The walk heads northeast and along Falls Creek, skirting the reservoir before turning uphill for a late lunch and spectacular views at Warragul Rocks (9 km), on private property. We use tracks most of the time, through a richly varied forest landscape. Even the drive down from the plateau features rocky outcrops and great views for the passengers. BYO afternoon tea to revive before the drive.

For bookings and enquiries please contact Lesley.

CYCLE TRIP: Geelong Bikepaths

DATE	Saturday 21 January 2006
STANDARD	Easy (except for one steep hill)
LEADER	Jopie Bodegraven
MAP	Melways Geelong Maps 441, 442, 450, 451, 452, 465.

Geelong has some wonderful bikepaths that we will explore on this delightful ride of approximately 65 km (guesstimate off the map). It will take in some of the foreshore including Eastern Beach, long sections along the Barwon River, downhill runs along the valleys of Waurn Ponds and Cowies Creeks, a rail trail section and even a visit to Buckleys Falls. There are however 2 major hills (one of which , out of the Moorabool valley at Fyansford, you may wish to walk up. And there are some mostly quiet street sections to link it all up into a large figure of 8 route.

There should be an opportunity for coffee stops at Eastern Beach and maybe one other place. Bring a cut lunch though because I'm not sure where lunch will be.

We will meet in the foreshore carpark at St Helens Park (Melways 44288) at 9 am. Access is via Swinburne St off the Princes Hwy, immediately after Osborne Park. Train travel is problematic because the trains can only take 3 or4 bikes unless we book a D-Van which can only be attached to certain trains, evidently not the 8 am and for which they need 2 weeks notice and as I'll be out of Victoria till the 16th January anyway it's all too hard. We would also be limited to a fixed return time to catch the train with the D-Van on the return trip. So cars it is!

I'll be back in Melbourne for the evening of Monday 16 January so ring me after then or see me in the clubrooms on the Wednesday night to book for this great ride. I'll do my best to rationalize transport.

SUNDAY BUS: Cora Lynn Cascades – Erskine Falls

DATE	Sunday 22 January 2006
STANDARD	Easy/Medium and Medium
DISTANCE	15.3 km and 19 km
LEADERS	Halina Sarbinowski & Jerry Karbownik
TRANSPORT	Bus – Southbank Blvd 8:30 am start
RETURN TIME	8:00 pm
AREA	Back of Lorne
MAP REFERENCE	Lorne 7620-1-1 (1:25 000)

Be prepared to get your feet wet on these walks. There are 22 creek crossings of the Cora Lynn Creek in the first part of the walks. Plenty of rock-hopping is involved and a walking pole would be useful. With the hand holding that will be involved we estimated that there will be at least three marriages and half a dozen proposals just in this section of the walks.

The E/M group will be bussed from the Blanket Leaf Car Park to the top of Erskine Falls while the Medium group will follow the newly reopened Lemonade Creek Track that connects the two sections of this walk. The Erskine Falls Track has not been undertaken by the Club as a Sunday Walk. It follows Erskine River down to the caravan park in Lorne and involves still more rock hopping and creek crossings.

Both sections of the walks are challenging but lots of fun. Although much of the walks follow waterways the flora is quite diverse. This is a beautiful area to visit so please join us and enjoy these walks.

SUNDAY BUS: Bunyip State forest from Mortimore Res.

DATE	Sunday 29 January
STANDARD	Easy and Easy/Medium
LEADERS	Nik Dow and Fiona Jarman
TRANSPORT	Bus – Southbank Blvd.

A full walk preview will appear in the January News.

Help!

On a recent trip to Hughes Creek with the Trust for Nature I was remembering an orchid reserve on a spur of the Callan Range. However, I haven't got it marked on either of my maps: Mt Stewart and Mt Bernard 1:250,00. Do you have it marked on yours?* The local field Nats new nothing of this and would be very interested to know more.

*The spur ran west or SW into the creek, north of our camping ground on the Crown land.

Sylvia Ford 9329 7816

Frankston to Melbourne cycling trip

Please Note: The Frankston to Melbourne cycling trip is on **17 December** as shown in the Summer Walks Program and not 10 December as given in the printed preview notice.

Jan Pallich

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WALKS PROGRAM

SPRING - SUMMER 2004 - 05

Here is a summary of the programmed activities of the Melbourne Bushwalkers. Further information is available on the printed programme, which is available from the **club rooms** or by 'phoning the **enquiries number**. A brief description of each activity appears in the newsletter of the Club, usually in the issue for the month prior to the activity.

The starting date given for multi-day activity is usually the day before the activity starts. For example, a weekend trip is usually shown as starting on the Friday because most people will travel the long distance to the activity area on the Friday evening.

Transportation for most Club activities is either **private** or by bus.

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- **September 2004**
- **October 2004**
- **November 2004**

- **December 2004**
- **January 2005**
- **February 2005**

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Date	Location	Transport	Standard	Leader(s)	Phone (H)	
SEPTEMBER 2004						
Thu2	TOFS: Cranbourne Botanical Gardens	Private	Easy	Bob Steel		
Sat 4	Leaders Training Day: Mt Disappointment	Private		Quentin Tibballs		
3 - 5	Basecamp: Regent Honeyeater Tree Planting	Private	Easy	Howard Friend		
Sun5	**Flinders — Coolart — Somers**	**BUS**	**E & E/M**	Mary de Salis & Peter McGrath		#
10— 12	Dry Diggings Track (Castlemaine Area)	Private	E/M	Rod Novak		
Sun12	**La Franchi Hut (Daylesford Area)**	**BUS**	**E & E/M**	Max Casley & Halina Sarbinowski		#
Wed 15	Wednesday Walk: Tanglefoot Area	Private	E/M	Jerry Grandage		
17— 19	Basecamp: Wedderburn Wildflowers	Private	Easy	Doug Pocock		
Sun19	**Angahook Spring Wildflower Walk**	**BUS**	**E & M**	Sybille Holdeheide & Nik Dow		#
24— 28	Extended P/Carry: Prom. Lighthouse Circuit	Private	Medium	Marisa Rizzuto		
Sat25	Dandenongs Explorer: Olinda half day walk	Private	Easy	Warren Baker		
Sun26	**Quarry Tk—Anakie G. (Brisbane Ranges)**	**BUS**	**E/M & M**	Jerry Karbownik & David Elias		#
OCTOBER 2004						
1 — 3	Pack carry: Grampians, Mt Difficult area	Private	Medium	Bob Oxlade		
Sun3	**Dromana — Greens Bush — Cape Schank**	**BUS**	**E & M**	Mark Heath & Dion Marriet		#

Thu7	TOFS: YouYangs,NorthernEnd	Private	Easy	JeanGiese	
8—10	Federationbasecamp: Walhallaarea	Private	Various	Ralph Clayton	
Sun10	**(08:30start) Walhalla Area (with Vicwalk)**	**BUS**	**E & E/M**	MickNoonan& Lesley Hale	
15—17	Basecamp: Camperdown Volcanic Country	Private	Easy	Sylvia Ford	
Sun17	**The Monk Walk: Castlemaine - Vaughan**	**BUS**	**E & E/M**	JeanWoodger& DougLangton	#
Wed 20	Wednesday Walk: Mornington Pen. Nat. Pk.	Private	E/M	Bruce Campbell	
22—24	Pack carry: Tarli Karng	Private	Medium	Bill Donald	
Sat23	Dandenongs Explorer: Kallista - Sassafras	Private	Easy	Liz Telford	
Sun24	**Garden of St Erth - Blackwood**	**BUS**	**E/M & M**	Lynda Larkin & Peter McGrath	#
	Melbourne Cup Weekend				
29—2	Pack carry: Mt Hotham — High Plains	Private	Medium	Jerry Grandage	
29—2	Packcarry: RoyalNationalPark,NSW	Private	E/M	AlanClarke	
29 - 2	Basecamp: Buandik(WesternGrampians)	Private	E/M	Graeme Thornton	
29—2	Packcarry: Cobberas Area	Private	E/M	Leo Lynch	
Sun31	**St George Lake — Creswick**	**BUS**	**E & E/M**	Geoff Mattingley & Maria Lake	#
	NOVEMBER2004				
Tue 2	Historical Walk: Merri Ck - CERES	Private	Easy	NigelHolmes	
Thu4	TOFS: Warramate Hills	Private	Easy	JeanGiese	
6 - 7	Cycletrip:LeongathatoFoster **Rail** Trail	Private	E/M	Stephen Rowlands	
Sun7	**Lysterfield Lake Park (Including BBQ)**	**BUS**	**E & E/M**	Fiona Gallery & Marisa Rizutto	#
12—14	Packcarry: GardenRange—SevenCk Gorge	Private	E/M	Ray Thomas	

Sun14	**[08:30start] Cathedral Range**	**BUS**	**E/M & M**	HalinaSarbinowski&LanceMobbs	#
Wed 17	Wednesday Walk: Creswick Miners' Walk	Private	E/M	SandraMutimer	
19—21	Base camp: Cape Liptrap Area	Private	E/M	Jopie Bodegraven	
Sun21	**LabertoucheWildflowerWalk**	**BUS**	**E & E/M**	Peter Havlicek & Joan MacMahon	#
26—28	Pack carry: Baw Baws	Private	Medium	Ralph Blake	
Sat27	Dandenongs Explorer: Birdlands	Private	Easy	WarrenBaker	
Sun10	**Yarra Rail Trail & Winery**	**BUS**	**E&E/M**	QuentinTibballs&Peter McGrath	#

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DECEMBER 2004

Date	Location	Transport	Standard	Leader(s)	Phone (H)	
Thu 2	TOFS*: Sherbrooke Ferny Ck Hort . Gdns	Private	Easy	Jean Giese		
3 - 5	Pack Carry: Tidal River Sealers cove	Private	Easy	Ken MacMahon		
Sun 5	**Strzelecki Ranges Rail Trail & Brewery**	**BUS**	**E & E/M**	Tom Wilanowski & Hans Edlinger		#
Wed 8	Lower Yarra Meander: Docklands - Fairfield	Private	E/M	Sandra Mutimer		
10 12	Pack Carry: Mt Bogong	Private	Medium	Rod Novak		
Sun 12	**Switzerland Ranges (08:30 Start)**	**BUS**	**E/M & M**	Doug Langton & Keith McKenry		#
Sun 19	**Barwon Heads Queenscliff**	**BUS**	**E & E/M**	Peter Havlicek & Liz Moore		#

	Christmas Trips					
Sun 26	**No Bus Trip** - *A Happy Christmas to all!*					
26 30	P/Carry: Mt Victor Mt McDonald (AAWT)	Private	Medium	Alan Clarke		
26 2	Pack Carry: Snowy Mtns, Main Range	Private	Medium	Jopie Bodegraven		
26 3	Base Camp: Bogong High Plains	Private	E/M	Lance Mobbs		
26 - 4	B/Camp Cradle Mtn Area, Day Walks (Tas)	Private	E/M	Peter McGrath		

JANUARY 2005

Sun 2	**Donna Buang Dom Dom Saddle**	**BUS**	**E/M & M**	Dion Marriot & Paul Logsdon		#
6 - 13	P/Carry: South Coast Track (Tasmania)	Private	M/H	BillDonald		
Sun 9	**Olinda Forest Trail, Dandenongs**	**BUS**	**E & E/M**	Peter McGrath & David Elias		#
14 16	Intro to Pack Carrying: Timms Lookout Area	Private	E/M	DougPocock		
15 - 22	NZ: Mt Aspiring Area	Private	Medium	QuentinTibballs		
Sun 16	**Cape Woolamai Forest Caves**	**BUS**	**E & E/M**	David Laing & Halina Sarbinowski		#
Wed 19	Beach Walk: Mornington Peninsula	Private	E/M	Alister Rowe		
21 23	Base Camp: Cape Otway Dinosaur Cove	Private	E/M	Sylvia Ford		
Sun 23	**Kinglake, Jehosaphat Gully Steele Ck**	**BUS**	**E & E/M**	Paul Beers & Jan Palich		#
Wed 26	Aust. Day:Warrandyte - Walk or Lilo & BBQ	Private	Easy	Ken MacMahon		
26 - 30	Ext. P/Carry : H/Plains Mt Wills - Bogong	Private	Medium	Max Casley		
28 - 30	Pack Carry: Eagles Peaks Area	Private	Medium	BillDonald		
Sat 29	Bike Ride: Maribyrnong River	Private	E/M	Ian Mair		
Sun 30	**Mt Worth State Park**	**BUS**	**E & E/M**	Ralph Clayton & Maureen Hurley		#

FEBRUARY 2005

Thu 3	TOFS*:Gembrook Park Mortimer Reserve	Private	Easy	Alister Rowe		
4 - 6	PackCarry:Razorback Mt Feathertop	Private	E/M	Liz Telford		
Sun 6	**Cumberland River (08:30 Start)**	**BUS**	**E & M**	Lynda Larkin & Lesley Hale		#
11 - 13	Canoe Trip: Goulburn River	Private	Easy	QuentinTibballs		
Sun 13	**Macedon Ranges Walking Trail**	**BUS**	**E & E/M**	Jerry Karbownik & Mick Noonan		#

Wed 16	Mt Dom Dom Surrounds	Private	E/M	Margaret Curry		
18 20	Base Camp: Johanna Cannonball Cove	Private	E/M	Sylvia Ford		
Sun 20	**Kilcunda - Cape Patterson (08:30 Start)**	**BUS**	**E/M & M**	Halina Sarbinowski & Lance Mobbs		#
21 - 24	Base Camp: Jamieson River Area	Private	Easy	Susan Maughan		
25 - 27	Pack Carry & Base Camp: Mt Buffalo	Private	E & M	Bob Oxlade & Pearson Cresswell		
Sat 26	Dandenongs Exp: Warrandyte Area (½ Day)	Private	Easy	Warren Baker		
Sun 27	**Mt Tanglefoot Area**	**BUS**	**E/M & M**	Nik Dow & Keith McKenry		#

Private Transport Trips in light print ~ **Sunday Bus Day Walks in Bold Print**
# Indicates **No telephone bookings** see other side * Thursday Old Fogies
BUS transport: Meet in SouthBank Boulevard, south side of the Arts Centre, before 9am.
LEADER OR DEPUTY WILL BE THERE; RAIN, HAIL OR SHINE.

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SUNDAY BUS:
Walhalla

DATE	Sunday 20 November 2005
STANDARD	Easy and Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	10 km and 12 km approx.
LEADER(S)	David Arnold and John Coe
TRANSPORT	Bus – Southbank Blvd. **leaving 8.30am**
RETURN TIME	7pm
AREA	30 km NE of Moe (Gippsland)
MAP REFERENCES	Walhalla 1:25000

Walhalla is about 2½ hours out of town (and note the 8.30 start!), but the extra bit of travel should be well rewarded. Both walks will include a section of the famed Australian Alps Walking Track, and will offer great views over this historic gold mining town. The walks have been timed to allow an optional trip on the Walhalla Goldfields Railway at the finish (cost approx $10). Please indicate at booking time whether you plan to take this option.

Please note 8.30 am start.

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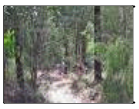
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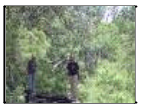
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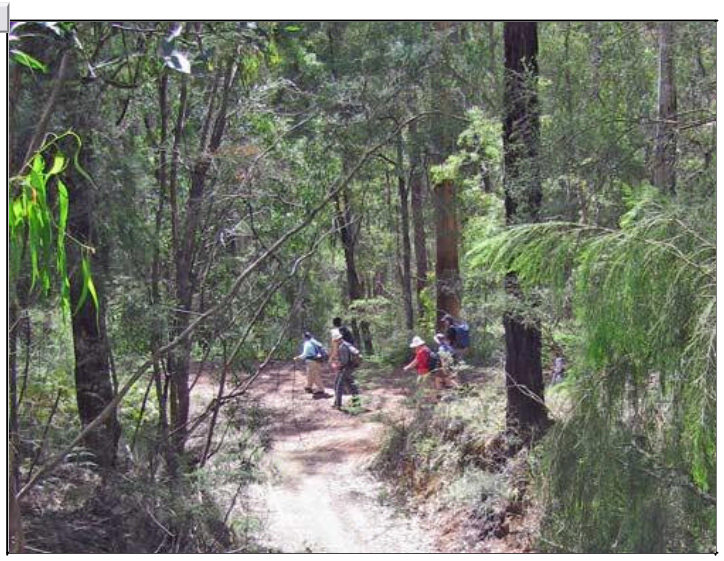

2/15 - Entering the Rail Trail from the Four Wheel Drive track at Platina.

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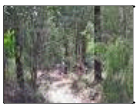
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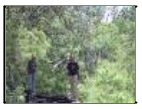
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3/15 - A view of the Thomson River from the Rail Trail.

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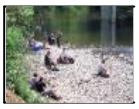
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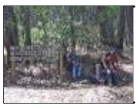
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6/15 - Lunch on the banks of the Thomson River just below the restored Thomson Railway Station.

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Year 2006:	GPS Data	Trip Write-Up
Sunday 19 February: Marysville Lookouts and Waterfalls		
17-19 February: Mt Baw Baw - Sandy Flat - Mustering Flat Pack Carry		
Sunday 12 February: Upper Yarra Goldfields	Yes	
10-12 February: King Spur - Queen Spur Pack Carry		
Sunday 05 February: Portarlington – Edwards Point plus winery		
03-05 February: Avon River Base Camp		
25-29 January: Mt Fainter and Mt Jim Pack Carry		
Sunday 22 January: Erskine Falls		
19-20 January: Queen Charlotte Track (New Zealand)		
16-17 January: Abel Tasman Sea Kayaking (New Zealand)		
09-13 January: Heaphy Track Pack Carry (New Zealand)		February 2006
Sunday 08 January: Aireys Inlet to Lorne		

Year 2005:		
26 Dec - 01 Jan: Swindlers Creek, Cobungra River, Anglers Rest Pack-Carry		February 2006
Sunday 18 December: Masons Falls - Mt Sugarloaf Christmas Walk		
Saturday 17 December: Cycling - Frankston to Melbourne		
Sunday 11 December: Lyonville Springs - Babbington Hill		
09-11 December: Great Ocean Walk - Princetown	Yes	December 2005
Sunday 04 December: Monda Track to Maroondah Dam		

Thursday 01 December: TOFS - Mt Evelyn Aqueduct Circuit	**Yes**	
Sunday 27 November: The Nobbies - Pyramid Rock (Phillip Island)		
25-27 November: Otways Waterfalls Weekend Base Camp		
Sunday 20 November: Walhalla Rail Trail	**Yes**	
19-20 November: Lilydale to Warburton Cycling		
Wednesday 16 November: Wombelano Falls, Kinglake National Park	**Yes**	
Sunday 13 November: Anglesea Back Country	**Yes**	
11-14 November: Grampians Victoria Range Rock-scramblers Base Camp		
04-06 November: Mt Buffalo National Park Pack-Carry		
Sunday 30 October: Lysterfield Lake Park and BBQ		
28 Oct - 01 Nov: Razor-Viking Circuit Pack-Carry		
28 Oct - 01 Nov: Croajingolong National Park Base Camp	**Yes**	
28 Oct - 01 Nov: Blue Gum Forest (Blue Mountains) Pack-Carry		
Sunday 23 October: Mt Bullamalita - Mt Caroline Circuit Walk	**Yes**	
21-23 October: Grampians Track Maintenance Weekend		
Wednesday 19 October: Woods Lookout and Steavenson Falls	**Yes**	
Sunday 09 October: Murrindindi Cascades - Wilhelmina Falls		
07-09 October: Kooyoora State Park Base Camp	**Yes**	November 2005
Thursday 06 October: TOFS - One Tree Hill Reserve - Rifle Range Reserve		
Sunday 02 October: Diggers Gully - Three Sisters - Flowerdale	**Yes**	
23-25 September: Greater Bendigo National Park Base Camp	**Yes**	
Sunday 18 September: Steiglitz - Sutherlands Creek	**Yes**	
Sunday 11 September: Yarragon Scarp – Kerrie Brae	**Yes**	
Sunday 04 September: Camel's Hump - Mt Charlie		
Sunday 28 August: Gum Creek - Mt Robertson		
Sunday 21 August: Vaughan Springs and Golden Gullies		
Sunday 14 August: Sunday Creek - Mt Disappointment State Forrest		
12-14 August: Bunkhouse Weekend - Barjarg near Mt Stirling		
Sunday 07 August: Dandenong Ranges Western Trail		
Sunday 17 July: Kilcunda - Churchill Island		
Sunday 10 July: Werribee Gorge		
Thursday 07 July: TOFS - Maribyrnong River – Avondale Heights		
Sunday 03 July: Tallarook Plateau - Mill Creek		
25-26 June: Lerderderg Gorge Traverse Pack-Carry		August 2005
Saturday 04 June: Belgrave to City Cycling		
Sunday 29 May: Dandenong Ranges Tourist Track		

22-24 April: Tin Mine Cove to Barry Beach
Sunday 17 April: Hughes Creek Ramble — May 2005
16-17 April: Beaufort Area Cycling / Base Camp
11-14 March: Lake Tali Karng Pack-Carry
26 Feb - 6 Mar: Tasmania - Traveller Range - Mt Massif - Mt Hugel Pack-Carry — July 2005
18-20 February: Johanna - Cannonball Cove Base Camp
Saturday 29 January: Maribyrnong River Cycling Trip
26-30 January: High Plains - Mt Wills - Mt Bogong Pack-Carry — April 2005
Sunday 23 January: Kinglake, Jehosaphat Gully - Steele Creek
15-22 January: New Zealand - Mt Aspiring Area Pack-Carry

Year 2004:

29 Oct - 2 Nov: Buandik, Western Grampians Base Camp
8-10 October: Federation Weekend, Walhalla — November 2004
Sunday 19 September: Angahook Spring Wildflower Walk

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17-19 January 2003 - Cycle Base Camp, Myrtleford Rail Trail

Source: "The News", March, 2003
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Apart from a couple of short trips on borrowed bikes of doubtful reliability while on holiday I've done no cycling since I was a kid, when I had a bike without any gears. Part of my retirement plan was to get back into cycling so I took up an offer recently to try out a cycle path, again on a borrowed bike. This clinched the idea, so soon after Christmas I was in a cycle shop making my decision. The technology had moved on since my day and the high-tech, 27 geared super-sprung model that I ended up with made my old bike look like a model T Ford against today's Ferrari. I was going for a cheaper model until the salesman had me try the next one in the range. I was sold!

The day after collecting the bikes (!) I was on my way to Myrtleford to join a club ride to Beechworth. As we approached the Ovens valley we watched in awe as Mount Buffalo burned furiously, the flames leaping into the night sky like a volcano erupting. Both ends of the plateau were burning. Firefighters were encamped at the Myrtleford caravan park but we saw little of them as they came and went in the small hours.

Saturday dawned bright and warm. It was soon rather hot as we pedalled along the sealed track following the old railway line that originally ran from Bowser, near Wangaratta to Beechworth, with a branch line to Bright via Myrtleford. The last train to Beechworth ran in 1977 and the branch line closed in 1987. Our run was to the junction point at Everton, then to follow the line to Beechworth. Apart from being fascinated by the new experience of cycling, I was busy for the first hour or so trying to master the gear changing, whilst not running into my companions or sundry stationary objects — like bollards, that indicated a road crossing. The rail trail took us past forgotten stations that had serviced tiny communities and we crossed the Great Alpine Road at Taylors Gap where the original cutting had been filled in — most unreasonably, I thought, as we had to cycle up and down a considerable incline to cross the road. I was a little surprised to find that this rail trail actually had any inclines at all — I'd always thought that trains ran on level tracks! Not so, as I established

on the 15 km incline approaching Beechworth. The temperature rose, and we needed the water thoughtfully provided at water points.

By the time we arrived in the Beechworth main street we were more than ready for ice-cold drinks, and we spent some considerable time at the bakery, eating and drinking. Now for that 15 km down-hill bit! But what was this? A sneaky headwind had appeared that slowed us down just a bit, but nevertheless we were soon at Everton again. A short side trip took us to the pub, where we relaxed in the beer garden for a glass or two, before we headed back to Myrtleford. After having cycled some 84 lmn on my first outing I was pleased to ease my bum from the saddle and head for the showers.

We dined at the Myrtleford hotel by candlelight - someone had dug through the power cable and half of the town was in darkness! However, the chef managed to cook by candlelight and my steak and vegies were most welcome. I slept well.

The Bright road was closed on Sunday due to the fire danger, so instead on cycling to Bright as planned we went to Milawa instead. A sensible plan, as several of us didn't feel like doing too much. A smoke haze shielded us from the sun for a while, but by the time we hit Milawa it was extremely hot. Diving into the Milawa air-conditioned bakery was bliss! The tucker was good too. The cars arrived (not everyone cycled this bit) and we headed for home. My last view of Buffalo was a sad sight - it was burning from end-to-end of the plateau. Thanks to Di McKinley and Howard Friend for running this delightful trip and especially for me - my very first cycle ride in many years.

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