

# BRINDABELLA BUSHWALKING CLUB NEWSLETTER



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## This 'n' That

### *President's Pertifications*

The year is quickly getting away from us and although we experienced a mild October, the warm weather has now arrived. A hot, dry summer and autumn have been forecast to follow the current drought. This will mean that the fuel on the forest floor won't have been able to decompose and the likelihood of extended national park and state forest closures is very real. We can only hope the forecasts are wrong and that we get some good falls of rain on a regular basis.

**Reminder:** this year the Christmas Party will be held at the home of Rene Lays on Friday 14 December. You do need to contact Rene (0424 465418) if you wish to attend.

**Walks Program.** The Walks Sub-Committee is now working on the next Walks Program and there is more on this later in the newsletter.

The Picnic in the Park was a great success (the weather helped enormously) - congratulations to Elaine and the rest of our Social Committee for coming up with this new idea.

Bushwalking provides great social and health benefits to us all. As a medical researcher recently remarked "if exercise was a pill, we'd prescribe it for all our patients". I look forward to seeing more of you out on the track.

Peter Dalton

## January - June 2019 Program

The Walks Sub-Committee will meet on Tuesday 13 November to start assembling the program for the first half of 2019.

Leaders are asked to please provide walk descriptions to the relevant Walks Committee members before the 13th, if possible. Their contact details are:

Easy Weekend Walks - Jillian Bellamy	<a href="mailto:geoffb@apex.net.au">geoffb@apex.net.au</a>
Med Weekend Walks - Robyn Gallagher	<a href="mailto:gallagher.robyn@gmail.com">gallagher.robyn@gmail.com</a>
Easy Wed Walks - Robyn Kelly	<a href="mailto:rkelly13@tpg.com.au">rkelly13@tpg.com.au</a>
Easy/Med Wed Walks - Kathy Handel	<a href="mailto:khandel@bigpond.net.au">khandel@bigpond.net.au</a>
Med/Hard Wed Walks - Peter Wellman	<a href="mailto:wellmanp@iinet.net.au">wellmanp@iinet.net.au</a>
Social activities – Elaine Atkinson	<a href="mailto:elainem.atkinson@gmail.com">elainem.atkinson@gmail.com</a>
All other activities - John Ellis	<a href="mailto:jfe@grapevine.net.au">jfe@grapevine.net.au</a>

## Contributing Articles

Suitable articles are always welcomed and photos make them better, although it may not always be possible to use all the photos. We will include the photographer's name in the newsletter, unless they ask us not to bother. If it is not your photo, you must have the photographer's permission to use it. Send your articles to [president@brindabellabushwalking.org.au](mailto:president@brindabellabushwalking.org.au)

An article may be edited to correct spelling errors and to suit the newsletter's style by restructuring, cutting to fit, and even re-writing sections if the editor believes that will better appeal to readers.

The newsletters will also be placed on the Club's website.

## BBC Facebook Page

Our Facebook Manager is regularly posting photos, walk reports and information about upcoming activities.

Please pay a visit and see what our members are planning or have recently have been up to.

It is at: <https://www.facebook.com/BrindabellaBushwalkingClub/> You can set your Facebook page to receive notifications every time there is a new post.

# Walking in Slovenia

Terrylea Reynolds

## CBC/BBC Members Conquer Mt Vogel, Slovenia

On 11 September the group ascended Mt Vogel (1922m), Slovenia, led by Janet. There were exceptional views and wonderful weather all day as the intrepid walkers covered approximately 10.5 kms up the hill over scree slopes and along old mule-style tracks. With over 700 m of ascent it meant we'd all earned the ice cream we finished the day off with.

Vogel is a ski resort in the Julian Alps and we were able to make good use of the cable car to the start of the walk. It was sometimes testing over the last 200 m or so of the climb, requiring our rock scrambling skills, deft footing and being happy with the use of steel cables (via ferrata style) to get up the tricky spots on the ridge. If the mist had cleared, we would apparently have had views to Italy!



## Walking in Slovenia (continued)

### The Bohinj Cow Festival, Ribcev Laz, Slovenia

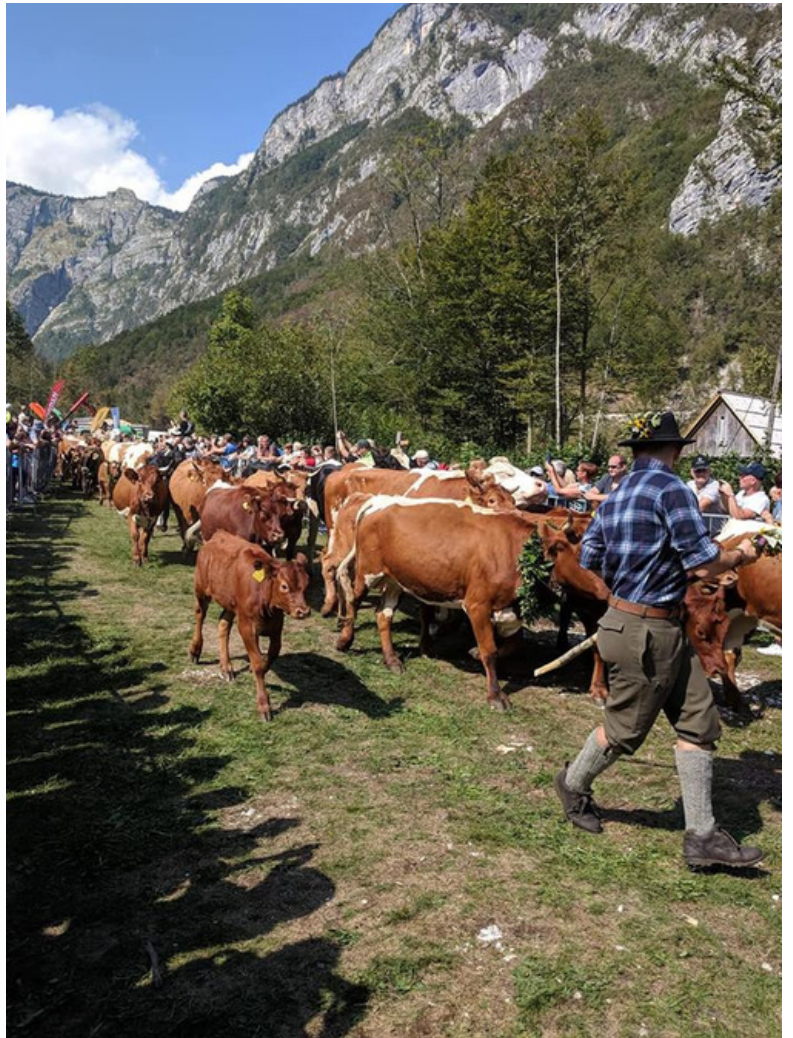
On the group's last day in Ribcev Laz, after having already done 8 hikes, we decided to go to the annual Bohinj Cow Festival. This is a seriously big day in Ribcev Laz with hordes of locals coming out to welcome the cows back down to the valley from the high plains of the Alps in readiness for winter.

It was an absolute riot! Cows, with and without bells, and some with floral garlands were escorted into town by their cowherds to loud applause with an 'oompah' band in the background.

One young over-keen calf got a bit ahead of the herd and, after looking over his shoulder only to realise he was alone, he turned and started walking back into the incoming cows. There was much laughter all round from everyone watching his antics. It just goes to show that some days you can have a lot of fun even when not hiking in the Alps!



Wearing her Garland



The Herd Arriving

## Walking in Slovenia (continued)

### Kranjska Gora

The team's new home for the second week of fabulous walks in Slovenia was Hotel Kotnik, Kranjska Gora - just 8 kms from both the Italian and Austrian borders. It was quite luxurious and everyone was very impressed - especially with the fact that they had a purpose-built meeting room which we could use at any time of the day to discuss the day's upcoming walks and meet at night to review the activities of the day.

On our first walk in the Kranjska Gora, Janet led the group to the Zelenci pools via the delightful village of Podkoren which dates back to medieval times. Sir Humphry Davy, inventor of the famous miner's safety lamp lived here. Who knew?

### Conquering Vršič Pass

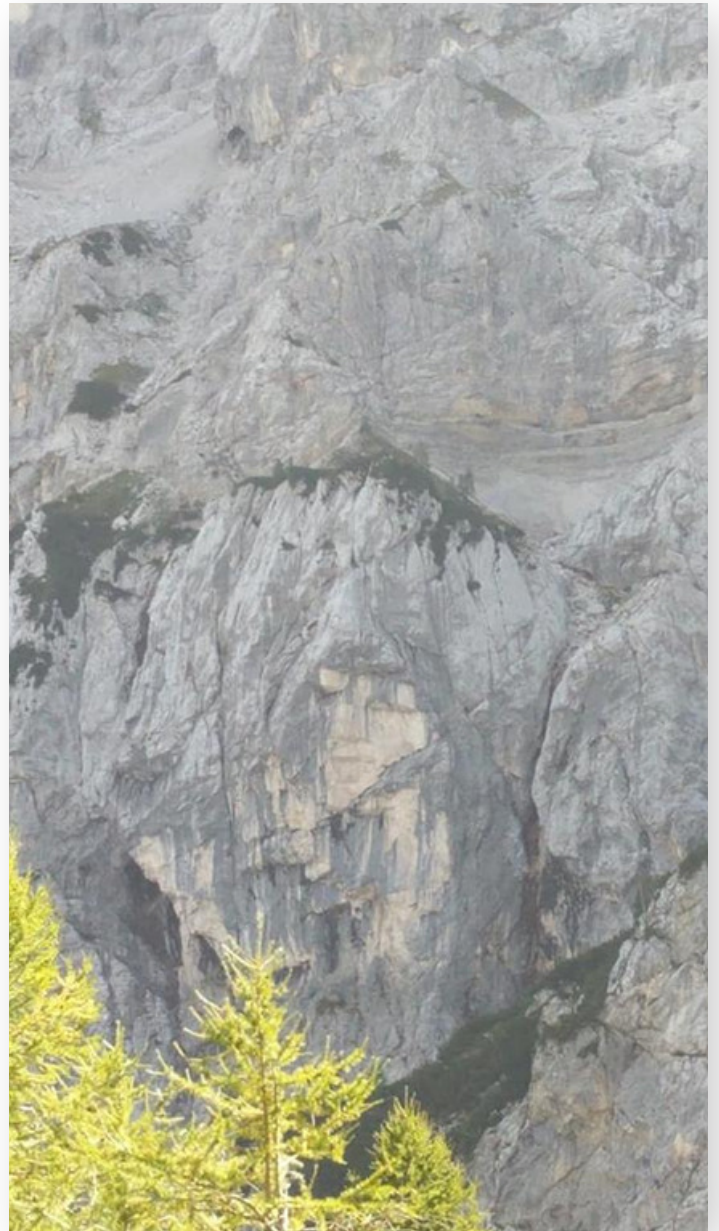
Another memorable hike for the combined CBC/BBC crew was the hike to Vršič Pass. It was a beautiful sunny day walking in leafy forests, over gently rippling creeks. We easily forded the Pisniča River and its wide stony bed then explored the WW1 chapel built in memory of the 300 Russian prisoners and 7 Austrian guards killed by an avalanche during the building of the road. There were stunning views at the top of the pass with two unique highlights - the natural 'window' through the limestone at Prisank and the 'crying/sad face' appearing on the Prisank mountain side. All up the group walked 23 kms with a 900 m ascent over fairly easy terrain.



Vrsic Pass

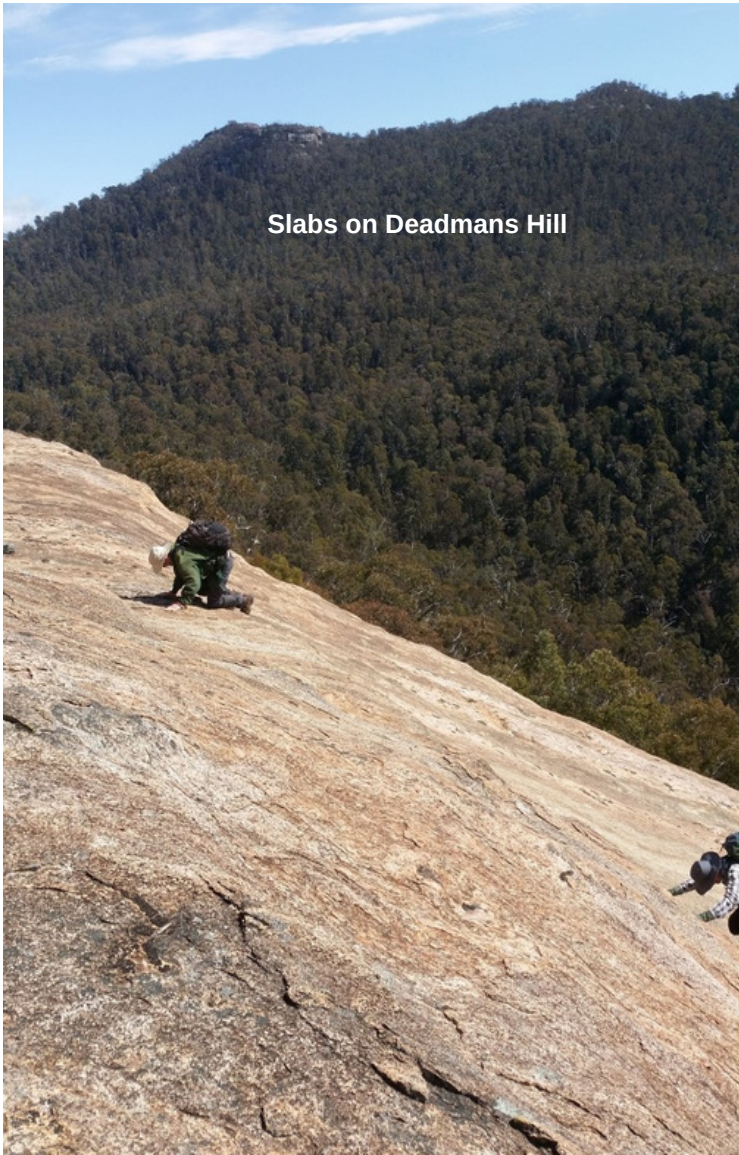


Pill Box



Sad Face

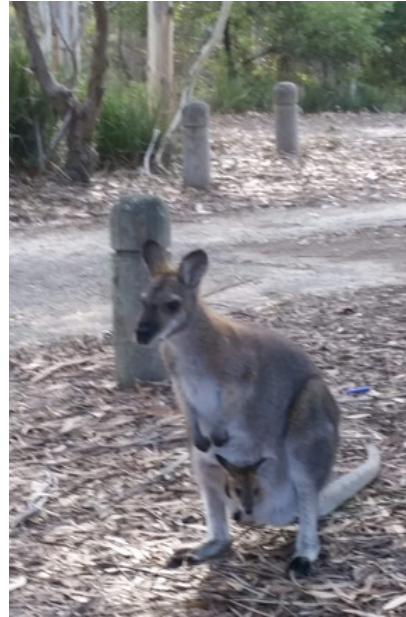
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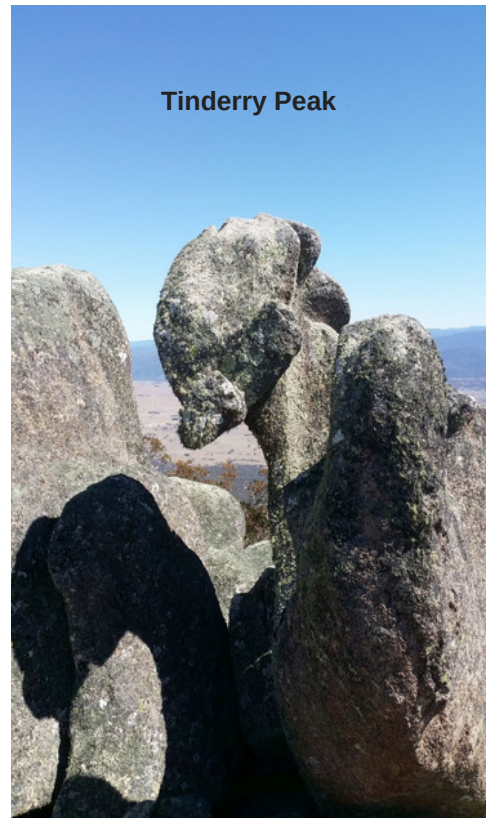
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Honeysuckle  
Campground



Sherwood Daffodils



Tinderry Peak



**Chris leading the way to Sherwood**



**Near the top of Billy Billy Rocks**



**Picnic in the Park**