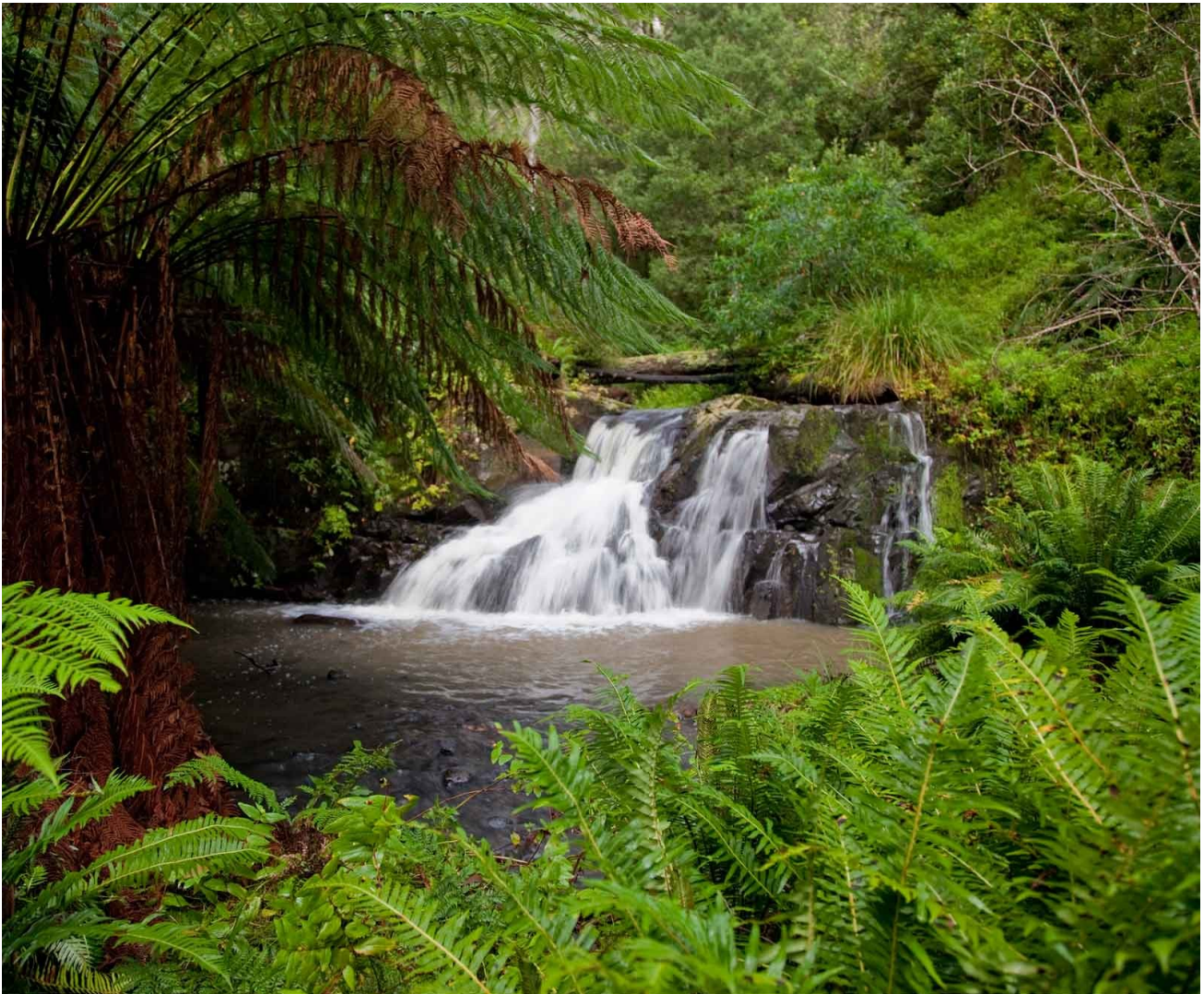


Tarra Bulga QB June 2022



Tarra Bulga National located in Gippsland contains over 2000 hectares of Mountain Ash and cool temperate rainforest. It is one of the last remnants of a larger forest that covered the Strzelecki Ranges. The hills and slopes typically contain Mountain Ash, Messmate and Blackwood, while the more sheltered areas contain Myrtle Beech, Southern Sassafras, Austral Mulberry and Banyallas, as well as over 40 species of ferns.

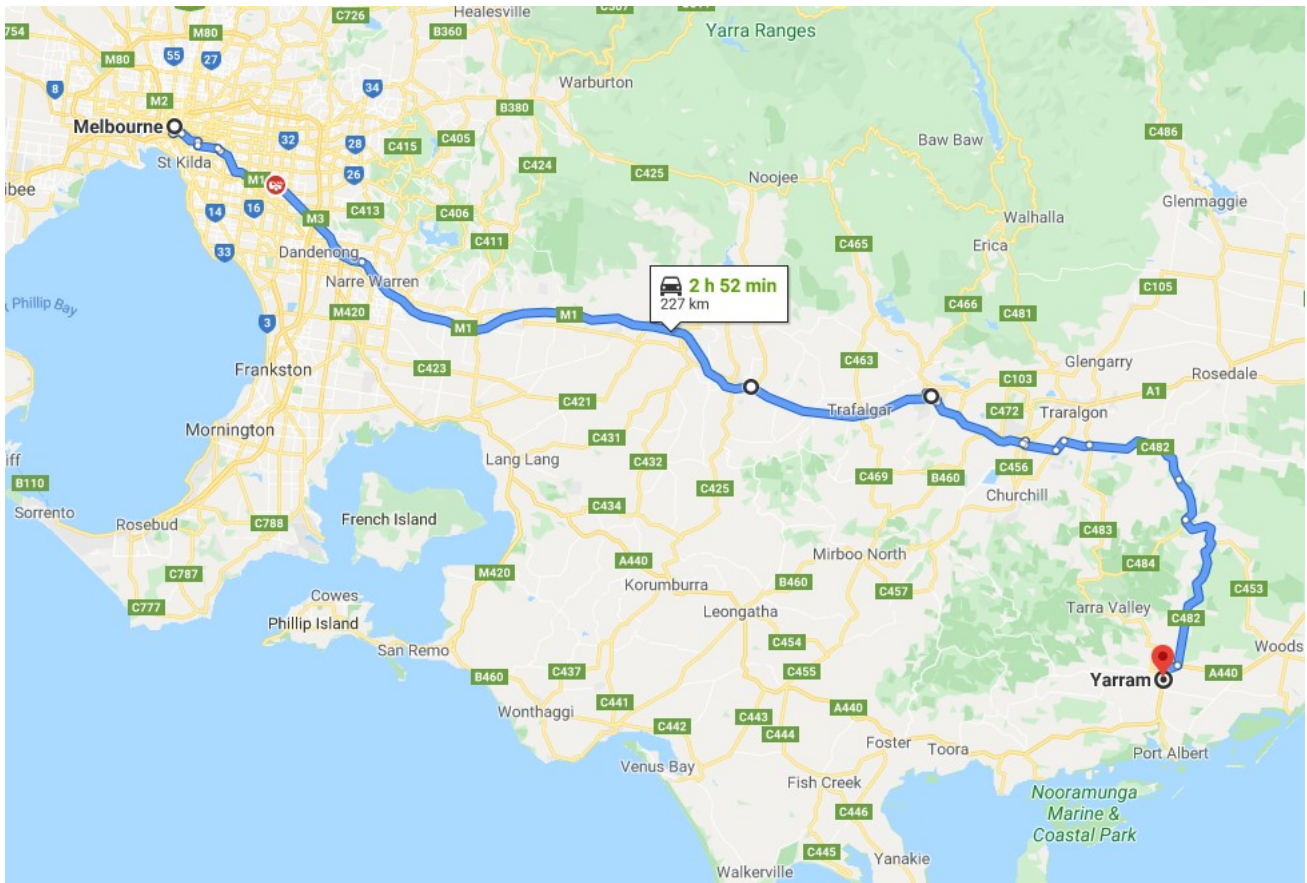
The area was first explored in 1840 by Pawel Strzelecki & his party, including an aboriginal guide, Charlie Tarra. The word 'Bulga' is aboriginal for mountain.

ACCOMMODATION & LOCATION

Tarra Bulga is located in a relatively isolated area and few accommodation options. The nearest town is Yarram (40km), which does have suitable accommodation. There is also a supermarket in the town, plus other eating places.

Three rental houses have been booked - 'Daisy cottage', 'Yarram Cottage' & 'Growse house'. All contain a kitchen and 3 bedrooms containing a mixture of doubles & singles. There will be a maximum of 2 people allocated per room.

Note that you will need to bring your own linen i.e. towel, pillow case, sheets, doona/blankets/sleeping bag, etc.



Yarram is nearly 3 hours from Melbourne. Options are to travel via the Princes Highway and Trafalgar, or via the South Gippsland highway and Leongatha & Toora (both are about equal).

Addresses for the houses will be provided with the room allocations prior to the start of the trip.

COST & PAYMENT

The cost is \$158 for 3 nights accommodation. Trip costs for non-members is an extra \$10.

Payments should be made through the YHA web site, and as soon as practical after your booking in confirmed.

Should you wish to cancel after payment, your refund will generally be contingent upon another person replacing you. However, your trips fee (if any) will be refundable. Note that reimbursements are made by the club treasurer after trip completion.

There will also be car pooling costs, both to and from Yarram, and for the car pooling for the walks. Club policy is a maximum of 30 cents/km per car load.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be via private car pooling. The car pooling list will be created by the leader 1-2 weeks prior to the trip (based upon the car pooling information included with the booking form) and sent to everyone by email. This list will include everyone's email address as a point of contact. Passengers are expected

be flexible in terms of arrangements, and contribute towards costs.

ITINERARY:

The following is the proposed itinerary. It is subject to change due to availability, weather, and group preference. Meeting time at one of the houses for organising transportation to the walks is 9am (location to be advised).

Fri 10/6:

- arrive in the afternoon or evening. Checkin is generally from 3pm onwards.

Sat 11/6:

Day: Circuit walk to Mt. Tassie (highest peak in the area with a lookout and picnic area), starting from Balook Road (16km). The track passes through pockets of rainforest and mountain ash, historic tree stumps, and a small waterfall eventually reaching Mt. Tassie, with views over the surrounding area. Note that there are some delightful steep sections.

Evening: individual choice of eat-in (BYO) or out.

Sun 7/6:

Day: Partial circuit walk from the visitors centre via the 'Scenic Track', Ash Track, Lyrebird Track, Wild Cherry Track, Macks Creek, Gardiner Track & Old Balook Yarram Road. It meanders through the temperate rain forest eventually descending to Mack's Creek (a few river crossings). (approx 13km with a car shuffle at Macks Creek HallGardiner Track). Optional sidetrip at Balook via suspension bridge (+2km)

Evening: Dinner at pub

Mon 8/6:

½ Day walk: (Walk may change depending upon on group preference)
Cyathea falls + lookout: semi circuit walk to Cyathea falls through the temperate rainforest (1.3km) then return walk to lookout with views across to 90 mile beach (4.6km)

Midday/afternoon: Depart for Melbourne.

Alternative/independent options:

- Billy's Creek (a more challenging Tara Bulga walk Jeeralang to Jimbuk, 13km with car shuffle, 59 creek crossings)
- Turton's Creek Falls (short, near Foster)
- Corner Inlet beach walk
- Port Welshpool beachfront
- Port Albert - Seabank coastal [11.3km rtn]
- Tarra Valley, Cyathea Falls [1.3km]
- Fish creek cct walk (17km for full cct)

WHAT TO BRING (non-exclusive)

- sleeping bag/sheets/blankets/doona, pillow, towel, etc
- breakfast, lunch, snacks, nibbles, drinks. (or purchase in Yarram).
- Optional dinner (or purchase or eat out in Yarram).
- Wet weather gear
- Book, games, etc (in case of wet weather or rest day)
- torch, camera