geographical area, participate in local consultation, and advocate on behalf of all bushwalkers. A BIG THANK YOU to all of the Field Officers for their contribution during the year.

Relationship with Parks Victoria

The protracted implementation of the restructure of Parks Victoria has hindered communication for the last two years. Since the Regional Services Division Restructure became effective in January, we have proceeded with some confidence to build relationships at all levels.

At a meeting with the General Manager Park Planning and the General Manager Regional Services in March we agreed to pursue an updated MOU given the existing one is many years old. BWV and PV endorsed a regular series of meetings to progress the partnership.

The PV contact list provided to BWV enables the BTAC committee to match Field Officers or Project Leaders to the most appropriate Park Manager or Park Ranger. This information will also assist clubs to “Adopt A Track”.

We were extremely pleased that PV recognised the work done by BTAC volunteers on the AAWT in March.

Submissions

Again Dr Phil Brotchie drafted most of the submissions to State and Federal governments. A full list of the topics addressed is given in the President’s Report.

We thank Phil for his continued efforts, often within severely limited timelines to analyse draft plans, identify issues that may impact on the bushwalking community, then draft recommendations on our behalf.
Policies

Last year we reported that four final draft documents were posted on the BWV website for comment in April 2014. In July the board approved the documents as the final version for publication on the website:

- Conservation Policy
- Bushwalking Infrastructure Policy
- Commercial Activities In Protected Areas Policy
- Other Recreational Groups Policy

These revised policies have served their purpose well during the last twelve months when we have raised or discussed issues that impact on bushwalkers with government department staff.

BTAC Operational Procedures

After months of work by BTAC committee members and considerable time and effort by Val Wake, the BTAC Operational Procedures were sent to clubs in February. While the document is intended primarily for BTAC projects, we hope that it will assist clubs to undertake their own track and conservation activities.

Publications

Joslin Guest is responsible for reviewing and producing BTAC brochures. The “Make tracks for conservation” brochure was printed with the new BWV branding features in November. We hope that the information will encourage bushwalkers to join a club or become an individual member of Bushwalking Victoria and join BTAC volunteers on our projects.

During the year all members of the BTAC committee and BWV board contributed to the review of “Tread Softly”. Our brief was to update the original brochure -Tread Softly – the bushwalker’s minimum impact code... last updated May 2003. We trust that the revised version will inform all bushwalkers, members of the public and government departments that Bushwalking Victoria has a robust and current code of practice for bushwalking in protected areas. We thank Joslin for her commitment and expertise.

BTAC Committee Activity

Members attended five committee meetings during the year. Minutes and reports were provided for the BWV board. All members participated in several BTAC and club track maintenance or conservation projects. In addition to administration work involving countless emails, phone calls, letters and news articles, members attended a range of meetings and consultation forums during the year. Some examples include: Megan and Charlie attended the stakeholder workshop for the Victorian Tracks and Trails Strategy,
Charlie and David attended the AAWT meeting at Namadgi NP, Phil participated several times in scoping exercise for the development of the southern sections of the Grampians Peaks Trail.

**Future Directions**

Our main task will be to actively build relationships with land managers at all levels

**Priorities for 2015-2016**

Our priorities for the coming year are:

- Leadership training for Project and Crew leaders
- Increase the number of Project and Crew leaders
- Increase the number of Field Officers and develop their role
- Increase the number of clubs which adopt a track or park

On behalf of the committee I thank Patsy Scales for her ongoing support and administrative assistance.

I ask that BWV members applaud and thank the BTAC committee members for their work and achievements this year and support them with their plans for the future.

*Megan Major*

*BTAC Manager*

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Bush Search & Rescue Victoria Report

Searches

Bush Search and Rescue Victoria was called out six times during the period 1 May 2014 to 30 April 2015 and participated in the three major search and rescue operations.

150 searching and 159 training person-days were recorded, a total of 309 volunteer days.

21 new members joined and 22 resigned. 221 searchers are available for call-out.

Lake Eildon National Park 4-7 April 2015: Sixty-three BSAR members contributed to the extensive search for a missing autistic boy who was located after several days searching. BSAR and other emergency services workers involved in the search were thanked in the Victorian parliament by Premier Daniel Andrews and Minister for Emergency Services Jane Garrett.

Mount Bogong, 5-6 July 2014: Five BSAR members based in Mt Beauty ascended Staircase Spur and located two missing men who were escorted to Bivouac Hut the next morning. Police Search and Rescue and additional BSAR members along with local SES assisted in getting the men off Mt Bogong.

Mount Bogong, 13-15 July 2014: Two snowboarders reported missing were eventually located deceased after being buried by an avalanche off Eskdale Spur.

Training

BSAR Annual Training

Duncan Brookes and Merv Trease led BSAR Annual Training at Korweinguboora in May 2014 with 46 members and prospective members attending. Three search exercises were conducted in “typical search weather” - cool and showery conditions in the Wombat State Forest. Field exercises incorporated feature and line searching, patient management and a stretcher carry evacuation. A rotation of practical workshops covered tracking and observation, hypothermia field treatment and helicopter extraction. Navigation skills were also honed with a GPS Rogaine.

Steep Snow and Ice training

Eric Krista and Peter Campbell led Steep Snow and Ice training on the Razorback near Mount Hotham in September 2014. 23 BSAR
members conducted self-arresting, stretcher hauling, alpine travel and avalanche rescue exercises on steep slopes. Victoria Police Search and Rescue provided us with excellent instruction and support.

Projects & other activities

Priority actions implemented from our 2012-16 BSAR Strategic Plan included:

- Duncan Brookes managed the provision of safety clothing to all active members.
- Patsy Scales now supports new BSAR members by providing a new member welcome pack.
- An annual information evening and members social night is held in October.

A Letter of Understanding was signed with Victoria Police

Rod Costigan diligently scanned and stored digital copies of all available historical BSAR search reports to create a valuable archive.

Cameron Plant, Kirilee Chaplin and Geoff Williams contacted several university outdoors clubs and provided presentations to their members about BSAR, which will hopefully result in some new keen searchers joining our ranks. Rod Costigan and I have also provided presentations to several bushwalking clubs to raise awareness of BSAR and how people can participate.

Jack De Vries, Membership Secretary and Ren Millsom, Behind The Log newsletter editor both continue to quietly and efficiently provide important volunteer services to BSAR.

Specialist rescue stretchers were kindly donated by local community groups to our members based in Mt Beauty and North East Victoria following the 2014 Mt Bogong search and rescue operations.

I would like thank all members of the Bush Search and Rescue Committee and Executive for their ongoing contributions and commitment to the operations and governance of the organisation.

I also thank Bushwalking Victoria Board, the Victoria Police Search and Rescue Squad and the Victorian Department of Justice for the continued and much valued support they provide to Bush Search and Rescue Victoria.

Peter Campbell
Convener
Strategy Advisor’s Report

The focus of the Strategy Adviser’s work this year has been coordinating the ongoing implementation of the new Strategic Plan. Each year the Board decides on specific activities to be undertaken during the year and these are set out in an annual Operational Plan. Each project has a project leader, usually a Board member, and progress reports are submitted to the Board each month.

The 2014-15 Operational Plan focussed on 16 objectives from the Strategic Plan and this has proven challenging for Bushwalking Victoria as a volunteer based organisation. While progress has been somewhat slower than hoped, all projects are continuing and take us closer to achieving our three key goals.

Some of the major projects undertaken this year, not covered elsewhere in the annual report, are described below.

Bushwalking Leadership Training Programs

This project is part of “Goal 3: Bushwalking Victoria and its member clubs are well resourced and effective organisations that support the bushwalking community”.

- The development and implementation of a Bushwalking Leadership Training course was successfully completed in 2014 by a Project Team of volunteers from a number of clubs led by Gerard Vander and funded by a grant from Sport and Recreation Victoria. The course was run three times in order to trial the packages. Feedback from participants was used to fine tune the training course and the course material has been finalised and made available to all clubs via the Bushwalking Victoria website.
- A new project team, led by Sally Walker, has been established to develop an extended Bushwalking Leader training course, covering base camps, pack carries and walking in more remote and challenging areas. This project has also been funded by Sport and Recreation Victoria. Course development is now complete and the first course has been run in May 2015. After incorporating feedback and suggestions the course will be finalised and uploaded to the BWV website in July 2015.
- Both of the courses are intended for use by clubs for in house training or to team up with other clubs and run combined courses. The leadership training team consists of four very experienced walk leaders, two of whom are also teachers, and they can provide assistance to any club not sure how to best deliver the courses.
Promoting bushwalking

This project is part of “Goal 1: Bushwalking is a popular activity recognised by the community as enjoyable, healthy, environmentally responsible and safe”.

- Bushwalking Victoria wants to raise awareness and knowledge of bushwalking as a healthy and enjoyable recreation suitable for nearly everyone. This needs to be a long term project with a range of activities occurring each year. In this first year, part of the focus is on developing an overall plan to provide the basis for activities and projects that will work well together to build awareness of bushwalking over a period of time. How much can be done will depend on the resources available in any given year.
- Several specific projects are also being investigated, in particular working with several local councils to promote bushwalking in their area. These activities and experiences will assist Bushwalking Victoria develop and test out promotional activities which can then be used in other local government areas or to other potential target groups.
- Related activities for promoting bushwalking include revising publications and considering developing new publications to support the promotional effort.

Bushwalking Victoria branding

This project is part of “Goal 3: Bushwalking Victoria and its member clubs are well resourced and effective organisations that support the bushwalking community”.

- A new look for Bushwalking Victoria was launched at the Leadership Forum in 2014. Since then a number of implementation activities have been undertaken to apply the new branding more widely.
- In particular work is proceeding to provide Bushwalking Tracks and Conservation (BTAC) organisers and volunteers with high-viz vests, banners to be erected on site of track work and an A-frame stand to be placed at trail heads. These will all raise awareness of the work done by BTAC and hopefully inspire people to join BWV and BTAC.
- A range of other implementation activities are being undertaken to make it easier for the Office Manager and others to apply the branding to publications and documents.

By the end of 2015, Bushwalking Victoria will conduct a mid-term review of its Strategic Plan

Other activities

Other important activities being undertaken include:

- Investigating ways of attracting sponsors and partners.
- Developing ‘how to’ publications to assist clubs seeking to undertake activities. Three have been completed to date - engaging with decision makers, recruitment and retention of
members and working with the media. Over time publications on a range of issues of potential interest to clubs will be developed and added to the website.

- More intensive use of Facebook to raise awareness of Bushwalking Victoria and of bushwalking in general. Thanks to great work by Patsy Scales our Office Manager, there is a steady increase in the number of people who ‘like’ Bushwalking Victoria thus raising awareness of what we do.

**Review of Strategic Plan**

By the end of 2015, Bushwalking Victoria will conduct a mid-term review of its Strategic Plan. The purpose of the Review will be to determine whether any changes are needed to fine tune the Plan. For instance have there been any changes within Bushwalking Victoria and its members or in the wider context in which Bushwalking Victoria operates, since the Plan was approved two years ago? If there have, do any of these changes impact on the Plan and should changes be made to address these issues?

Members will be invited to submit comments and feedback as part of the review process.

Work on these initiatives, in addition to more routine business, has been undertaken by all Board members and other volunteers. I thank them for their hard work and congratulate them on the achievements of the past 12 months.

*Elaine Towers  
Strategy Adviser*

**Federation Events**

**2014**

As covered in the President’s report, the 2014 event was a huge success in every measure. 295 participants walked in the Alpine environs of the Baw Baw plateau and the historic gold town of Walhalla. Based out of Rawson the four organising Gippsland clubs even turned on spectacular weather supplying a Saturday too warm for some!

The event also saw the introduction by the organising clubs of a number of innovations in the way the event was organised and managed, including a dedicated web site, online registration by individual walkers rather than through clubs an online survey of attendees following the event. 60% of those that attended completed the survey and provided an overwhelming endorsement of the event and its organisers.
The 2014 Federation event proved that recreational walking is a vibrant activity attracting walkers from all corners of Victoria.

2015

This year’s event is will be held in the Central Victorian Goldfields hosted over two days by the Great Dividing Trail Association and the Bayside Bushwalking Club.

Dates are 24 and 25 October.

Hepburn Primary School is the base and is also the venue for the Saturday night dinner. Guest speaker is a goldfields archaeologist.

20 walks are on offer on each of the two days of the event and bookings for the walks and the dinner can be made and paid for online from June 15th.

Participants have to arrange accommodation privately. There will be a souvenir booklet available as a keepsake of the event.

2016

It is proposed that next year’s event will be held in the Grampians with the Wimmera Walking Club willing to host the event. They will, however, need a co-organising club with more human resources.

If your club is willing to discuss possibly co-hosting please call Peter Conroy on 0425 721 479.
Governance & Management

Bushwalking Victoria is an Incorporated Association, and is the peak body representing bushwalkers and other recreational walkers in Victoria.

There are three categories of membership:

- **Affiliated members** - 62 clubs, where the main activity is bushwalking. These clubs have full voting rights and their members are eligible to hold office.
- **Associate members** - Seven organisations or clubs whose activities include bushwalking but they are constituted primarily for other purposes. Associate members do not have voting rights, but their members are able to participate in many Bushwalking Victoria committees and activities.
- **Individual supporter members** - 293 individuals who do not have voting rights, but may also participate in committees and activities.
- **Free Subscriptions** — 594.

The organisation is governed by a Board of Management, comprising four elected officers and six general Board members. Terry Sydes resigned as General Board member and Hadi Hezaveh, his replacement, was appointed at a Board meeting on 10 March 2015.

The Board currently meets up to 11 times each year to review performance, make policy decisions and develop strategic direction.

The day-to-day management of the organisation is carried out by the office bearers, conveners of standing committees and other specialist officers.
The organisation is governed by a Board of Management, comprising four elected officers and five general Board members.

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Bushwalking Victoria Inc
Organisation Chart

*including:
- Bushwalking Australia
- Outdoors Victoria
- Australian Alps Walking Track Stakeholder Group
- Grampians Peak Trail Task Force
- Living Links Steering Committee

Bushwalking Victoria is also a Member of:
- Volunteering Victoria
- High Country Huts Association
- VicSport
- Victorian National Parks Association
Membership

Affiliate Members

Ballarat Bushwalking and Outdoor Club Inc.
Basically Bushwalking Inc
Bass Coast Strollers Inc
Bayside Bushwalking Club Inc
Ben Cruachan Walking Club Inc
Benalla Bushwalking Club Inc.
Bendigo Bushwalking & Outdoor Club Inc
Berwick and District Bushwalking Club
B’nai B’rith Ramblers
Border Bushwalking club Inc
Boroondara Bushwalkers Incorporated
Bunarong Bushwalking Club
Bushranger Women’s Walking Club
Bushwalking Victoria
CAEX Bushwalking Club Inc
Camperdown Bushwalking Club
Catholic Walking Club of Victoria Inc
Cobram Bushwalking Club
Dandenong Valley Bushwalking Club
Diamond Valley Bushwalking Club Inc
Echuca Moama Bushwalkers Inc
Eltham and Environs Walking Group
Essendon Bushwalking Club
Friends of the Great South West Walk Inc.
Geelong Bushwalking Club
Gisborne Bushwalking Club
Grampians Bushwalking Club
Great Dividing Trail Association
Heathcote Walkers
Iranian Bushwalkers
Keilor Bushwalking Club
Koonung Bushwalking Club
Mansfield Bushwalking Club
Maroondah Bushwalking Club Inc
Melbourne Bushwalkers Incorporated (MBW)
Melbourne University Alumni Bushwalkers
Melbourne Walking Club Inc
Melbourne Women’s Walking Club
Melbourne Young Hikers
Melton Bushwalkers Inc
Otway Ranges Walking Track Association Inc
Pakenham Bushwalking Club
Peninsula Bushwalking Club Inc
Peregrine Inc.
Ramblers Walking Club Inc
Rosebud Ramblers
Shepparton Adventure Club Inc.
South Gippsland Walking & Adventure Club
Stonnington Walking Club Inc
Strzelecki Bushwalking Club Inc
Sunraysia Bushwalkers Inc
Taradale & District Walking Group Inc.
Victorian Mountain Tramping Club Inc
Walking Club of Victoria
Wangaratta Out and About Inc
Warby Range Bushwalkers Incorporated
Warrnambool Bushwalkers Inc
Waverley Bushwalking Club Inc
Werribee Bushwalking & Outdoor Club Inc.
West Gippsland Bushwalkers Inc.
Wimmera Bushwalking Club Inc
Wonthaggi Bush and Beach Walking Club

Associate Members

AlpineSAR
Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club Inc
Melbourne University Mountaineering Club
Monash Bushwalking & Outdoors Club
Scout Bushwalkers
VNPA Bushwalking Club
Victorian Rogaining Association
YHA Bushwalking Club

The accounts are set out on the following pages.

Comments on 2014/2015 Annual Accounts

Specific Points

- The financial report has been prepared for use by the members of Bushwalking Victoria and is a special purpose financial report. It has been prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Association Incorporation Reform Act 2012. The report is prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs.
- Bushwalking Victoria is a GST registered entity. For the reporting period Business Activity Statements were completed on a cash basis.
- For the period reported, Bushwalking Victoria has a net operation surplus of $3,980. This surplus will be transferred to the equity accounts as indicated in the Income and Expenditure Statement.
- BWV received a total of $21,000 in Victorian Government grants for our Better Bushwalking Project and the ongoing development of Where2Walk website.
- A donation of $5,368 was made to BSAR as part of the Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program, an ongoing program funded by the Victorian Government.

On 11th May 2015 the Board approved an amount of $33,000 to remain as the contingency reserve to cover such situations as unexpected increase in insurance costs, loss of low cost rental for office premises and loss of funding from Sport and Recreation Victoria.

Notes to the Accounts as at March 31, 2015

1 Depreciation
   All equipment has been fully depreciated

2 Grants
   - Victorians More Active $21,000

3 Sundry Creditors
   - IP Australia $300
   - Savanah Design $3290
   - $3590

4 Other Liabilities
   - PAYG payable $852
   - Provision for leave $372
   - Superannuation payable $2248
   - $3472

5 Members Equity
   - Members equity at 1 April 2014 $183,977
   - Net surplus for the current year $3,980
   - Members equity at 31 March 2015 $187,957
### Bushwalking Victoria

**Income & Expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2015**

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| Expenditure | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| General Admin | 15,732 | 16,809 | 309 | 206 | 36 | | | | | | | | | |
| Communications | 4,215 | 5,652 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Consultants | 20,212 | 17,650 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Minor Equipment | | | 5,362 | 475 | 1,052 | 1,888 | | | | | | | | |
| Memberships/Affiliations | 5,484 | 3,959 | 55 | 284 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Depreciation | | | 205 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Staff Costs | 37,919 | 37,032 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Volunteer Training | 6,694 | 4,112 | 557 | 2,475 | 112 | 43 | | | | | | | | |
| Other Volunteer Costs | 379 | 4,254 | 8,643 | 2,121 | 1,657 | | | | | | | | | |
| Insurance for Members | | | | | | | 52,074 | 55,077 | 52,074 | 55,077 | | | | |
| Other Expenses | 300 | 272 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 90,935 | 85,691 | 10,537 | 12,088 | 3,321 | 3,588 | 52,074 | 55,077 | 156,867 | 156,444 | |

| Net Surplus/(Deficit) | 12,470 | 18,105 | (5,169) | (11,880) | (3,321) | (3588) | 0 | (299) | 3980 | 2338 | | | |

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Movement Of Funds

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