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# THE NEWS OF THE Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.

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*Melbourne Bushies ... 32 years ago*

*DAY WALK AT THE BLUFF,  
BRISBANE RANGES,  
21 September 1975*

Who can remember what they were doing back in 1975? There are bushies who are still active members now who went up to the Bluff, (not the one up near Sheeppond Flat), near the Brisbane ranges near Staughton Vale. This was a day walk for around 10 miles (approx 16 kms). Ken MacMahon was the leader and some of our well known bushies were there: John F, Michael (Mick) M, Art T, Bill M, Pam W and Stuart H, (surnames have been withheld in deference to age).

The van took off from Batman Avenue and the group commenced the walk from the foot of the Bluff via a farm gate at 11.00 am. It was a normal bushie Sunday walk with an ascent of 400 metres to a high hill as soon as they started off. How many of us have jumped off the bus in recent years and immediately were taken up 400 - 500 metres by the leader. Things haven't changed!

The leader meandered with the group up and down the area, along creeks, up steep spurs, to a fire access track. The wildflowers were particularly good this day as the region were known for their beauty.

The latter part of the walk involved negotiating what was called the "Little River Gorge" for approx 2 miles. Then the walking involved winding back and forth along a steep sided ravine, with some tricky spots. Progress was fairly slow, the walkers didn't finish till 6.30pm and then there was the trip back to Melbourne. So a late day, but I bet a great walk. There were 38 bushies on the Van that day - thank you to Ken MacMahon.

*(Research - courtesy of Graham Wills-Johnson)*

*Jan Palich, August 2007*

**October News to be delayed by 1 week!**

**Volunteer folders, please note!!!**

As the Editor will be away at the time that the next Newsletter should be published, it has become necessary to delay the production by one week.

Dates relating to its publication are as follows.

- Last date for receiving contributions is 26 September
  - Completion date: Monday 8 October
  - Folding and distribution of mailed copies:

Wednesday, 19th September 2007

At 8.00 pm

In the Clubrooms

A photo presentation –  
on the Club's new data projector

**Voyage to the Ross Sea, Antarctica**

**By Lindsay & Ann Crawford**

Come and see Lindsay and Ann's photo record of their 25 day voyage from Hobart to Antarctica and back to Bluff NZ in February 2006.

Their voyage to the Ross Sea area of Antarctica included visits to Macquarie Island and New Zealand's sub-Antarctic islands, notable for distinctive topography, wildlife and vegetation. On the Antarctic continent they visited historic huts, scientific bases and cruised along the Ross Ice Shelf close to Mt Erebus.



Members of the Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc meet on Wednesday evenings between 7.00 and 9.00 pm in the club rooms at:

**Victorian Horticultural Society Hall**  
**48 MacKenzie Street**  
**Melbourne**

Visitors are always welcome!

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Walk previews, walk reviews, articles, poems, news items, photographs of club events, reports of new gear, book/movie reviews, letters to the editor, advertisements, etcetera are always welcome. However, the Editor reserves the right to edit contributions where space, clarity or propriety dictate, and to maintain editorial consistency. **Note - photographs should be sent as separate files which are capable of being edited.**

Contributions to The News may be sent to the Editor by:

- Posting a diskette or hand written material to The Editor at 16 Carinya Road, East Bentleigh 3165.
- **The most preferred method is emailing an unformatted text file to [news@mbw.org.au](mailto:news@mbw.org.au)**

Closing date for receipt of material for The News is without fail the last Wednesday of the month.

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**Club rooms Duty Roster:**

September 12 *	Ray, Halina
September 19	Mark, Del
September 26 *	Liz, Peter
October 3	John F, John McC

(\* Treasurer in attendance)

**Next Committee Meeting:**

Monday, October 1 2007

## Bushwalking Victoria

# ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

*Some notes from the Wednesday 22 August 2007 meeting*

- Alpine NP - the Parks Vic website still reports that access is limited south of the Divide: "The Tamboritha Road at Licola is closed until further notice. Flood waters from creeks feeding into the Wellington River are overflowing and bringing large amounts of rocks, soil and fire debris onto the road".
- Grampians NP - check the "Park update for visitors and the community - what's open, what's closed?" at [www.parkweb.vic.gov.au](http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au) or by telephoning PV to check on the bushfire recovery.
- Mount Stirling - Bushwalking Victoria will attend a community forum to be held 2nd September at Mt Buller.
- South West Forests: Bushwalking Victoria delegates attended the DSE Information Session on 'Cobboboonee National Park and Forest Park boundaries' [Great South West Walk traverses this park] on 15th August.
- Snowy River NP - landslips have caused access problems to McKillops Bridge.
- Wilsons Prom - some trees were brought down across several tracks by the strong winds recently but most have now been removed. A heritage plan is being developed to comply with the new cultural Act.

*Rod Novak*



## Cheese and Wine Evening

26 September 2007  
in the clubrooms

# Reports

## PRESIDENT:



Hi everyone,

Spring has sprung and co-incidentally you may or may not have noticed that our beloved club rooms have recently had a good spring clean. This was in preparation for the big inspection prior to the drawing up of our new lease, as it is the position of the Department of Sustainability and the Environment to have a legal lease in place for all buildings under its control, now that recent restoration work on the Hall has been completed. (Special thanks to those committee members who participated in the working bee last Sunday week.)

All this has prompted me to do some investigative work into the history of the premises we rent, which is the former Caretaker's Residence of Horticultural Hall, now listed amongst Melbourne's oldest buildings. Horti Hall was established on the current site when the Victorian Horticultural Improvement Society erected an iron shed in 1859, with the original shed being replaced in 1873 by the present 2 storey brick hall at a cost of 2,000 pounds sterling.

The land was permanently reserved from sale by the government in 1889 and the building has undergone further embellishments and improvements over the years, with Horticultural Hall now being historically significant as one of once a large number of assembly halls which played an important social role in Melbourne as the venue for various clubs and societies.

It continues to fulfill this function, with the main building on Victoria St serving as a meeting place for the the Victorian State Opera, and the adjoining rear section on MacKenzie St being occupied by the illustrious Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc. We feel privileged to be able to do so, with the premises now under the management of Dr Jan Penney, former Chair of the Heritage Council, and currently Executive Chair of Mint Inc.

Mint Inc., the Committee of Management which was appointed under the Crown Lands Act in March 1988, reports to the Department for Sustainability and Environment and was designed to ensure that buildings of heritage significance, owned by the Government and situated on Crown Land are managed successfully, after a full restoration process, and sufficient funds be generated from them to maintain their costs in perpetuity. Which brings us to the present time and a letter we received from Mint Inc. early in August requesting that we negotiate and sign a lease in order to provide some

certainty for our future at MacKenzie St. This will be dealt with by MBW Committee on the club's behalf.

Yes, we have been fortunate with our club rooms and to add to our relative luxury we are invariably able to inadvertently eavesdrop on the rehearsals next door, testimony to Victoria State Opera's wonderful contribution to Melbourne's vibrant musical culture.

And in case you are interested, the inaugural meeting for the "Association for Australian Growers of Australian Plants" was held at Horti Hall in March, 1957. This society was founded by Mr Arthur Swaby, who nursed a deep conviction that Australian plants deserved a prominent place in Australian Horticulture. For several years from May 1954 he wrote a column "Know Your Native" in the popular magazine "Know Your Garden".

With regard to this, our front garden in MacKenzie St, (which is actually the "back garden" of Horti Hall), is currently undergoing rehabilitation after looking like a wasteland since it was excavated for extensive repair work to the plumbing system last year. The new garden will adhere strictly to principles and plant types in keeping with the building's Heritage listing and history.

I will leave you all with an extract from the report of the inaugural meeting of the ASAGP...

*"At the meeting, nearly 200 people, perfect strangers from three states, under the exhilaration of a common lively interest, moved around and chatted like old friends" ....*

and the thought-provoking words of Mr Arthur Swaby in January, 1958,

***"It depends, as everything else, in voluntary organization, on goodwill"***

Lynda Larkin



## GENERAL WALKS SECRETARY:

### Last call for Summer trips!

Please be sure to give your offers to lead trips in the Summer program to the appropriate walks coordinator by 19th September! This is so that there is time to include in the program to be distributed with October News. (TOFS walks are already in, and Sunday walks are being handled separately)

Base Camp/Lodge  
Pack Carry  
Wednesday Walk  
Saturday (Dand Explorer)  
Cycling

Katrina Murphy  
Jopie Bodegraven  
Margaret Curry  
Maureen Hurley  
Jan Palich



# Reports

## EQUIPMENT OFFICER:



### Walking shoes

For the last couple of years we have been trying to buy a pair of walking shoes that fit but have ended up with six pairs that are all too small! This has forced us to consider a whopping pair of size 10.5's, 2.5 sizes larger than we used to wear. We had to pack them up with thick socks and extra innersoles and lace them so tight that they puckered around the toe. They made us feel like a clown and the specialist walking shop salesman, who was adamant that we should be buying size 9.5, clearly agreed. Nevertheless we persisted and have not looked back. Gone are the black toenails, blisters and the hot numb feet. Our feet have been simply purring along. Even two months of hell for feet in Europe has failed to produce even the slightest discomfort. We wonder whether anybody else could benefit from our experience?

### Thermarest mats

Our much loved ten year old Thermarest died from a tumour recently but our grief was short lived when the manufacturer replaced it at no cost and we realised that the problem could have been avoided in the first place. It was delamination caused by using our Thermarest chair in the sun. So, if you want to get the best out of your mat, and not void Thermarest's generous lifetime warranty, keep it out of the sun, hot tent or car when inflated and don't expose it to chemicals, anything sharp or abrasive or to sparks from a fire.

*John Fritze*

## SECRETARY'S REPORT:

### Half Yearly General Meeting Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc

15 August 2007

The Half Yearly General Meeting was attended by 23 members of the Bushies. At the meeting three Committee members were elected unopposed to the positions they have been acting in for the past few months, and we welcome Carol Criddle to the position of Vice President, David Arnold to the Walks Secretary position and Del Franks as General Committee member.

Jopie Bodegraven proposed a motion to rename and redefine the positions of Walks Secretary and Assistant Walks Secretary to become General Walks Secretary and Sunday Walks Secretary. Debate on this motion ended with the proposal being referred to the Committee for further discussion and inclusion in the club's Bylaws if appropriate. Thanks to Jopie

## SOCIAL SECRETARY:

### Great things to do with Liz

#### Social evenings in September

##### 1. The Surrey Music cafe

- » Friday 14 September, 8.00 pm
- » The Boite Music Cafe, 470 Station St, Box Hill

The following description of an evening of music sounded good to me: "kirl - five glorious voices presenting an audacious set of high energy music, luscious harmonies and playful adaptations. Ajak Kwai from South Sudan sings Dinka songs about life, love and cattle! With Chris Basile on guitar and oud".

If people would like to come, please let me know. However, it is best if people book themselves by calling 9417 1983.

Coffee, wine and snacks are available at the venue.

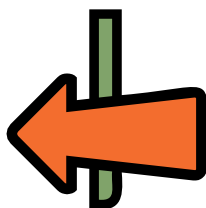
##### 2. Any ideas?

- » As you will read from Liz's explanation below, we need some assistance. Contact the President if you are interested.

##### 3. Liz is going "walkabout"

I am leaving for a big adventure in Alice Springs, so this will be my last social event for 2007. If you would like to organize a social event, contact a committee member and then just put it in the news. If you would enjoy it, there are generally others who would like to join in. (Contact details withheld for web version.)

*Liz Moore*



for his work on this.

Arising from the Annual General Meeting in February 2007 was feedback that leaders of all walks, not just the leaders of Sunday walks, are now entitled to claim for expenses incurred in previewing walks.

The Committee of the Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc meets monthly on the first Monday of the month at 7.00 pm in the Clubrooms. Meetings are open to all members and you are very welcome to attend.

# Notice board

## Pack carry and lilo trips for summer

### Planning in progress

Planning for pack carries for the summer program is progressing. Detailed here is the list of trips we have so far; the result of my email request.

There are still some gaps if anyone else would like to suggest and lead a trip. Chief is Christmas. We have no Christmas trips on the list as yet. If someone would like to lead something on 22-24 February, then Mohammad is quite happy to move his Feathertop trip into March.

There may be some minor tweaking of dates required to avoid date clashes with base camps. If you would like to lead a base camp, please contact our base camp coordinator Katrina Murphy.

For pack carries, contact me, Jopie Bodegraven. I will be away from the 8th September till the end of the month except for one day on Thurs the 20th but contact me anyway and I will finalise things on the 20th.

(Direct contact details withheld for web version.)



Mth	Date	Location	Leader
Dec	0-2	Baw Baw- Stronachs Camp-Mt Erica	Max Casley
	14-16	Buffalo - The Big Walk	Mohammad Akbari
	22	Lilo: Yarra River Beginners Day	John Fritze
Jan	5-6	Lilo: Avon River Beginners Weekend	Jopie Bodegraven
	11-13	North West Spur-Feathertop-Bon Accord	Gina Hopkins
	18-20	Lilo: Thomson River (joint with VMTC)	Geoff Kelly
	25-28	Great Ocean Walk:Apollo Bay-Aire River	Carol Corrigan
	25-28	Bogong High Plains	Ken MacMahon
Feb	8-10	Wellington River-Lake Tali Karng	Bill Donald
	22-24	Bungalow Spur-Feathertop-Razorback	Mohammad Akbari

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

In an emergency it is usual to dial up the 000 number. However, if your phone provider doesn't cover the area you are in, then try using the international emergency number 112.

The number 112 is a world wide emergency code used by all mobile phone providers and will connect you to the 000 network's emergency agency for any area within Australia which has mobile phone cover. If you do not get a response using this number, then you are outside ALL mobile phone providers range of cover.

The following information has been endorsed by Search and Rescue and the President of Bushwalking Victoria, David Reid.

When walking in remote areas and you experience an accident that requires emergency assistance, when you get through to 000 or via 112, you must then ask for the police in preference to asking for an ambulance. Reason for this is that the police are better equipped to assist, in that they have keys to open gates, and can also contact the DSE people or call for ambulance assistance, and where needed are able to direct the air ambulance to attend.

Please remember these are emergency phone numbers and should only be used in an emergency.

*Thanks to Paul Chamings from Maroondah Bushwalking Club for passing on this valuable information.*



# Notice board

## Bushwalkers' Insurance – An Overview

Many members will be aware that the club maintains a level of insurance cover in relation to official club trips (but only within Australia – for overseas trips you must provide your own cover). Without attempting to be a full description, the following is an outline of how the insurance operates. Further details can be obtained from the policy documents, the committee, or Bushwalking Victoria (VicWalk).

- Insurance is organised nationally by Bushwalking Australia (previously this role was done by VicWalk on behalf of clubs in Victoria).
- The policy contains P&PL (Public & products liability) and PA (personal accident) components.
- Current cost is around \$10 per member from annual membership fees.
- Members are covered for official club trips (trips on the walks program), but in the case of skiing or abseiling, must sign the designated "acknowledgement of risks" form beforehand (skiing and abseiling were reintroduced into the policy on 1 July 2005).
- Visitors (known as 'temporary members' for the purpose of the insurance) are covered for official club trips, but must sign the designated "acknowledgement of risks" form beforehand, regardless of the type of activity.
- The "acknowledgement of risks" form is a risk control procedure and is not intended to be a waiver. It is intended to make participants aware of the risks of the activity in order that appropriate risk mitigation steps can be taken in preparation for, and during the activity.

## Membership changes

*(As advised by Peter Havlicek, Membership Secretary)*

### New members:

- (Names withheld for web version)

### Altered Address/Phone:

- (Names withheld for web version)

UNIFEM Australia

## UNIFEM SPRING WALK



Millions of women around the world walk five kilometres and more each day to collect water and firewood for their families.

The United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) fundraiser 'Spring Walks' are held each year in September. All funds raised will go towards the UNIFEM Australia Peace Scholarship Fund, which brings women students from developing countries to study at Australian universities.

The Melbourne spring walk will take place in Albert Park on Sunday, 23 September. Meeting Place: Grebe Picnic Area, Albert Park Lake - situated at the south end of the lake, opposite the Keg and Swan Restaurants and near the Warwick Armstrong Oval. Walk or run the five km course around Albert Park Lake and help UNIFEM make a global difference in supporting women around the world.

Registration is at 10.30 am with the walk starting at 11.00 am. Participants are welcome to stay for a sausage sizzle afterwards or enjoy a picnic with their friends.

Register on the day or make a donation.

For more details: [www.idp.com/globalpeace](http://www.idp.com/globalpeace) or call Ann Banham.

### MEMBERSHIP STATS:

Life Members	13	
Honorary Members	11	
Single memberships	309	
Family memberships	100	(= 2x50)
Total membership	433	
This time last year	455	

# Notice board (Repeated article)

## Bushwalking Victoria

### Federation Walk 2007 - Sunday 21 October



This year's Federation Walk, a single day event, is being hosted by Diamond Valley and Koonung Bushwalking Clubs.

It will be based in Healesville, which is situated on the Watts River (a tributary of the Yarra) 60km northeast of Melbourne. Healesville has long been considered the gateway to the Victorian Alps, with much of it lying on ancestral land of the Wurundjeri people.

This Bushwalking Victoria main annual event aims to bring together the wider Victorian Bushwalking community and is a great way to meet people from other bushwalking clubs, to enjoy new company, make new friends and exchange valuable experiences and ideas along the track.

Over 20 tempting walks that have been planned, ranging from easy to hard, many of them located within the Yarra Ranges National Park and the Cathedral Range State Park. The list of the proposed walks is reproduced here and is also on the notice board in the club rooms. Please have a look and make your selection.

In order to minimise congestion at the start of the walks on 21 October, our hosts have asked that all walkers should list their walk preferences and register in advance of the day via their Club's Federation Walk Coordinator - Lynda Larkin - who in turn will forward the information to Diamond Valley Bushwalking Club. This must be done before 15 September. In order to be booked for your preferred walk it is important that you let me know ASAP. We have been advised to list second and third preferences in case first preferences are booked out.

#### Registration:

**\$15 in advance**

**Or \$20 registration on the day**

*Please note that there will be no Sunday Bus on the day of the Federation Walks.*

We will instead plan a car pool. Everyone's support and co-operation with organizing this will be very much appreciated.

Would all those interested in coming along please let me know ASAP either by leaving a note in my pigeon hole in the club rooms or by contacting me ASAP. It should be a great day.

*Lynda Larkin  
MBW Federation Walk Coordinator*

*(s = car shuffle)*

Walk #	Walk Title	Rating	Walk km	Drive km	Dept time
1	Mt Riddell	M	12	4	10.00
2	Base – Healesville - Watts River - Donnelly Weir - Maroondah Dam-Base	E	14	0	10.00
3	Healesville Sanctuary - Badger Weir - Healesville Sanctuary	M	12	5	10.00
4	Maroondah Dam - Donnelly Weir - Maroondah Dam	E	9	8	10.00
5	Donnelly Weir - Condon Track - Mt St Leonard -Donnelly Weir	M/H	22	8	08.00
6	Donnelly Weir - Road 11 - Mt St Leonard - Road 11 - Donnelly Weir	H	16	8	08.00
7	Maroondah Hwy - Grace Burn Weir - Mt Juliet- Maroondah Hwy	M	14	20	08.00
8	Dixons Creek - Paul's Range Track - circuit & return	M	15	46	09.30
9	Mount Blue – Toolangi Potato Farm	E/M	15	10	09.00
10a	Tanglefoot Track circuit from Monda Rd	M	16	40	09.00
10b	Tanglefoot Track circuit from Rain Forest Board Walk at Sylvia Creek - Myrtle Creek Track	M	14	46	09.00
10c	Tanglefoot Track circuit from Tanglefoot Picnic Area on Sylvia Creek Rd	M	18	58	09.00
11a	Fernshaw - Morley Creek - Carter Gap - Dom Dom Saddle	M	10	40 s	09.00
11b	Dom Dom Saddle - Carter Gap - Fernshaw	M	10	40 s	09.00
12	Dom Dom Saddle - Mt Dom Dom and circuit around to Dom Dom Saddle	M	11	40	09.00
13	Dom Dom Saddle - Mt Monda - Narbethong	M	15	50 s	08.00
14	Sugarloaf Reservoir circuit, Christmas Hills	M	16	50	09.00
15	Marysville - 3 Lookouts - Bismark Track	M	15	70	08.00
16	Warburton - O'Shannassy Aqueduct Trail-to Ewerts Rd (off Don Road)	E	12	70 S	09.00
17	Mt Donna Buang - Mt Boobyalla - Cement Creek	M	14	66 s	08.00
18	Murrindindi Scenic Reserve river walk & Wilhelmina Falls	M	12	100	08.00
19	Cathedral Range NP. Neds Gully - Cooks Mill -Farmyard - North Jawbone - Cathedral Peak -Neds Peak – Neds Gully	M	10	110	08.00
20	Cathedral Range NP. Neds Gully – Little Cathedral - North Cathedral -Cathedral Peak - Neds Gully	H	8	110	08.00
21	Lake Mountain NP. Snowy Hill Car Park - Upper Taggerty Rd - Keppel Hut - Gerratys Car Park	M	16	120 s	08.00
22	Bike ride: Launching Place - Woori Yallock - Warburton and return Optional: East Warburton - return	EM	36 50	32	09.00

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# Member reviews

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## **Bushies Triumph at Walhalla**

**17-19 August 2007, led by Mick Noonan**

We settled in at Tisdell Lodge on Friday evening, sipping Richard's port by the gas fire, listening to the heavy rain on the tin roof and wondered what the elements would be like for the rest of the weekend. Saturday morning we woke to bright blue sunny skies but with a decided nip in the air.

Our leader Mick had promised the weekend would start with a steep climb and finish with a similar climb. We left the Lodge at 9 am and inspected the nearby Long Tunnel Extension mine, and the various pieces of equipment used to extract gold. We then commenced the steep climb promised by Mick, the first 200 metres or so were very steep to say the least, however, after the initial incline it flattened out a little to provide a good workout (I didn't feel guilty for missing my usual Saturday morning session at the gym.). On reaching the top of the ridge we traversed the The Great Alpine Walking Track, and were relieved to commence an equally steep decline to the Thomson River bridge and railway station. At this point we met up with Mohamed who had driven that morning. Some of the group chatted up Lindsay the Station Master who made them tea and coffee gratis while the rest of us had morning tea on the historic railway bridge over the Thompson. It was interesting to note that the bridge was to be a demolition exercise for the Army in 1948 but for reasons unexplained did not proceed.

After leaving the station, and the female members still besotted with Lindsay we headed upstream along the banks of the Thomson River. The track was slightly overgrown and after the rain leeches were out in force. This necessitated many stops to check our shoes and clothing for the little bloodsuckers, luckily no one was actually bitten. When we stopped at Poverty Point and had lunch on the old steel bridge. Everyone removed their shoes looking for the dreaded leeches - a few were found. Following lunch, we headed back towards Walhalla along the disused tramway track, which went through fern gullies and towering gums. On reaching the township we had a coffee stop before tackling the tortuous climb to the cricket ground.

It is rumoured that the Walhalla team camped at the ground the night before a match so they would be fresh for the game, whilst their opponents arrived stuffed the next day. It was also rumoured that that the locals never lost a home game. Well that was about to change the Bushies decided to challenge the Ghosts of Walhalla and with coach Angela in charge the team was enthusiastic, but after several overs the Bushies were in trouble. However, coach Angela sprung a few match saving changes, Ray to silly mid on, Anna was dispatch to the gully, Debbie to short leg, Carol to long on, Mick to point and she tried to put Richard in slips but he refused the invitation. In a stroke of genius Angela decided to bring herself on from the Walhalla end and shorten the wicket. So with the Bushies looking at defeat Angela vigorously cleaned the ball on her flannels, charged in to mid pitch and let fly a wicked ball and knocked out the middle stump for a maiden over to save the game. Angela finished the day with the magnificent figures of 1 wicket, 1 maiden for 140 runs. It was incidently the only maiden bowled over for the weekend. The Ghosts of Walhalla had finally been beaten on home soil.

After the excitement of the match we returned to the Lodge

for happy hour and after consuming two bottles of sparkling Shiraz we were indeed happy. Whilst the cricket match was taking place Jan had been busy preparing an excellent lamb roast with all the trimmings, which was fully appreciated by all.

Unbeknown to Angela at the end of the cricket match the bails were burnt as a symbolic trophy to the pioneers of the past and the brave Bushies who took part in the match. It was decided that Angela was "man of the match" and as a fitting tribute to her guile and skill was presented with the trophy hereinafter to be known as 'ANGELA'S ASHES'.

On Sunday we had a look around Walhalla- the Old Coach Rd, Maiden Town track before heading off to Thomson Station (meeting up with Lindsay again). We walked down the old railway track to the site of Platina station then on to the Horseshoe Tunnel, which diverts water through the mountain from the Thomson River. There was one last climb from the riverbank back to the railway track as Mick had promised before we returned to Thomson Station.

Everyone thanked Mick for another well-organised and interesting walk. The walkers were Mick, Carol, Barry, Anna, Jan, Debbie, Tina, Angela, Richard Mohamed Ray and visitor Liz.

*Ray Spooner*

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## **Wirilda Track Pack Carry (Tyers Park)**

**4-5 August 2007, led by Bob Oxlade**

Even though the weather forecast for the weekend was for showers, three hearty souls, Bob, David & myself, defied the weather forecast and set off on another adventure. This walk was done as a circuit, starting at Blairs Road, and along 4 WD tracks until we reached Wirilda Picnic Area, where will picked up the Wirilda track at the north end. We followed this track until we crossed the river back onto 4wd tracks to reach the Scouts camping ground where we camped for the night. This offered us running water and a camp fire, with the rain holding off until about 9.30 when we were ready for bed.

Next morning, the rain had stopped and we retraced our steps back to the Wirilda track. Along the way we saw the remains of an old limestone quarry & kilns. Lunch was at the Moondarra Reservoir, which had plenty of water in it and was impressed with the natural looking fall created by the run off water. After lunch the walk back to the cars was alone 4 WD tracks, but the bush was so beautiful we did not mind.

Overall this was a very beautiful, walk only about 180 km east of Melbourne, reached from the Princes Highway at Moe by following Glengarry Road to Yallourn North passed the Quarry & Power Station. Covng 1810 hectares of forest in the foothills of the Latrobe Valley, Tyers Regional Park features the spectacular Tyers Gorge where the river has carved a winding course between the steep forested sloped which dominated by Yerchuk and Silvertop, with an understorey of wattles, tea tress, sedges & grasses, allowing abundance birdlife to flourish. This is a walk, I believe should not be missed and was surprised that the walk had not been on the program was either a Sunday walk or pack carry for over 5 years. Please have a look at the Photos on the website.

*Del Franks*



# Member reviews

## Barjarg Cross-Country Ski Week-end 4-5 August 2007, led by Sylvia Ford

Barjarg is a tiny township consisting of a general store, an old school house converted into a school camp, a few farms and not much more. From the windows of the old schoolroom and extension you look out to an expanse of farm land and mountains, and ancient cypress pines. Barjarg lies between Mt. Samara and Mt. Strathbogie where there is great bushwalking all year round.

We used the camp as a base from which to go skiing at Mount Stirling (about a 30 minute drive). This has been a good snow season. On the Saturday there was snow right down to the car park at Stirling and it snowed lightly for most of the day. Our party split into 3 main groups on the Saturday: the advanced (Ken Macmahon, Marilyn Whimpey, Bill Metzenthien and Mark Heath); medium (Sylvia Ford, Max Casley, Angela Vetsicas and Janet Hodgson) and the beginners (Diana Gomez, Liz Moore, and Mohammad Akbari). The snow was as close to powder as you are likely to get these days. We even needed to wax our skis to stop them balling up (thank you Mark). The trees were covered with snow and looked sculptural as many had no leaves. Max diagnosed possible death due to drought. The bushfire from last summer left blackened trunks everywhere – charcoal in the snow.

It snowed on Saturday night but Sunday was warmer though very gloomy and dark and everything was turning a bit slushy with icicles dripping, and clods of ice falling off trees. It threatened to rain and the conditions did not inspire so our party split into 2 groups. Liz and Mohammad were left to practise while the main group set off, consisting of: Marilyn, Bill, Mark, Sylvia, Max and Janet. This meant that I got to see some impressive telemarking! We skied around the trails and did not approach Mt. Stirling itself (the advanced party had not experienced favourable conditions there on the Saturday). It was too cloudy to get any views. We had lunch seated in a very dark Razorback Hut on comfy couches pretending to gain some warmth from a fire which Bill managed to resurrect. There was a beautiful grey thrush which joined us and a few other skiers, two of whom had camped in tents (and were responsible for the fire.)

On Saturday night we feasted and drank. Some of the culinary highlights included: an Israeli avocado and grapefruit salad; hot Turkish bread and dips; lamb shank casserole; beef curry; organic mulled wine; and Max's salad. An honourable mention must go to the sago plum pudding!

This was a great week-end. Huge thanks to Sylvia for "digging up the old bushwalkers" and for organising everything so beautifully. Thank you also to the drivers and companion skiers, cleaners (a sober Sunday morning after the night before), merry makers, drinkers and feasters.

*Janet Hodgson*

## Tree Planting & Honeyeater Project 11-12 August 2007, led by Mark Heath

Ten Club members went tree planting in the Benalla area, two drove up on Friday the rest early on Saturday morning. In total more than fifty people took part and we planted more than 2500 trees and shrubs. Ray Thomas (also a member of our Club) had done a magnificent job organising the supplies of seedlings, tools and locations for the revegetation. This was part of his continuing project to enhance the habitat for the protection of the wildlife in the area such as Regent Honeyeaters and sugar gliders. Mark, Bob and Del joined the group digging the holes for the plants. The rest of us were kept busy keeping up with them planting the seedlings. These were quite fragile and we had to be careful not to damage them in the process. To protect the plants from grazing wallabies we positioned cardboard containers like empty milk cartons over the plants. There was a great variety of plant species with expert selection of suitable plants for each location. On Saturday night a school parents association provided an excellent dinner with many choices. After this there was bush dance with an instructor to explain the steps and on Sunday afternoon there was a BBQ meal. It was a satisfying weekend. If you wish to participate Ray has at least two more weekends arranged: Sept 8/9 and Sept 22/23 (see the website [regent.org.au](http://regent.org.au))

Those attending: Mark Heath, Fay Dunn, Liz Telford, Bob Oxlade, Tina Leeuwrik, Margaret Curry, Del Franks, Howard Friend, Liz Moore and Max Casley.



### Bushwalking by the Stars ... by Geoff Crapper

#### **Virgo** - August 24 - September 23

Virgo men are industrious, hard working types who go about their jobs in a quiet methodical way and never seem to be appreciated, but in turn never offer praise or rarely lavish effection.

*Best match Taurus, Capricorn*



Virgo women are usually quietly spoken, introverted people who couldn't do enough for others, like the male they are also very industrious workers.

*Best match: Capricorn, Taurus*



## Sunday Bus

### STRATH CREEK FALLS - DIGGERS GULLY

DATE	Sunday 9 September
STANDARD	Easy/Medium and Medium
DISTANCE	9 km and 11 km
LEADER	Phil Geschke and Graeme Walkden
TRANSPORT	Bus, 9.00am from Southbank Blvd
RETURN TIME	7.00pm
AREA	Mount Disappointment State Forest
MAP REF	Reedy Creek 1:25,000

This walk features creeks and waterfalls. The easy/medium group will visit three waterfalls and the medium group will visit five.

Most of the walk is off-track along rocky creek beds. There is much rock-hopping. Footwear with plenty of grip is essential.

The medium group descends a very steep spur, passes through the Little Strath Falls gorge, then climbs a very steep spur. Both groups cross Strath Creek at the tops of Strath Falls.

We follow Tunnel Creek downstream to Diggers Gully, then follow Diggers Gully upstream. We pass Margaret Falls, then climb a steep spur to a track that takes us to the bus.

The walk distances are short because progress is slow in the creek beds and on the steeper slopes.



## Cycling

### CORIO AND AROUND GEELONG

DATE	Saturday 15 September
STANDARD	Easy
DISTANCE	Approx 35 km
LEADER	Jan Palich
TRANSPORT	Car or Train to South Geelong Station
MAP REF	Courtesy of Julia Blunden's book

I invite you to enjoy a meander around Geelong taking in some of its best scenic attractions via the cycling track. The ride will commence at South Geelong Station, so you may travel by train. Additional travel details and timing will be available when you book on the ride.

The cycle will be done mostly on tracks; however there will be some roads generally with bike lanes. The terrain is predominantly flat with a few gentle hills and one steep descent. Should the weather be hot, make sure you have plenty of water.

For those of you who know my rides, you will expect good coffee stops. You will not be disappointed! We may have lunch in one of the parks and you will have the chance to buy something on the way, or if you wish, bring your own lunch.

I look forward to your company on the ride and be prepared to have a great day's cycling. Please let me know you are coming by seeing me in the clubrooms during the two weeks before, or ring me at home.

Jan Palich



## Skiing

### LAKE MOUNTAIN BEGINNERS

DATE	Saturday 15 September
LEADER	Mark Heath
Contact Mark.	



## Sunday Bus

### YANKEE CREEK - LERDERBERG

DATE	Sunday 16 September
STANDARD	Easy and Easy Medium (possibly subject to change)
DISTANCE	14 and 17 Kms.
LEADER(S)	Doug Langton and Cameron Durrant
TRANSPORT	Bus
AREA	Blackwood
MAP REF	Trentham 1:25,000 (Not available)

Although yet to be previewed on the ground, a general appreciation of the area's attractions is provided using past experiences. Blackwood and this area of the Lerderberg River valley (A tributary of the Werribee River) was a very active gold mining area in the mid 1800s, partially alluvial and partly reef mining. As well as this appeal there should be acacias, hakeas, grevilleas and eucalypts flowering as well as many other native shrubs, hopefully the many native bush peas and the correas or native heaths.

The beginning of both walks follows the same aqueduct used by many of the mines and this collected water from the steep sided Yankee Creek. The harder walk follows this creek to the original Yankee Mine whilst the easier walk covers part of this valley before climbing out to follow the easier route along a four wheel drive track. This eventually leads back to the Yankee mine on Yankee Creek.

Both groups then climb out of the valley and follow tracks or four wheel drive roads. The easier walk covers a direct route back to firstly the Lerderberg River crossed by a bridge and then into Blackwood. The longer walk climbs further and reaches the flank of Blue Mountain before heading south, again through gold mining ruins to also cross the Lerderberg River and finish in Blackwood. This is an excellent walk which combines history, good scenery and programmed at the right time of the year to really appreciate the native flora.



## Wednesday Walk

### INGLISTON GORGE/FALCON'S LOOKOUT

DATE	Wednesday 19 September
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	12km
LEADER	Margaret Curry
MAP REF	Lerderberg & Werribee Gorges 1:20,000 & Park Notes

This walk will be completed in two sections. The first in Ingliston Gorge provides spectacular views and Box-Ironbark forest. We follow a scenic trail along Sloss's Gully, before heading down a ridge to meet Whitehorse Creek. We follow the creek bed through the gorge before climbing back up to the cars for lunch. We then drive 1.5km to start our walk into Falcon's Lookout which is a popular site for rock climbers and provides panoramic views of the gorge and beyond. An optional extra is a detour to The Granites which also provides some stunning views. Werribee Gorge is home to echidnas, koalas, platypuses, swamp wallabies and eastern grey kangaroos. Bird life is prolific, two notable species being the Wedge-tailed eagle and the Peregrine Falcon.

Travel on Western Freeway to Bacchus Marsh. Take Gisborne Road exit (later called Grant St), turn right at the roundabout onto Griffith Street, travel 2km, turn right onto McCormack Road, keeping golf course on your left. Travel up the hill and turn right just after the railway crossing onto the Ballan via Ingliston Road. After 2km bitumen changes to a gravel surface. Travel 4km on this until you reach a boom gate/rail crossing. Continue on short distance past Falcon's Lookout carpark to Ingliston Gorge carpark. This is 1.5km from Falcon's Lookout carpark and is only a small clearing on the lefthand side of the road not signposted other than Werribee Gorge State Park. For information and bookings phone Margaret or email.



## Sunday Bus

### WILKES CREEK - MT STRICKLAND (8.30 start!)

DATE	Sunday 23 September
STANDARD	Easy/Medium and Medium
DISTANCE	14km (400m climb); 17km (500m climb)
LEADER(S)	David Arnold and Halina Sarbinowski
TRANSPORT	Bus from Southbank Blvd (8:30am)
AREA	Marysville
MAP REF	Marysville – Lake Mountain Outdoor Leisure Map and VicMap 1:30k online topographical maps.

The Medium group will take the Mt Strickland route, which has been developed from a circuit walk used in the 1996 Federation day walks program and then in our own program in 1999 and 2001. It has been modified to finish along the Man O'War track into the Marysville township where, time permitting, we will visit the bakery before heading home. It should be noted that due to the hilly terrain around Marysville, there is no Easy walk option on this Sunday trip! The Easy/Medium group will initially follow the Bicentennial National Trail, crossing Wilkes Creek for the climb up to Keppel Lookout, then down along the very ferny Robertson Gully track to finish in the township as with the Medium group. The rainforest of the Marysville area with its tall timbers and tree ferns makes attractive walking.



## Dandenongs Explorer

### SILVAN TO OLINDA

DATE	Saturday 29th September
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	14km
LEADER	Doug Pocock
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Dandenongs
MAP	Melways 120,122,66

We will meet at Silvan Dam Overflow carpark, north side of Stoneyford Lane, Silvan. Melways 120 H 11. Meet at 10.00am for 10.15 start. The walk will start in the drier northern Dandenongs following tracks. There were quite a lot of flowers in bloom on the preview including Epacris, Grevilleas, Hakeas and wattles. Plenty of birds were seen also.

The walk will eventually head south and up the track to Olinda Cascades which we will visit just before lunch at the picnic ground (toilets here) From here it is down hill along tracks to Eagles Nest and then back to the cars.

Being the Dandenongs there are some ups and downs, a little bit of road walking and if it is wet tracks could be a bit slippery.

We should be able to have the traditional coffee afterwards.



## Sunday Bus

### MT IDA - MT MCIVOR RANGE

DATE	Sunday 30 September
STANDARD	Easy and Easy/Medium
LEADER	Les Southwell and Halina Sarbinowski
TRANSPORT	Bus – Southbank Blvd
RETURN TIME	5.30 pm
AREA	Heathcote - Graytown
MAP REF	Heathcote & Lady's Pass

This walk covers the area of the state forests of the McIvor Ranges, just east of Heathcote in Central Victoria, and extending to Mt Ivor to the north. The climbs are fairly gentle, through open, grassy forest with some good views out over the northern plains towards Bendigo from the rocky summits.



## TOFS

### BRIMBANK PARK

DATE	Thursday 4 October
STANDARD	Easy
LEADER	Alister Rowe
DISTANCE	12 kms
RETURN TIME	3.00pm
AREA	Keilor
MAP REF	Melway 14 H 8

The entrance to Brimbank Park is off Keilor Park Drive. Enter via Brimbank Rd at Melway 15 B10. Drive down Brimbank Rd to the Visitor Centre at Melway 14 H 8.

The walk will commence at 10.30am. We will do a circuit walk to the EJ Whitten Bridge and after lunch will cross the river and explore the western side. Great panoramic views and riverscapes. There is a cafe at the Visitor Centre which also has historical and geological information.

## Sunday bus BRITANNIA RANGE

DATE	Sunday 7 October
STANDARD	Easy Medium and Medium
DISTANCE	14 km and 17 km
LEADERS	Del Franks and Nik Dow
TRANSPORT	Bus – Southbank Blvd , 9.00am
RETURN TIME	7 pm
AREA	Yarra State Forest
MAP REF	Gladysale 1:25000

A very picturesque area, that has Lyre Birds, Tramsways & Tree Ferns. The trees ferns along the Britannia Creek Road are magnificent and we will probably be serenaded by lyrebirds along the way.

The Easy walk starts and finished at the same spot, which is the bottom of the Lady Walkers Track. The Easy walk incorporates two walking tracks, Lady Walkers Track & Britannia Range Track and a section along Britannia Creek Road.

For the Easy Medium group, most of this walk is along the Britannia Range Track, which will offer this group a couple more hills with great views. Then as with the easy group, there will be a section of the walk along the Britannia Creek Road back to the bus

While the walking on the road can be considered boring by some, it can also allow you to truly enjoy the beauty of the forest and ferns along the creek bed.

## Bushwalking Victoria

### TRACK MAINTENANCE GROUP

*The Bushwalking Victoria TMG (Track Maintenance Group) have scheduled the following activities. All club members very welcome.*

- **Condons track clearing TMG**

Description: This day will be involved with a total sweep of the track with pruning and chainsawing, but with the main concentration on benching and steps about one third of the way up. Transportation into management vehicle only zones will be organised on the day. Meeting time is 9.00 am at Parks Victoria office at Maroondah Reservoir Park.

- » Date: Sunday 30 September 2007
- » Leader: Steve Robertson
- » Contact: (Details withheld for web version)

- **Stronach's Camp track clearing (Baw Baws)**

Description: A Bushwalking Victoria TMG (track Maintenance group) event. Clearing a new route for the Australian Alps Walking Track at Stronach's Camp, at the north end of the Baw Baw national park. Open to all Bushwalking Victoria members.

- » Date: 27 - 28 October 2007
- » Leader: Geoff Kelly
- » Contact: (Details withheld for web version)

## Sunday Bus DOMINO TRAIL - TRENTHAM

DATE	Sunday 14 October
STANDARD	Easy and Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	14km and 18km start at Newbury
LEADER	Lynda Larkin and Eleonora Axelsson
TRANSPORT	Bus from Southbank Blvd

The Domino Trail makes for an enchanting walk at this time of year. Sounds of birds and trickling streams filter through the stillness of the forest. Some of the walk will follow the route of the old Trentham Railway, walking through a changing canopy of Manna, Peppermint, Mountain Gums and Swamp Gums in low lying areas. Trentham Falls, the Coliban River, trestle bridges, a tunnel, coffee and cake at the end await us!



### Wednesday Walk

#### MASONS FALLS MOUNT SUGARLOAF CIRCUIT

DATE	Wednesday 17 October
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	13.5 km
LEADER	Ed Neff
TRANSPORT	Private
START TIME	Arrive 10.15 for 10.30 start
RETURN TIME	Back to cars by 3.00 pm
AREA	Kinglake National Park
MAP REF	Vicroads Map 79 E1 & Vicmap, Outdoor Leisure Map, Kinglake National Park

Meet at Masons Falls carpark near the first set of toilet amenities. It can be reached via Whittlesea, Whittlesea Kinglake Road, then National Park Road and follow sign to Masons Falls. Alternatively, it can be reached via the Melba Highway, Kinglake, Whittlesea Kinglake Road, and then National Park Road. The walk initially follows Running Creek, taking in a lookout over Masons Falls continuing alongside the fern gully beside the creek. The track then climbs through messmate forest, a total climb of 330 m, to the summit of Mount Sugarloaf and a well earned lunch spot. The return to Masons Falls is through open messmate forest with no more climbing. Tracks are all well graded and mostly on management vehicle tracks. A short but enjoyable Lyrebird Circuit Walk at the end is recommended. You can telephone Ed to book or for further information.



## Sunday Bus SUGARLOAF RESERVOIR

DATE	Sunday 28 October
STANDARD	Easy and Easy Medium
DISTANCE	12 kms and 14 kms
LEADER(S)	TBA and Carol Corrigan
TRANSPORT	Bus – Southbank Blvd at 9:00am
RETURN TIME	6:30 pm
AREA	Yarra Glen

Both walks traverse the Sugarloaf Reservoir taking the same route with the E/M walk starting a few kilometres before the circuit of the Reservoir. Abundant sightings of kangaroos are guaranteed. The walks will be mainly on tracks in beautiful bushland with great views and lovely wildflowers.

Due to the proximity to Melbourne we should be back to Southbank at a reasonable hour.



**Pack carry**  
**GRAMPIANS - MT GAR (MT DIFFICULT) LOOP**  
**FROM TROOPERS CREEK**

DATE	5-7 October
STANDARD	E/M - M
DISTANCE	24km
LEADERS	John Fritze
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Northern Grampians
MAP REF	Northern Grampians Outdoor Leisure Map 1:50,000, Mt Stapylton & Mt Difficult 1:25,000

This walk is through one of the few unburnt areas of the Grampians suitable for pack carrying yet one of the most spectacular. It has fascinating geological formations, great views, excellent campsites, a profusion of wild flowers at this time of year and is in an area large and remote enough to completely envelope you with its magic. The track we follow is very rugged and rocky with some steep sections but the walk's short core distance (10km/day) and availability of side trips should broaden its appeal.



**Pack Carry**  
**WALK THE WILDS OF THE STRATHBOGIE RANGES**

DATE	19 – 21 October 2007
STANDARD	Medium
DISTANCE	23 km in the 2 days

This is a walk to showcase the magnificence and amazing diversity of the Strathbogies, with a route carefully selected to give a sense of what the area used to be before European settlement.

The walking is all off track, traversing everything from dry foothill forests, to moist forests of huge Peppermints and Blue Gums, through to subalpine stands of Mountain Gum and even Snow Gums!

Rocky peaks, steep escarpments and huge moss-covered granite slabs provide superb views of everything from the alps to the great plains of northern Victoria. There are beautiful ferny gullies with cool clear water, undulating plateaux of old-growth Messmates and Peppermints, and a captivating variety of wildflowers as we climb from the lowlands to the summits of Golden Mountain - Mt Strathbogie and down again.

With roads criss-crossing the plateau, it's been interesting to find a way to avoid them and experience the forest instead! So you may want to leave your map at home and simply be surprised by the secret beauty in this eastern extremity of the Strathbogie Ranges.

On Friday night we camp near the Sandy Creek inlet of the Nilahcootie Weir, between Barjarg and Swanpool on the Midland Hwy. On Saturday morning we leave 1 or 2 cars here and drive into the Lima East Valley to start our walk from the Ivanhoe Grammar School outdoor education centre. A short car shuffle at the end of the walk will fetch the other cars again.

Contact Ray Thomas if you'd like to join this interesting exploration of the hidden treasures in this lesser known part of Victoria.



**Grampians Base Camp**  
**PLANTATION CAMPTING GROUND**

DATE	12 - 14 October
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
LEADER(S)	Pearson Cresswell
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Northern Grampians
MAP REF	Northern Grampians (Outdoor Leisure Map) GR 347 974

This should be a pleasantly laid back Base Camp, taking advantage of the (late) spring weather, flowers, birds and that sort of thing. Just make sure that the leader does not take off into the scrub.

The campsite, located 9 km north of Halls Gap on the Halls Gap - Mt Zero Road, is spacious and usually quiet. There is a good walk to the top of the Mt Difficult Range and Golton Gorge is nearby. We may also do the rebuilt track to the Pinnacle, to see how the country is recovering from last summer's fire.

I may not be in on both booking nights, so phone bookings are welcome (Details withheld for web version).



**Cycling**  
**KYNETON CYCLE BASE CAMP**

DATE	27-28 October (Saturday start)
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
LEADER	Jopie Bodegraven
TRANSPORT	Private

This will be a weekend of cycling, mostly on fairly quiet bitumen roads, through a rolling hill country with views, rocky outcrops, some forest and some hopefully not empty reservoirs. It will consist of 2 day rides, driving up on Saturday morning, camping Saturday night at the Kyneton Caravan Park (some vans and cabins available ph 5442 1612) and having dinner on Saturday at the Shamrock Hotel which is walking distance from the campground.

I have checked out the caravan park and the pub for dinner but the 2 day rides are basically sight unseen. They look good on the map so come along and discover them with me.

Saturday's ride will be approx 68km with maybe 350m of ups. It can be shortened by 9km if required. Sunday's ride is around 63km with maybe 450m of ups and with the option of an extra 20km loop if some of us are keen enough. I'm sure we will find a good coffee shop in Kyneton to finish with.

We will meet Saturday morning at 9.30am on the north bank of the Campaspe River in Kyneton just near the Caravan Park. From the middle of Kyneton head south on the Trentham road for about 600 metres, then at the swimming pool (which is on the left), turn right along the north bank of the river. If you go over the river you have gone too far. Go about 100-200 metres to parking along the road.

So join me for a fun weekend of riding and a good pub meal.

Bus transport meets at Southbank Boulevard, south side of the Arts Centre, before 9.00am. Leader or deputy will be there rain, hail or shine!

Date	Activity/Location	Transport	Standard	Leader	Phone (H)
SEPTEMBER					
1-8	<b>Skiing: Rover Lodge Week</b>	Private		Doug Pocock	
Sun 2	<b>Ship Rock - Kurth Kiln</b>	Bus	Easy, Easy/Med	Mark Heath/Max Casley	
Thur 6	TOFS: Cranbourne Botanic Gardens	Private	Easy	Bob Steel	
7-9	PC: Northern Grampians - Troopers Creek	Private	Easy/Med	Jerry Grandage	
Sun 9	<b>Strath Creek Falls - Murchisons Gap</b>	Bus	Easy/Med, Med	Phil Geschke/Graeme Walkden	
Sat 15	Cycle: Corio and around Geelong	Car/Train	Easy	Jan Palich	
Sun 16	<b>Yankee Creek - Lerderderg</b>	Bus	Easy, Easy/Med	Dough Langton/Cameron Durrant	
Wed 19	Ingliston Gorge - Falcons Lookout	Private	Easy/Med	Margaret Curry	
Sun 23	<b>Wilkes Creek - Mt Strickland *8.30 start</b>	Bus	Easy/Med, Med	David Arnold/Halina Sarbinowski	
Sat 29	Dand Expl: Silvan area	Private	Easy/Med	Doug Pocock	
Sun 30	<b>Mt Ida - Mt Mclvor Range</b>	Bus	Easy, Easy/Med	Les Southwell/Halina Sarbinowski	
OCTOBER					
Thur 4	<b>TOFS: Brimbank Park</b>	Private	Easy	Alister Rowe	
5-7	PC Grampians: Mt Difficult-Briggs Bluff	Private	Easy/Med	John Fritze	
Sun 7	Britannia Range	Bus	Easy/Med, Med	Del Franks/Nik Dow	
12-14	PC Grampians: Plantation Camping Groun	Private	Easy/Med	Pearson Creswell	

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