

Honorary Life Members

We have four Honorary/Life Members.

They are:

John Clune
Ray Franzl
Milton Turner
Peter Wellman

Each has given outstanding service to the Club over many years. In 2018 we lost Val Boreham and in 2021 Jeff Colwell

Val Boreham was closely associated with the BBC and its predecessor organisation, the Family Bushwalkers Inc. almost since its inception. Her contribution to many diverse aspects of the club was recognised by the awarding of lifetime membership. She had an unmatched ability to put new members at ease, to make sure they were welcome and to link them to other members. Val was the driving force in the establishment of the Family Walking Group and was a leader of many of these once per month occasions aimed at encouraging children's interest in bushwalking in the early years of its existence. The Children's Walks continued until 2018 but have not been revived to date due a fall off in family attendance, the Covid restrictions and difficulties in finding leaders.

From the tribute by Mary Lindsay in the February 2018 newsletter.

Jeff Colwell and his late wife Meg were, with others, founding members of the Family Bushwalking Club, then part of the YMCA, in 1969. This was the predecessor of the Brindabella Bushwalking Club. Jeff was an important and influential member of the club for many years, contributing significantly to its early success and later expansion as a family - oriented bushwalking club. He led many walks, at all levels, as well as car camps and back packs. Families and children were encouraged to participate in these activities. It was Jeff who introduced and led exploratory walks, memories of some of which still linger in the minds of some of the hapless participants.

From the tribute in the April 2021 Newsletter by Peter Vidler; Rosemary Halstead; Mary Lindsay; Eric and Pat Pickering