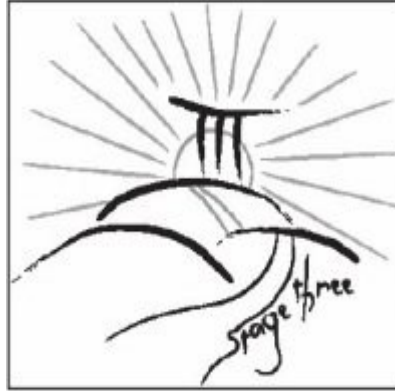


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Stage III Committee

It's been an exciting year for Stage III! We've had successful programs on each holidays and we've seen our numbers grow and grow. We've had trips to Mittagundi, snow fights, fundraisers, work parties, pizzas, and lots of laughs. The committee has worked hard to keep Stage III active and get the types of events happening that we all want. As always any keen Stage IIIer is welcome to come along to a meeting and find out what it's like, and join the committee if you feel inspired. Another good way is to come to events like Woodchop and Open Day, at which we hold meetings that are open to everyone to attend and make suggestions for the direction of Stage III, including stuff like ideas for future projects, hikes, fundraising and merchandise ideas. Here's hoping 2011 is as great for Stage III as 2010!



Stage III Facilitator

Over the past year the Stage III committee has been led through everything by the wonderful Lisa Strain. As the year is at its end it's time for her to finish up this role. From all the committee a heartfelt 'thanks'



to Lisa for all her hard work and for all the fun times we've had at Woll and at all the meetings in Melbourne. At the same time we're excited to welcome out Facilitator for 2011, Dennis 'Denno' Bainger! Denno has been getting involved with

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Harrietville to Mittagundi hike

It's happening again! From Sunday 9th to Sunday 16th of January we'll be tasting the delights of the Bright Bakery, Mt Feathertop, The Bogong High Plains, Mittagundi's Pioneer Skills Weekend and Bush Dance and Bruthen Bakery. We're looking for 8 Stage III crew to come on board, but particularly for one young person to give me a hand and learn one-on-one a bit about planning a hike. Contact Dan (daniel.abikhair@gmail.com) for more info.

Stage III is a dynamic and strong community of young people and their supporters, who actively undertake purposeful and practical environmental work in the mountains and at home.

Stage III is open to any keen, young person who wants the opportunity to make a real difference.

Adventures & Events

In September we decided to run two concurrent programs, one based at Mittagundi and one based at Woll. Both trips filled up quickly with enthusiastic people who got lots of work done while having lots of fun.

September—Mittagundi Trip

One fine Sunday morning a group of 10 committed Stage IIIs boarded the 8.30am train to Albury where we were to dive into the depths of Mittagundi. During this week we took on the challenge of the track most important to all Mittagundi's young people and leaders, Track 107. This track is used for young people to walk into Mitta, with their packhorse.

The track was in need of a bit of love after the regrowth from the recent fires, and us Stage IIIs were full of love and lots of elbow grease.

We were able to clean away most of the plants covering our path by jumping on them, and benched the sides to make a safe journey for the horses and young people. We successfully debuted a new leadership technique for Stage III, in which each day one person would be the 'leader' and another would be in charge of navigation.

At the end of the week we were able to join in with a group of Mittagundi's young people, and shared a very yummy roast. We learned lots of different traditions and games from Mitta young people, and were very impressed with the way they included us so easily.

Thank-you very much to Jac for letting us come up to Mitta!

- Tish Gort



The Wolla-gundi crew

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September—Burgoynes Hut Trip

This expedition followed on from a number of previous Stage III expeditions to Burgoynes Hut, including earlier this year when a group fixed up the roof. This time we had a few goals. We put a sturdy gate on the front side of the fence, and rebuilt a stone BBQ out the back, a task that involved many hours of mixing mortar and then carefully placing rocks like a really slow and messy game of Tetris. More fun than it sounds. The main project for the week involved the hut itself. To prevent strong winds from blowing off the new roof again, we fitted the hut's window frames out with lovely shutters, and installed three doors. As well as all this, we felled a few dead trees and built a beautiful verandah out the front.

All this work could not have happened without the know-how and guidance from the many helpers we had. A huge thanks goes out to our leaders Tess and Will, and helpers Peter Turnbull, Grahame Falls, and Jack Gilbert. All Burgoynes needs now is a spa bath!

- Hamish Macrae



Burgoynes before we started work...and the crew in front of the brand new verandah

Fundraising!

As always we are after creative fundraising ideas! Stage III is building up its own batch of group gear, and any contributions are really helpful. By all means do your own fundraising thing but if you need any support contact the committee.

Happy Fundraising!

New Committee Members!



At various times next year a few of the older faces of the Stage III committee will be reluctantly moving on. Being part of the committee is one of the best ways to get more involved in Wollangarra. You can really have your say in the direction of Stage III, and you get to do it whilst hanging out and exchanging emails with the coolest people this side of Nar Nar Goon. You can be a general committee member and help out where you're needed, or you can get a more specific role that suits your interests and strengths. Next year will be a good time to get in on the action, with our new Facilitator Denno, and lots of exciting ideas floating around for projects and fundraising.

Stage III at Open Day

There were many young and old Stage IIIs participating in this year's Open Day. Like last year we provided a delicious lunch with our Pizza Oven, offering several varieties of wood-fired deliciousness. Stage IIIs along with many helpers took orders, made dough, chopped up vegies, created pizzas, cooked them in the oven and then served them up.

Later that day we had a Quarterly General Meeting, with Eric, Hamish, Lachie, Annabelle and Ella moderating. We talked briefly about the committee roles, then about merchandise, upcoming events and fundraising, and we asked people for feedback and ideas. At the end we played some games, including a giant round of Ninja Mega Destruction.

Elsewhere on the flat, the Stage III Elders team hopped, packed and whistled their way to victory in the prestigious Wollathon.

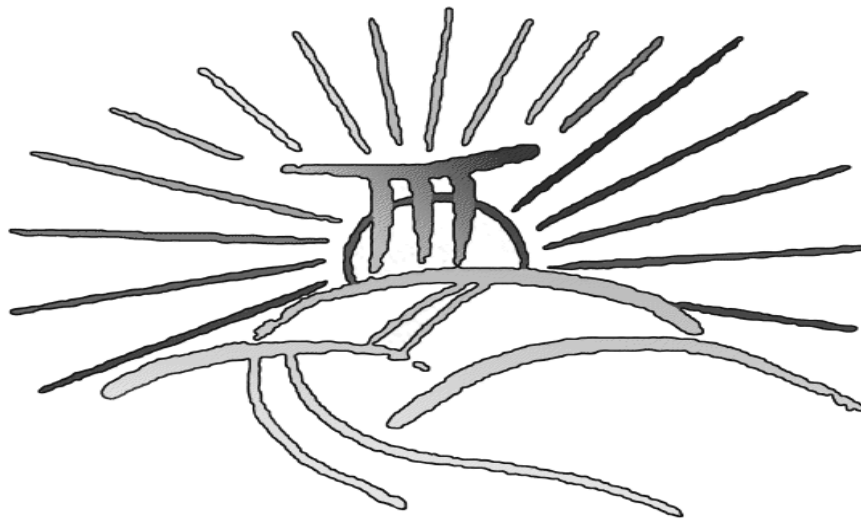


Thanking You . . .

- Lisa for being a brilliant facilitator
- The Stage III Committee—woohoo
- Denno for stepping up for the facilitator job
- Everyone who helped out at the Open Day
- All our Burgoyne's helpers - Peter Turnbull, Jack Gilbert and Fallsy.

Wish list . . .

- Nalgene Containers—any size or shape
- Water bottles
- Sleeping mats
- Keen new committee members
- Shovel for hiking



Stage III at Wollangarra
Adopting the Mountains

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