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THE NEWS OF THE Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.

November 2008

Put it in your diary..

SLIDE NIGHT at the Clubrooms

Please come and join Mick and Carol at the club rooms on Wednesday 19 November to hear their tales about their trip to the Lycean Way in Turkey.



MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS CHRISTMAS PARTY



**You are all invited to our annual
Christmas celebration**

Wednesday 17 December 2008

Trades Hall - Main Bar (Victoria St entrance)

7.00pm – 10.00pm

Come along and join the fun
Catch up with friends old and new
Leaders Lucky Draw with great prizes
Mistletoe and music

Please bring a plate to share for supper

NOTE: Our William St club rooms will be closed for this evening and the following Wednesday, December 24.

Sunday bus bookings and bookings for other club activities can be made in the foyer at the Trades Hall



Note from the Editor

Dear fellow Bushies.

Your enthusiasm in writing out previews and your eagerness to make the walks enticing combined with my reluctance to take away any of your carefully chosen words mean that I am unable to fit more than a month's worth of previews in any one edition.

Please look out for all the great walks and trips on offer in December on the website to wet your appetite..

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

Royal Historical Society of Victoria

**239 A'Beckett 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.

Please send your contributions as unformatted text files by email to news@mbw.org.au

Closing date for receipt of material for The News is without fail the 2nd last Wednesday of the month.

Only advertisements that directly relate to bushwalking (eg gear, maps, trips, tours etc) can be accepted. For current advertising rates please contact the editor.

Club rooms Duty Roster: Treasurer present

Nov 5 Halina Sarbinowski & Jane Williams

Nov 12 John McCall & Carol Sisson Yes

Nov 19 Peter Havlicek & Mark Heath

Nov 26 Del Franks & Ray Spooner Yes

Next Committee Meetings:

Monday 1 December 2008

TRACK MAINTENANCE GROUP

Track Maintenance and Conservation Activities. Bushwalkers are encouraged to assist with the following projects.

As provided by MBW member, Mark Heath.

2008 Activity Dates	Leader contact details
24-26 Jan 2009 Alpine Mossbed rehabilitation	Steve Robertson
2-3 May 2009 Grampians	Rod Novak

SOCIAL NIGHTS



***** HELD AT NEW CLUBROOMS**

WHEN Wednesday 19 November

Mick and Carol's slideshow of the Lycian Way, Turkey.

26th November. The wine and cheese night

NEW YEAR'S DAY BBQ ON THE YARRA.
Bring everything for a 1:00 BBQ on the Yarra.
No need to book.

For more details contact Susan Maughan

Greetings All and welcome to the third month of Spring!

As the months pass the new club rooms have been gradually feeling more like home. If you have not managed to visit yet, they are not so far from our previous club rooms and nicely placed opposite the Flagstaff Gardens, just down from the Queen Victoria Market. So that dinner in a nearby café, or in the gardens, or a stroll around the Night Market combined with a visit to catch up with friends in the club rooms could make for very pleasant Wednesday Summer evenings.

SENIORS WALK

On October 9 a group of Melbourne Bushies responded to an invitation issued to all clubs by Bushwalking Victoria to participate in the Seniors Week Walks, a program initiated by Kinect (Vicfit) in collaboration with Bushwalking Victoria, Parks Victoria and the Victorian Office of Seniors during "Walktober". Many other clubs took part in this initiative, seeing it as a way of demonstrating our value to the community and sharing with those who came along the pleasure of "walking at a natural pace in a natural place".

On the appointed day, Max, our trusty leader, Bob Steele, Michael Mann, Richard Seer, Ray Spooner, his daughter, Nicole and I met at Kurth Kiln Regional Park, South Gembrook, in plenty of time to make the acquaintance of the Parks Victoria Ranger and the Friends of Kurth Kiln, headed by Alfred and Ursula Klink. The Friends were wonderfully hospitable, providing a warm welcome with facilities for morning and afternoon tea and an informative talk outlining the history of Kurth Kiln, later followed by a guided tour of the old living quarters and an inspection of the work shed. This was much appreciated.

The Seniors Bus and a smaller community bus arrived at 11.30 am carrying about 30 people from Boroondara, 20 of whom came on the 7 km walk around Tomahawk Creek with us after an early lunch, whilst the Friends of Kurth Kiln led a couple of shorter walks in the area. A number of more frail senior citizens who had come along simply enjoyed relaxing in the Spring sunshine picnicking and chatting in the ambience of the lovely forest setting.

What added greatly to our enjoyment was the lime green "Go Further" van arriving and the young rep, Andrew, distributing show bags containing T-Shirts, pedometers, health brochures and recipe books. Andrew talked to us about ways of maintaining good health and demonstrated how to use our pedometers, a great incentive for us all to see how many footsteps we could clock up during the walk. I learned we must walk 6000–10,000 steps a day to keep fit, or about 4–7 km.

It was a satisfying and successful outing, requiring little exertion other than to lead the walk and enjoy the day, as all the administration and organisation was managed by Lisa Loughnan, Coordinator for Positive Ageing at the Boroondara City Council. I'd be happy to participate again next year.

FEDERATION WEEKEND

What a great weekend it was, with more than 200 bushwalkers from all over Victoria converging on Beaufort to take part in our annual Bushwalking Victoria get-together, hosted on this

occasion by the Ballarat Bushwalking and Outdoor Club.

Congratulations and our sincere thanks to the 130-strong Ballarat Club for providing such an excellent weekend, planned so well to the last detail: from the wide range of beautiful walks programmed; to the buses which transported us to and from the start and finish of walks; gourmet morning and afternoon teas; great dinner and music on Saturday night; information booklets; and a host of volunteers who were extremely kind and helpful to us over the whole weekend. I was also amazed on Saturday afternoon when our group arrived at the top of Mt Avoca towards the end of our 24 km trek, to find a splendid array of refreshments and cheerful volunteers awaiting us there. And a special mention to our young (18) Pyrenees walk leader, Tom, for leading us faultlessly on such a long and challenging hike, planning and pacing it so well with maturity and good sense, which was most impressive.

For the weekend I can say I definitely achieved the desired daily requirement of 6000–10,000 steps with the 24 km walk across the Pyrenees Mountain Range on Saturday and 10 km up to Mt Buangor on Sunday. From a rocky platform near the top of Mt Buangor, visibility was initially zero, but still fascinating to be above the clouds and gaze into the mist as it churned and swirled and drifted across the valley ahead of a westerly wind. We lingered there a while and before long, as if in answer to a prayer, the clouds were gone and we were able to view the sunny plains beneath us and scan the varying landscape across to the horizon. Imagine our pleasure at the sighting of a pair of wedge-tail eagles circling and hovering, then disappearing into the trees and blue haze far below. It seemed to add something special to the day. I can only say how fortunate we are to be able to have such experiences and to be able to enjoy them with others.

BASE CAMP COORDINATOR

A word of thanks to Katrina Murphy, who is now stepping down from her role as Base Camp Coordinator, which she has occupied for the best part of two years and has carried out in a most discreet and reliable manner. We wish her all the best with her studies. Michael Mann volunteered to take over from Katrina before the ink had dried on the ad for a new coordinator. His good spirit, congenial manner and willingness to contribute to club operations are greatly appreciated.

NEWS EDITOR

And more thanks, this time to someone who has played a very valuable role keeping the home fires burning and producing the October News while our News Editor, Catherine, has been skipping around the planet. Thanks, Jamie Harrison. An excellent job. Thanks also for all your background assistance with the production of our newsletter through the year as well.

AND WELCOME BACK FROM YOUR TRAVELS,
CATHERINE !!!

Have an enjoyable November, all.

– Lynda Larkin

Reports

NEW BOOKING SYSTEM FOR THE SUNDAY BUS

From Wednesday 15th October, MBWC will be introducing a new Sunday Bus booking system. There will be one person in the club rooms collecting monies for bus bookings. Initially this will be either Halina Sarbinowski or Del Franks. They will take bookings up to 4 weeks in advance.

The Sunday Walk Leaders for the next two Sundays will still be available in the club rooms to discuss and answer any of your questions regarding walks.

Visitors will need to talk to the leaders of the walk before they can book on the walk.

If you have any questions regarding the new booking system please do not hesitate to contact Halina or Del.

Halina Sarbinowski

EQUIPMENT

SLEEPING BAG ADOPTION PROGRAM

We are disturbed at the thought of once loved sleeping bags lying neglected in dark cupboards. If you know of any please report the perpetrators and you will receive a small reward for each bag saved (or, putting it another way, sell your good old bags for cold hard cash). Also contact us if you can offer a good home to an old bag (snap up a bargain). Doing so will defer one of your major expenses until cost benefit considerations can be more accurately determined and minimise your risk of wasting money on an unsatisfactory new bag.

We think that this program might encourage new participants to pack carrying and hope that it becomes a permanent part of our club's caring culture.

John Fritze

MEMBERS

Life Members	14
Honorary Members	10
Single memberships	318
Family memberships	116
(= 2x 58)	
Total membership	458
This time last year	449

Peter Havlicek



Noticeboard



WEEKEND TRIPS FOR AUTUMN

PLANNING NIGHT Wednesday club night 3 December at 8pm

Interested in doing pack carry or base camp trips in the autumn? If you are then we need your input. Between now and Dec 3rd we invite your offers to lead trips. Then at the planning meeting in the clubrooms we will put it all together and make sure there are no unintended date clashes. You will probably not be approached directly to lead anything. What is volunteered is what will go onto the Autumn program so please think about whether you would like to lead something. All interested leaders are invited to come to the meeting to contribute. Please feed your offers to lead to the 2 coordinators.

For base camps or lodge trips, please contact
Mick Mann,

For pack carries please contact
Jopie Bodegraven

WILLIS'S WALKABOUTS

Explore the unknown

The exploration of Australia is far from complete!

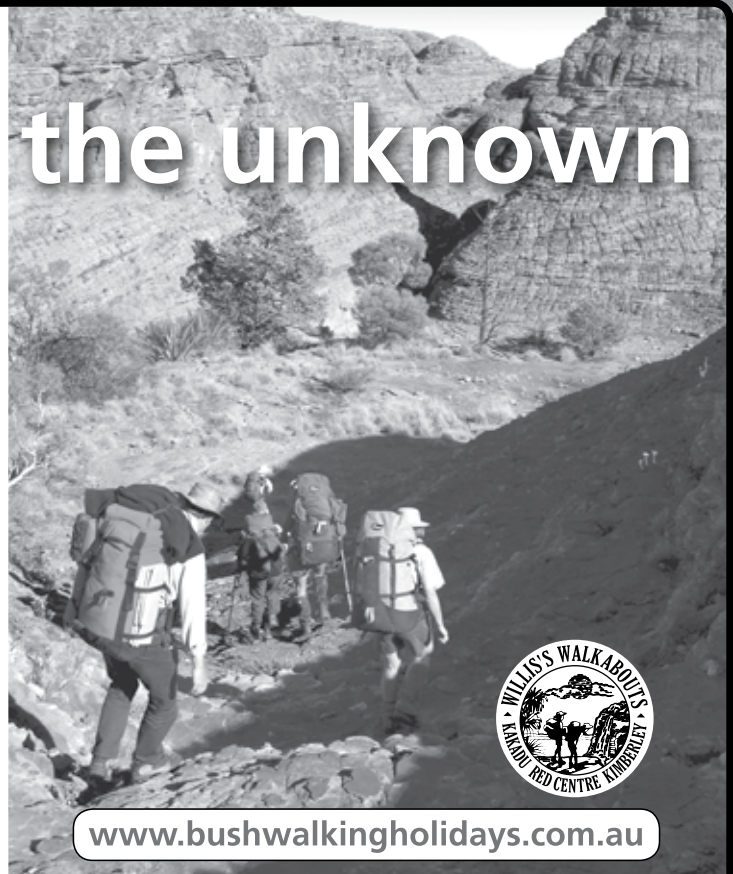
We go to amazing places you've probably never even heard of, places where, on occasion, no non-Aboriginal person has ever been.

On previous explorer trips we've found Aboriginal art sites, beautiful pools, pockets of rainforest, gorges and waterfalls – no hint of which appeared on any map.

These are the kind of trips that let us discover the walking routes we regularly use today.

Our exploratory trips include everything from short sections on one week walks to a six week Kimberley expedition.

If you have ever dreamed of being among the first non-Aboriginals to explore an area, **our Explorer trips could be your dream come true.** Visit our website or ask us for more information.



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SUNDAY BUS SURVEY!

Over the last 18 months the number of people on the Sunday Bus has gradually declined which combined with increasing costs has meant that the bus has not been covering costs recently. To help us understand what has contributed to this and to return the bus to break-even the Club Committee would like to build up a profile of Sunday walkers and find out your views on how to increase attendances.



Survey Forms are being sent out with this Newsletter, will be available in the Clubrooms, and will be handed out on the Bus in November

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and return it by the end of November.

WALKING IN THE SOUTH WEST OF THE USA

SLIDE SHOW -WED 10 DECEMBER

8PM IN THE CLUBROOMS

In June and July of this year 5 club members, Jopie, Jenny, John, Derrick & Gina spent 2 months walking and exploring the National Parks and other wild areas of California, Arizona and Utah in the SW of the USA. They found it stunning stuff and have the photos to prove it. Thundering waterfalls, narrow slot canyons, huge deep canyons, high rugged peaks, glacial lakes to die for; bare granite domes, massive trees, all liberally sprinkled with wildflowers, squirrels and other assorted wildlife. America has it all. Areas covered include Yosemite, the High Sierras, Grand Canyon, Havasu Canyon, Zion, Desolation Wilderness, Kings Canyon and more. What you will not see are Las Vegas, Los Angeles or San Francisco but there will be a few shots of their brief South Korean stopover.

So come along and see a mixture of Jopie's and John's photos and you'll understand why they were so smitten by the place

ALPINE RESTORATION – January 2009

Feel like a break from the usual routine and a satisfying holiday?

Bushwalking Victoria will again be participating with Parks Victoria on Alpine Restoration Works on the Bogong High Plains in January 2009. This is a very rewarding activity where you actually feel that you have achieved something at the end of a day's work.

Over 60 Bushwalking Victoria participants thoroughly enjoyed this endeavour early in 2008.

When: Friday night 23 January 2009 – Sunday PM 25 January 2007 (you can always stay on longer as the next day is a Public Holiday – Australia Day)

Where: Bogong High Plains – based at Alpha Ski Lodge in Falls Creek

People required: we need 30 (places will fill quickly)

Cost: A rather complicated formula but to simplify WE PAY YOU

- You will receive two nights accommodation at Alpha Ski Lodge at NO CHARGE
- You will be invited to partake in one BBQ Dinner for Free
- Each participant will receive a cash subsidy toward fuel costs

Doesn't this sound great and an opportunity not to be missed?

Contact Steven Robertson to register your name.

Members

SYLVIA FORD

CONFERRED WITH LIFE MEMBERSHIP OF THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS AT THE 2008 AGM.

SYLVIA immigrated to Australia from England in 1969 and liked it so much here that she decided to stay. Her introduction to the Australian bush was initially with the Victorian Climbing Club. On her first trip to Mt Rosea in the Grampians with the VCC, she was enthralled by the wildflowers and scenery, so different to that in England and another good reason to stay.

In Feb. 1972 she married a fellow rock climber, who also happened to be a Melbourne Bushie, so that many of their wedding guests were Melb. Bushies and Sylvia got to know them socially.

She and her husband did much walking on their own including Lake Peddar on their honeymoon; they walked the South Island of N.Z. and became prodigious cross-country skiers.

Ten years later, in 1982, when the marriage fell apart, Sylvia decided to join the Melb. Bushies and felt immediately at home, already familiar with some of the people in the club and soon became a keen, much-loved and at times controversial participator and leader in club activities.

. By 1982, Sylvia was on General Committee, rose to the position of Vice-President in 1986 and in 1987 became the Melb. Bushies second lady President, a position she filled with great leadership skills, competence and energy for the following 3 years

As 1990 loomed, the year of Melbourne Bushwalkers 50th anniversary, Sylvia took on the overall organization of celebratory events, including the production of "Fifty years along the Track" into which she personally put a tremendous amount of time and energy researching and writing the first chapter, which outlines beautifully and in great historical detail, the first ten years of the Melbourne Bushwalkers, including descriptions of some legendary

characters, great anecdotes, with accounts of the very friendly relationship the Bushies had with landowners and cattlemen, who on occasion actually provided food drops, transport and other kinds of assistance to the Bushies in the early years of the club.

Sylvia has in many ways been a shining light with her wonderful personality, sense of humour and very generous spirit, manifest not only by her willingness to assume key positions of responsibility in the club over the past 26 years, but also by the extensive list of activities she has organized and led for more than a quarter of a century, including ski trips, lodge weekends, pack carries, base camps, day trips, wild flower walks, work parties and club social events.

In the light of several remarkable decades of outstanding service and active participation in our club, it is appropriate that Sylvia be awarded Life Membership of the Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc as a token of the esteem in which she deserves to be held and in appreciation of her remarkable contribution to the club over the past 26 years.



ATTENTION - ATTENTION!! WEDNESDAY WALKS 2009

Effective January 2009, Wednesday walks will be scheduled on the second Wednesday of the month, instead of the current practice of being held on the third Wednesday of the month.



SUNDAY BUS

BRISBANE RANGES – BURCHELL TRACK NORTH

DATE	Sunday 2 November 2008
STANDARD	Easy & Medium
DISTANCE	16 KMS and 21 KMS
LEADERS	Halina Sarbinovski and Roy Rossebo
TRANSPORT	Bus from Southbank Bvd
AREA	Brisbane Ranges National Park
MAP	Straughton Vale 1:25 000

The Burchell Track, a 38km 3 day walking track, traverses the Brisbane Ranges from end to end. Our walk will follow the first half of this track. The Brisbane Ranges hides many treasures with numerous narrow gullies, steep rocky ridges, creek crossings and at the end of this walk the delightful Anakie Gorge. It is also the home of over 600 plant species. Unfortunately the grass trees that it is renowned for are being threatened by the spread of cinnamon fungus. There are lots of delightful specimens in the park however we will need to take special care to keep to tracks and use the boot cleaning stations as we pass through the park. Not only is the flora diverse, ranging from the gnarled black trunks of the ironbarks to the colourful spring displays of pink and white heath, the different stages of regeneration from a variety of bushfires contrast dramatically from one section to another in the park. The park is also renowned for its fauna and sightings of wallabies, echidnas and koalas are common.

Distances of both walks are quite long and with the “undulations” of the park challenging...but the rewards of the unusual geology provide bushwalkers with a surprisingly varied and ultimately very enjoyable walking experience.



TOFS

CITY PARKS and GARDENS

DATE	Thursday 6 November 2008
STANDARD	Easy & Medium
DISTANCE	10 km
LEADER	Keith White
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Melbourne Central
MAP	Melways 43, 44, 57 & 58

The walk is designed for public transport. It will start and finish under the sign ‘To Princes Walk’ at the north-east end of Princes Bridge adjacent to Federation Square, opposite Flinders Street Station in Swanston Street.

Most of the walk is off-path with a few minor hills. We pass by native vegetation, lawns, birds, lakes, a river and historic landmarks on our journey in the shadow of the CBD.

The walk starts at 10.30 am and should finish by 3.00 pm.



SUNDAY BUS

MT DONNA BUANG – MT VICTORIA

DATE	Sunday 9 November 2008
STANDARD	Easy/Medium & Medium
DISTANCE	11 km & 15 km
LEADERS	Del Franks & David Laing
TRANSPORT	Bus from Southbank Bvd 08:45 start
AREA	Yarra Valley - Warburton
MAP	Juliette South

At an elevation of 1245 m, Mt Donna Buang offers panoramic views over Melbourne, the Yarra Valley, Dandenong and Cathedral Ranges, Mount Baw Baw and the Alps. While on the mountain you can take in a rainforest experience and even walk through the tree tops at the spectacular Rainforest Gallery. While this walk is quite challenging, I believe that it is also one of the most rewarding/beautiful walks in our program, so I invite you all to join me (Del Franks) or David Laing, on what I believe will be a wonderful day’s outing.

Both Groups will start their walks at the Rainforest Gallery, having about 15-20 minutes to walk the Rainforest Gallery Boardwalk. This beautiful site features a 40 metre long observation platform (one of only three of its type in Australia) which takes you into the rainforest canopy 15 metres above the ground. A 350 metre long elevated walkway takes you through the Rainforest Gallery where you will see magnificent 65 metre tall old growth mountain Ash tress, ancient Myrtle Beech trees (many of which are 300-400 years old), ferns, mosses and other plants that make up this damp and diverse rainforest environment. There are several viewing spots along the walkway where you can pause and enjoy the sounds of Cement Creek flowing past on its journey to the Yarra River.

Both groups will then make the steady climb to the Mt Donna Buang Summit, where both groups will have lunch. There will also be the opportunity climb the 126 steps (21 m) of the lookout tower to enjoy the 360 degree panoramic views across the park and way beyond.

After lunch both groups will take the walking tract to the east and then south east which lead across the summit of Mount Victoria, (this summit passes unnoticed if you don’t look out for the change in direction to the south west at the summit) and down past the radio tower, then along the gravel road to the Mount Donna Buang Road. The Easy Medium group will walk up the road to their finish point at the Ten Mile Turntable where the bus will pick you up and take you into Warburton, where you may have time to patronise one of the bakery/coffee shops, while the medium group will cross the road and proceed down the unsigned walking track, making the steady decent of the Mount Victoria walking track into Warburton township. The total drop from the top of MDB is about 1000m.



PACK CARRY

MIRIMBAH SPUR - MT BULLER - MT STIRLING

DATE 14 - 16 November 2008
STANDARD Medium (hardish)
DISTANCE 30 kms
LEADER Gina Hopkins
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Mt BULLER – Mt STIRLING
MAP REF Buller-Stirling Outdoor Leisure Map 1:25,000

This walk involves visiting two of the highest peaks in Victoria with magnificent views. We'll start at Mirimbah and climb up the Mirimbah Spur and the McLaughlin Shoulder to the summit of Mt Buller. I haven't been up this way before which is why I want to do it now. From the summit we'll look across to Mt Stirling, our destination for the night. We'll head down through Buller village (maybe even stopping for a coffee along the way), then down to Howqua Gap and up the other side to Mt Stirling. We'll camp somewhere not far from the summit, maybe near Bluff Spur Hut if the weather is unkind. After a visit to enjoy the view from the Stirling Summit, we'll return to Mirimbah via the River Spur trail and the Delatite River walking track. The river track crosses the river several times so be prepared to have wet feet at the end of the walk.

We'll meet at Mirimbah picnic area at 0800 to get an early start on Saturday. Friday night's suggested camp site is just north of Sawmill Settlement, about 100m past the picnic area.



SUNDAY BUS

LA FRANCHI'S HUT

DATE Sunday 16 November 2008
STANDARD Easy & Easy/Medium
DISTANCE 13 km & 16 km
LEADERS Allan Martin & Phil Geschke
TRANSPORT Bus
AREA Daylesford
MAP Eganstown 1:25,000

This walk has something for everyone. Our journey takes us through a diverse landscape. The Charlesford Diggings at the beginning of the easy walk has several relics of the Gold Rush that drew people from all over the globe in the 1860's. We venture off track through some sections for the lovers of bush bashing, through pine plantations and along deep gullies that have been turned into lunar landscapes by the miners and elements over the decades. Finally arriving La Franchi's Hut, built in 1880 and is known to the locals as "The Forgotten Gardens". The Hut is surrounded by fields of daffodils and deciduous trees that should be in full bloom by late November. Close to the hut there is an eerie feeling. Was it the spirits of the La Franchies whispering to us visitors or just the wind? You will need to be there to find out.



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JACK'S BEACH - MERRICKS

DATE Monday 17 November 2008
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE 11 km
LEADER Alister Rowe
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Western Port
MAP Melway maps 164 & 192

Meet at 10.30 am in the car park near Hastings Yacht Club adjacent to Hastings Jetty (Melway 154 K11). We will walk along the Bittern Coastal Wetlands Boardwalk to Jacks Beach and return. We'll then drive to the Merricks Station Reserve, have lunch and then walk to Red Hill and back. We might have afternoon tea at Red Hill.



CYCLING

WOODEND

DATE Saturday 15 November 2008
STANDARD Medium
DISTANCE 50 kms +
LEADER Philip Brown
TRANSPORT Train/Car
AREA Woodend

Start is at Woodend and from there we head north along the Calder Hwy for a short distance then off the main road onto quiet country roads for the rest of the ride, flat farmland to Newham. From Newham the hills start, nothing too major just lots of small to medium ones, Lancefield for lunch BYO or at the shops. There are more hills after Lancefield but once again nothing too taxing, back to Woodend. So come along and enjoy the open space and country air. For start time and meeting place ring leader



WEDNESDAY WALK

WOODMORE RANGE

DATE Wednesday 19 November 2008
STANDARD Easy & Medium
DISTANCE 14 km
LEADER Stuart Hodgson
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Murrindindi River
MAP 1:25000 Taggerty South and Juliet North

This walk covers an area a little further south of the more popular traversed parts of the Murrindindi River and follows the tracks which wind through regenerating mountain ash forest. We traverse the gently undulating Woodmore Range before reaching Tin Dish Creek for lunch. Afterwards we descend the Murrindindi River and follow its manna gum lined banks to the starting point. For further info and meeting point ring Stuart



DANDENONG EXPLORER

LANGWARRIN FLORA & FAUNA RESERVE

DATE Saturday 22 November 2008
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE 8 kms
LEADER Bob Steel
AREA Frankston - Langwarrin
MAP REFERENCE Melway map 103

Meet at the car park in McClelland Road, Langwarrin (Melway map 103 C10). Drive down the new Eastlink Freeway (tollway!) to Frankston, then take the Cranbourne Road to McClelland Road. Meet to start walking at 10:30.

We will walk along various tracks within the Reserve. I will try to make it 8 kms but may be shorter. We will then drive to Ballam Park in Cranbourne Road (Map 103 B4) for a late BBQ lunch to celebrate the end of the year of Saturday Walks. (There are no facilities at the Flora & Fauna Reserve).

Book with leader.



BASE CAMP

BIMBI PARK, THE OTWAYS & GREAT OCEAN ROAD

DATE 21-23 November 2008
STANDARD Easy/Medium
LEADER Jan Colquhoun
RETURN TIME 6-7 pm
AREA SW Victoria
MAP REFERENCE VICMAP 1:50 000 The Otways and Shipwreck Coast

On Saturday we shall commence a circuit walk from the Bimbi Park campground towards Cape Otway lighthouse; after a walk along the cliff tops we follow the track down to the beach to view the spectacular Rainbow Falls before continuing either along the beach or the cliff top walk (depending on the tides) to Glenaire. At Glenaire there will be an opportunity for a swim and/or a visit to a cottage tearoom before making our way back to Bimbi Park. There is some flexibility, if people wish to shorten walks if they are willing to do a car pool. On Sunday the walk meanders through the shady Otways forest. After a car pool we visit Shelly Beach before walking through the forest to Blanket Bay, then on to the Cape Otway lighthouse. At the end of the walk there is time to visit the lighthouse (an entry fee applies) before heading back to Melbourne.

Bimbi Park camp ground has excellent facilities. On Saturday night we will have a barbeque. This promises to be a relaxing and social weekend before the Xmas rush. Besides campsites they offer a choice of reasonably priced cabins. If you are interested in booking a cabin please let me know soon.

I will be in the clubrooms for the two Wednesdays preceding the walk



SUNDAY BUS

JAN JUC - ANGLESEA

DATE Sunday 23 November 2008
STANDARD Easy & Easy/Medium
DISTANCE 13 km & 16 km
LEADERS Max Casley & Faye Dunn
TRANSPORT Bus
AREA Anglesea
MAP Anglesea 1:25,000 and maps to E, NE & N

This area has beautiful coastal scenery and bush and is part of the "Surf Coast Walk". Both walks start beyond Torquay near Bells Beach and go through Ironbark Basin which has interesting flora and fauna as well as the remains of a jarosite mine (the mineral pigment used on the old red rattler trains). The walk continues through ironbark forest, heath land and along the cliff top to Point Addis where we may glimpse a rufous bristlebird. Alternatively we could bypass the Basin by walking along the beach instead because the tide will be low. Then we will continue along the beach and cliff tops to Anglesea with ocean views on the way.



PACK CARRY

MT BUFFALO – THE BIG WALK

DATE 28 -30 November 2008
STANDARD Medium
LEADER Mohammad Akbari
DISTANCE 27 kms
AREA Mt Buffalo (The Chalet - Lake Catani)
MAP REFERENCE VICMAP 1:25,000 Eurobin 8224-1-3, Zone 55 & Mt Buffalo Forest Activities 1:30,000 published by Rooftop Mapping Services

This is a quite spectacular walk with many views. The walk starts at the foot of Mt Buffalo before the Gatehouse. After crossing Eurobin Creek the track climbs steeply for 2 km through pleasant tall forest. There are a few roads crossings and Mackey’s lookout is near the fourth road crossing which offers excellent views. The walk continues across the face of open granite and Buffalo Gorge with great views. There are many lookouts and views and the total climb will be around 1040m. We visit Bebt’s lookout near the Chalet car park. It is planned to camp over night at Lake Catani camp site and return to the cars by Sunday lunch time. There is the possibility of visiting Bright for refreshments or lunch before heading back home. This is a good walk and is recommended. Contact the leader if interested.



SUNDAY BUS

LAKE ELIZABETH

DATE Sunday 30 November 2008
STANDARD Easy/Medium & Medium
DISTANCE 13 km & 16 km
LEADERS Lynda Larkin & Halina Sarbinovski
TRANSPORT Bus - 08:45 start
AREA the Otways
MAP Walking the Otways E10

Nestled in a remote area of the Otway State Forest lies beautiful Lake Elizabeth. Created by a huge landslide, which occurred in the head waters of the East Barwon River during a period of unusually heavy rains in June 1952, the lake and its surrounding rainforest is testimony to the extraordinary beauty which can unfold when Nature does something unexpected.

Come on a special adventure with us along undulating, well-formed tracks through tall-timbered forest and be rewarded by the vision of this masterpiece of Nature, in an area now listed as National Estate by the Australian Heritage Commission. Fortunately its seclusion has allowed it to remain a relatively hidden treasure. For Your Eyes Only... if you book early enough.



TOFS

MT DONNA BUANG, MT VICTORIA RANGE

DATE Thursday 4 December 2008
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE 10 kms
LEADERS Jean Giese
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Yarra Ranges National Park
MAP REF Juliet South 1:25,000 and Melways 612

This walk through majestic Mountain Ash and Myrtle Beech forest will include the elevated “Rainforest Walk” over Cement Creek, the track from Mt Donna Buang towards Mt Boobyalla and the Mt Victoria walking track. A walking stick will be a help as there are strips of bark and rocks on parts of the track.

Meet at “Rainforest Walk” carpark, Cement Creek Reserve at the junction of the Acheron Way and Mt Donna Buang Road, about 7 km north of Warburton (Melways 512 T2). Booking is essential as a short car shuffle is required.

Hervey Bay

Fraser Island

Barry and Anna, Melbourne Bushies members, are offering our townhouse in Hervey Bay, Queensland, to members of Melbourne Bushies an affordable and comfortable holiday destination for couples or small groups. Opposite the beautiful sandy beach and close to restaurants and beachside cafes. It has three levels, three double bedrooms, a large living and entertaining area, fully furnished, plus two bicycles.

Tariff = up to four people = \$570/week.

Hervey Bay: whale watching, Fraser Island bush walking (easy ferry access), golf , yoga, cycling, walking, swimming, beachcombing and sunbathing, fishing, sailing, kayaking, diving, tennis, lawn bowls, croquet, tai chi, boating (there is a modern marina), excellent bird watching and airport.

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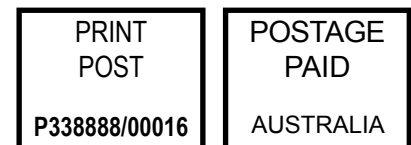




Bus transport meets at Southbank Boulevard, south side of the Arts Centre, before 9.00am. Leader or deputy will be there rain, hail or shine!

November				
Sun 2	Brisbane Ranges - Burchell track North	Bus	E & M	Halina Sarbinowski /Mark Rossebo
6	City Parks and Gardens	Private	Easy	Keith White
Sun 9	Mt Donna Buang - Mt Victoria - 8:45 Start	Bus	E/M & M	Del Franks & David Laing
14 - 16	PC: Mirimbah Spur - Mt Buller - Mt Stirling	Private	M	Gina Hopkins
15	Cycling - Woodend	Private	E/M	Philip Brown
Sun 16	La Franchi Hut	Bus	E & E/M	Allan Martin & Phil Geschke
17	Jack's Beach - Merricks	Private	Easy	Alister Rowe
19	Murrindindi River Area	Private	E/M	Stuart Hodgson
21 - 23	BC: Bimbi Park - The Otways	Private	var	Jan Colquhoun
22	Dandenong Explorer	Private	Easy	Bob Steel
Sun 23	Jan Juc	Bus	E & E/M	Max Casley & Fay Dunn
28 - 30	PC: Mt Buffalo - The Big Walk	Private	M	Mohammad Akbari
Sun 30	Lake Elizaveth - 8:45 Start	Bus	E/M & M	Lynda Larkin & Halina Sarbinowski

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