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2009 BUSHIES CHRISTMAS PARTY



The Bushies Christmas Party will once again be held at the Trades Hall, corner of Victoria and Lygon Streets, Carlton on Tuesday 15 December

Bring a plate to share from 7pm

Break away from tradition: this event is not taking place on a Wednesday; we also we have exclusive use of the room.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Another successful Leaders Night was held on 16th November attended by 25 members Topics ranged from the recently issued Fire Season, Total Fire Ban and Extreme Heat Policies, the Sunday bus, car pool walks, fitness of visitors and demonstration of Leaders' database. There was also an open forum discussion.

Max's birthday celebration was attended by about 100 members who had a fantastic night eating, drinking bush dancing and socializing until late in the evening. What a great night it was.

Separately in this month's NEWS there is a notice advising that the late booking fee of \$5 has been reintroduced. The concession fee has also been increased from \$15 to \$20. Both these increases apply from commencement of the Summer Program.

Bushwalking Victoria have given advance notice that the Federation Weekend in 2010 is to be hosted by Waverley Bushwalking Club and will be held in the Otways and Surf Coast area from 8-10 October. Accommodation will be available at the YMCA Recreation Camp, Anglesea. Please diarise this date.

Another store is available for discount purchases – Bushwackers Camping & Outdoors, 1001 Mt Alexander Rd, Essendon, Tel. 9379 6992 – offering 5% discount. A new Walks Book has also been published – *Walks, tracks & Trails of Victoria* by Derrick Stone, RRP \$44.95, 296 pages, paperback. This contains more than 150 tracks and trails that can be walked, cycled or driven, ranging from short 45 minute walks to four day walks.

Now that the hot weather is upon us please ensure that you carry two litres of water, wear sunscreen, take a sunhat and are fully aware of the Club's Fire Season, Total Fire Ban and Extreme Heat policies about which all members have recently been reminded

Margaret Curry

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

**Cnr. William and A'Beckett Streets,
Melbourne Vic 3001
entry from William Street)**

Visitors are always welcome!

General correspondence should be directed to:

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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.

Please note:

Next committee meeting will take place on

MONDAY 7 DECEMBER 2009

TRACK MAINTENANCE GROUP

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

As provided by MBW member, Mark Heath.

2009 Activity Dates

Leader contact details

January 2010 Bogong High Plains	Steve Robertson
March 19 - 23 Baw -Baw Track Clearing	Andy Gillham
April 30 - May 2 Grampians	Mark Heath

C L U B R O O M S

Please note that our clubrooms will be closed both on 23 & 30 December 2009.



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EQUIPMENT

Buying equipment

If you are new to pack carrying you would be well advised to familiarise yourself with the contents of a typical lightweight pack and try out some of the key items before buying. We can help with demonstrations (which can be arranged at short notice), advice and good gear for hire at very reasonable rates. Give us a call or email equipment@mbw.org.au. We are always happy to help.

Equipment discount alerts

If the recent storewide discounts of up to 40% and discounts of up to 60% on some of our favourite mail order gear have eluded you, it could be worth joining our email alert list. Initially it will consist of those on Jopie's pack carry list, but if you are not on the list and would like to receive alerts, or are and wouldn't, let us know at equipment@mbw.org.au. Alerts will be restricted to specific items, both new and secondhand, that we think could be worth considering for lightweight pack carrying.

John Fritze

PACK CARRIES FOR AUTUMN - TRIPS & LEADERS NEEDED

It is time to think about what trips we would like to put on the Autumn Program. We can look forward to cooler temperatures after the heat of summer and the stable autumn weather that Victoria is known for. Let me know if you would like to lead a pack carry trip with preferred dates, a title and a grading and I'll slot it into the program, trying to avoid date clashes with other pack carries and base camps. If you would like to lead a base camp, please contact Mick Mann, our base camp coordinator.

Relevant dates are:

5-8 March Labour Day long weekend
1-6 April Easter
23-26 April Anzac Day long weekend. Yes we do get a holiday in lieu on the Monday

For those into long distance cross-country navigation, otherwise known as rogaining, there are rogaines on 20/21 March (2x6hr), 18 April (training day), 24 April (6/12 hr) and 22 May (8 hr)

Please contact Jopie Bodegraven Pack Carry Coordinator [j](#)

Jopie Bodegraven

** BUS LATE BOOKING FEE REINTRODUCED

In September 2008, the committee waived the late booking fee in order to encourage members to use the Sunday bus even though they hadn't pre-booked.

Since that time a range of initiatives have been introduced to make it easier for members to book without venturing into the clubrooms. Also, the bus is now cancelled if there are fewer than 25 walkers booked on the Wednesday prior to the walk.

To reduce the need to cancel the bus and to provide fellow walkers with greater opportunity to enjoy bus transport, we would like members to pre-book.

Members are advised that effective with the commencement of the Summer Program the late booking fee of \$5 has been reintroduced.

ATTENTION LEADERS

AM RADIOS FOR FIRE SEASON

During the Fire Season we want all Leaders to carry an AM Radio so they can stay in touch with any relevant announcements.

If you have not got access to one you can borrow one from the club. Same process as booking out a First Aid Kit - just use the Equipment borrowing book"

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PEAK BAGGERS GUIDE TO VICTORIA'S MOUNTAINS

It's time to reinvent the wheel. This has been done before and I have vague recollections of seeing a list in an old copy of "Walk" or the "Melbourne Walker" but I'll be blown if I can lay my hands on a copy and I'm keen to have a go anyway so here goes: I have given notable mountains a score out of 10.

The score is determined by a number of features. Chief among these is difficulty of access, but I have also included iconic status, desirability from a bushwalking viewpoint, beauty and my subjective opinion. Only mountains on public land are included.

I fully realise that there could be a great deal of disagreement about the points allocated, possibly leading to spirited discussion and that is a good thing. There will undoubtedly also be some that I have left out which should be included. It will by no means be the definitive or perfect list but it is a start.

The question of difficulty of access is a particular problem because many mountains have a standard 2WD bushwalker access route but a much easier 4WD route. Good examples of this are Mt Speculation, Cobbler, The Bluff and Mt McDonald. For these I have allocated a score on the basis of standard 2WD access followed by a second score in brackets for the "cheats" 4WD access route.

As to how to list them, I decided to list them alphabetically by score rather than region, so you can see at a glance which are the good ones but I do have a fuller list by region if anyone wants to see a copy.

Now how to use the list? I'll leave that open to you. You can look at it for amusement only, wonder where some of these strange sounding peaks actually are, or you can be competitive and calculate how many points you have already amassed or how many you accumulate in any one year. You can also argue about the points values. Feel free to abuse my choices and points scores.

The List:

- 10 Bogong, Feathertop (6), the Razor, Snowy Bluff
- 9 Fainter North, Vereker
- 8 Burrowa, Cobberas 1(4), The Crinoline, Darling, Latrobe (Prom), The Maze (near Thackeray), McDonald (4), Pine Mtn, Sentinels (1), Speculation (3), Spion Kopje (near Falls Creek), Thackeray (5)
- 7 Clear (4), Denmarsh (East Gipps), the Governor, Howitt, McLeod, Torbreck, The Viking, Wilson (Prom)
- 6 Arthur, Cobberas 2, Crosscut Saw, Despair (near Speculation) (4), Difficult (Gar), Fainter South, The Fortress Plateau(4), High Cone (2), Juliet, King Billy No 1 (2), Langi Ghiran, Magdala (3), Nelse North, Niggerhead, Rocky Peak (Eildon), Whitelaw

- 5 Blue Rag (1), The Bluff (3), Briggs Bluff, Buggery, Bullfight, Cathedral Peak, Cobbler (3), Gable End (2), Koonika (2), Kooyoora, Long Hill (near Crinoline), Nelse, The Nobs (2), Razor North Peak, Ritchie (1), Rosea, Stapylton, Warwick, Wills (1)
- 4 Abrupt, Asses Ears, Beckworth, Buffalo (Horn), Eagles Peaks, Erica, Gorrin (Langi Ghiran), Jim, Kent (1), Korong, Leonard (Prom), Loch (2), Murray (1), Spion Kopje (Moroka), Stirling (1), St Phillack, Sturgeon, Sugarloaf (Cathedrals), Tabletop (near Hotham), Tingaringy, Trapyard Hill, The Twins, Vinegar, The Watchtower (Neilson Crag), Wellington (1), William, Wombargo
- 3 Briarty Hill, Castle Hill, Cope, Dom Dom, Despair (Murrindindi)(1), Ellery, Everard (Croajingalong), Flinders Pk, Genoa Peak, Hollow Mtn, Hunter (Prom), The Knobs (Donna Buang), Marm Point, Napier, Oberon, The Paps (1), Pilot, Pinnacle (Grampians), Redmans Bluff, Reynard, Riddell, Ritchie (1), Stradbroke, Sugarloaf (Mt Cole), Sugarloaf (Pyrites Ck), Tamboritha, Terrick Terrick, Timbertop, Tower Hill (Grampians), Wilson (Lerderderg)(1), Wombat, Zero
- 2 Babbington Hill, Baw Baw, Ben Nevis, Black Hill (Kyneton), Blackwood, Blue Mtn, Bogong West Peak, Boobyalla, Bride, Buangor, Buller, Buninyong, Camels Hump, Charlie, Donna Buang, Dundas, Eadley Stoney, Eccles, Everard (Kingslake), Fatigue, Franklin, Glenrowan, Hanging Rock, Hotham, The Hump, Ida, Jawbone North, Jawbone South, Killawarra, Lake Mtn, Macedon, Mackeys Peak, Matlock, McKay, The Pinnacle (Moroka), Piper, Phipps, Robertson, Samaria, Sarah, Selwyn, Skene, Spion Kopje (Gembrook), St Leonard, Strathbogie, Talbot, Tallarook (Hickey), Tower Hill (Warrnambool)
- 1 Alexander, Arapiles, Arthurs Seat, Avoca, Beenak, Ben Cairn, Dandenong, Disappointment, Enterprise, Gellibrand, Gibbo, Gordon, Leura, Major, Moliagul, Mt Martha, One Tree Hill, Pinnibar, Porepunkah, Red Hill, Sabine Stanley, St Bernard, Strickland, Sugarloaf (Whittlesea), Sunday, Tarrengower, Terrible, Warrenheip, Wycheproof

Jopie Bodegraven

EASTER 2010 PACK CARRY

DOUGLAS APSLEY NATIONAL PARK IN TASMANIA

Just a reminder that early bookings are required for this walk.

For more details please either see October and November NEWS or call Bob Oxlade

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SOCIAL EVENTS

FRIDAY 1 JANUARY

BBQ at Bellbird picnic ground, Yarra Bend Park. Kew, Mel 45 A3.

No need to book, but you might like to bring along a small wrapped gift for our lucky dip.

Also, it will be Peter Havlicek's 75th birthday and we'll have birthday cake and candles.

Friday 15 January

Dinner at Boheme Restaurant and Bar, 368 Bridge Road, Richmond.
7:00 for 7:15. Licensed and BYO wine (\$5 corkage). Mediterranean style.
Book with Susan no later than Wednesday 13th January.

COMING UP:

FEBRUARY

Saturday outing on the 96 tram....something different: a photographic presentation

by Richard White in the Club Room

MARCH

Saturday night visit to the Melbourne Cemetery.

Slide night-Walking in the Dolomites. Deb Shand and Agajan.

APRIL

Saturday night BBQ, Wattle Park.

And much, much more to look forward to in 2010...

THANK YOU, SUSAN!

WILLIS'S WALKABOUTS

You're virtually 'there' via our NEW website...



so make it real
with our special *Melbourne Bushwalkers* reader discount!

The address is the same, but our website has been completely redone into a new, more user-friendly format.

We believe it's one of the most informative commercial websites put out by any small business anywhere. If you are planning a trip to one of the areas where we operate, even if it's not with us, you should find useful information there. The many pages in our regions section could be particularly useful.

We're celebrating our new website by offering *The News of the Melbourne Bushwalkers* readers a special discount. Quote this ad and book a tour before 1 March 2010 and receive a 5% discount on top of all other discounts you may be eligible for (e.g. up to 20% for advance purchase).

And, one lucky reader will get a full 50% off. Prize to be drawn by Tourism Top End in early April.

Don't forget, you must quote this ad to get the discount and go into the draw.

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REGENT HONEYEATER NEWSLETTER

Planting season 2009 comes to a successful close!

Firstly a huge vote of thanks to those hardy souls who came to the rescue recently to help us finish the last few planting sites.

105 people came to join us over a period of 9 days in October, with an amazing 3386 seedlings planted on 3 sites. The groups ranged from only 7 people up to 19, showing just how much can be achieved by a small dedicated team!!!

Going back to check how the plants are faring in the current hot weather, we are seeing very promising results. Well over 90% of the plants are standing tall, so we are simply replacing the few that didn't make it, and watering all the recently planted seedlings that haven't had a rainfall yet. It's hot work but absolutely vital to protect all that hard effort by our volunteers.

Planting totals for the year

1080 school students were involved over 24 planting days, planting a total of 12,833 seedlings

410 community volunteers were involved in the four planting weekends, planting 15,154 seedlings
a grand total of 35,621 seedlings planted this year

110 hectares of habitat restored on 34 sites
13,452 metres of fencing constructed

Direct seeding

29.5 km of direct seeding by machine
7 sites totalling around 9.6 hectares

We used 6,300 gms of seed (well over a bucket full), so you can imagine how many seedlings will come up in the next few years!!

The aim is to regenerate understorey in areas of scattered remnant trees where conventional planting is unsuccessful. (The trees simply take up too much water and the seedlings suffer badly!)

We also direct seeded 2 other sites by hand, using mattocks to scrape a divot and then lightly covering the seeds with soil

Some trials

Planting herbaceous species (eg daises and lilies) without tree guards to see if they establish quicker and more successfully in the full sun. This creates a risk of rabbit predation, but the guards have a risk of too much shade, and perhaps even collapsing over small plants before they're big enough to hold their own. • We chose 8 sites with better native grass cover to give these delicate plants a better chance • We selected bare soil niches between the tussocks to hide the seedlings • We minimised the soil disturbance using Hamilton Planters to avoid attracting rabbits

My recent visit to a site done in July, showed daises standing tall, flowering well & about to drop seed!

Monitoring older sites

Many sites from previous years have daises, and indeed many other shrubs species, regenerating naturally from seed falling off the original planted seedlings.

This is exactly what we've been aiming to achieve!! It is critical that the understorey can thicken up by itself over time, so the shy and rarer birds can find the necessary dense shelter.

Without this natural seedling germination, the habitat will become just like most of the local bush blocks – all trees and no shrubs.

And the understorey species are really the "bread basket" for many wildlife species, providing nectar, seeds, and insect food, as well as safe nesting sites.

Grazing in older sites

So this is the main difficulty with grazing in a planting site. Any seedlings trying to germinate are always eaten off, and we never get any replacement understorey as shrubs die of old age.

The bigger trees can cope of course, but the small shrubs, the herbaceous plants, and especially the nitrogen-fixing wattles, peas and She Oaks, are all systematically removed.

All those smaller plants have been grazed out of the district for so long that the "trees only" scenery appears normal to us. But it's actually missing most of the plant species that were originally here.

And these smaller plants are really the engine room that drives the ecosystem, keeping it healthy for the long term. So it seems a pity that grazing removes the very plants which are most helpful in restoring the landscape! See below.....

Some benefits from understorey

•Did you know that our native daises attract several butterfly species that only lay their eggs on mistletoe? And when the caterpillars hatch, they eat mistletoe so thoroughly they destroy whole clumps!

Our local wattles are useful too. They are a magnet for Squirrel Gliders looking for a feed of sugary sap. And here's the interesting bit: the Gliders also clean up leaf-eating insects that are at the root of dieback in your trees. A single Glider can eat over 20 kgm of Christmas Beetles during just one summer!!

Then there's all the birds which nest or shelter in the understorey shrubs. Did you know that birds take up to 60% of the available insects in a healthy woodland? Planting the right shrubs will help put an end to the relentless insect attacks on your valuable old trees.

And that's only half the story! Nectar-rich shrubs like Sweet Bursaria, Tea Trees, Rice Flowers and Everlasting Daises also attract a range of parasitic wasps and flies that are very helpful to the farmer. With nectar as their energy source, these wasps will hunt all day for insect pests like Cockchafer Grubs, Christmas Beetle larvae and Grass Hoppers that destroy valuable pastures!

Bird search

The 1st weekend in October saw an influx of some of the state's best bird observers to survey over 150 sites throughout the Lurg hills. In just a day and a half, the team found 128 different species, (a record!) including many threatened species such as Grey-crowned Babblers, Swift parrots, Turquoise Parrots, Painted Button-quail, Red-capped Robins, etc. There were many significant reports from our planted areas as well; including Button-quails in a site that was just a paddock only 8 years ago!!

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There were generally fewer birds in total, due to poor breeding success in the recent run of dry years. However, the species diversity was high, because many migrant species such as White-winged Trillers, Cuckoos, Rufous Songlarks, Little Friarbirds, and Cockatiels have come to find refuge here over the summer. This adds still more significance to the special nature of the Lurg Hills environment.

In fact it seems we almost certainly have more bird species than any other farming district in the state!! The many large forest blocks, the old growth trees along many roadsides, and the wooded creek lines have been the core habitat for decades, but more and more of our 410 planting sites have reached an age where they are providing good habitat as well.

National recognition of our work

We were "highly commended" in the Top 25 Ecological Restoration Projects in Australasia, Aug 2009

We were the main feature article in the Ecological Restoration and Management Journal, Aug 2009

We received the "Conservationist of the Year" award from Australian Geographic Society

And of course, none of the action would happen without solid support from so many landholders, schools, community volunteers and our funding sponsors. This is really recognition of a huge team effort.

Special thanks

To Andrew Snowdon, for his amazing contribution to our project over the past 7 years. He has now moved on to manage his own project with the Rural City of Wangaratta and we wish him very well.

To Kristin Monie, who joined our team so capably during this year's busy planting season.

To our regular local volunteers Paul, Peter and Dale, who work so reliably with us 2-3 days every week.

To our voluntary project committee who manage the administration and all our financial dealings.

To the landholders of the Lurg Hills, who have given so much of their land to the future of our wildlife.

To our schools & volunteers from bushwalking clubs, universities, cycling clubs, scouts, guides, etc etc

To our generous sponsors – Norman Wettenhall Foundation, Exetel, SP Ausnet, Rockwell Collins, Goulburn-Broken CMA, Envirofund, and "Caring for Country" Grants from the Federal Government.

I hope to see you next year on some of our activities. The work is rewarding, there are many good friends to make in the process, and it's a fantastic experience to look back at what you've achieved in a weekend!!

Nestbox monitoring weekends: 20/21 March and 17/18 April
Planting weekends: 7/8 Aug, 21/22 Aug, 4/5 Sept and 18/19 Sept.

Ray Thomas,

TO THE PRESIDENT, COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS OF THE MBW

The response after the note about Graham's illness in the News and his subsequent death has been overwhelming.

Please accept this as personal thanks for all the masses of cards, letter, e-mails and phone calls and to those who came to Bruthen especially for the gathering in memory of Graham. Together with Monique, Kim and Gavin, I would like to thank you all.

As a tribute to Graham, Gavin is partaking in "Movember" <http://au.movember.com/mospace/24063/> where money is raised for Prostate Cancer and Beyond Blue, depression in men. If anyone who is interested in how the Mascas family is faring, please check the website and also check my site among "The Knights who say Mo", where there are some photos.

Many thanks also for the donations to Cancer Research and The Bairnsdale District Nursing

Marijke



Reviews

FIELD REPORT FROM BUSHFIRE TRAIL RESTORATION

24 - 25 OCTOBER

The Sunday saw a crew from the Melbourne Bushwalking Club spending a hard yakka day on the scenic Mount Victoria Trail at Mount Donna Buang. Together with the Ballarat Bushwalking Club, we were in charge of removing trippers and large branches from the trail except for leaf litter. Happily there was no rubbish or litter to remove. We mostly trimmed and removed vegetation using a range of styles of secateurs and rake hoes. My secateurs deserve special mention. They were the large ratchet kind and I had great fun removing large limbs all along the trail. Apart from contributing to the restoration and maintenance process, getting a great workout from these tools was far better than going to the gym.



After our companions from Ballarat departed, we gently descended into a gully leading to Mount Victoria. We spent all our time working quite hard at cutting back the overgrown vegetation up to 1.5 metres from the track. When we were finished, we returned the way we came, back to the summit of Mount Donna Buang, where we were greeted once again by mist and icy air.

But while in the depths of the forest, we warmed as we worked in the protected lushness of the ferns, glorious mountain ash trees as well as yellow gum, wattle and beech, all accompanied by the sweet serenade of the local bird symphony orchestra. Jan also made sure the leeches kept us company during the hard yakka.

The sense of tremendous satisfaction after a hard day's work, mending and restoring these precious trails, is hard to describe. Is this what happiness is? The giving back of something ethereal? Our time and love to an environment that is beyond richness and beauty?

Thanks to Jan, Trish, Rosemary, Michael, Ivan (soon-to-be-member) and Linda for your time and efforts. It was a great day's work among great company, set amidst one of the most magical delights of the Yarra Ranges National Park.

I'd also like to thank Steve and Leora Robertson for their commitment and organisation.
See you in the bush,

Janette Kodaih

BRISBANE RANGES PACK CARRY

14 - 15 NOVEMBER



Despite the heat seven people arrived for the walk led by Agajan along the Burchell Track.

The Brisbane Ranges are close to Melbourne so we all arrived Saturday morning and started our walk from Sutherlands Creek near the Old Mill Camp. We went past the Barwon Water Catchment and had lunch at Stony Creek Picnic Ground where, fortunately, we could replenish water supplies and find deep shade to escape the heat.

There were many wild flowers and Jerry was busy identifying them. The camp site at Little River was excellent – flat and grassy with a good supply of tank water (the “river” was dry). Next morning we walked to Boar Gully where there was a surprising number of day visitors were enjoying picnics. After collecting the cars we had lunch in Bacchus Marsh which Agajan had already investigated on his preview of the trip.

The group is shown in the attached photo: Agajan (leader), Jerry, Fay, Carolyn, Deb, Fang and me .

Max Casley

Reviews

TWO DAYS CYCLING IN THE WARRAGUL HILLS 19 -20 SEPTEMBER

Day 1 – Medium – 82 kms

Warragul – Grand Ridge Road – South Darnum – Warragul

Day 2 – Easy / Medium – 52 kms

Warragul – Drouin East – Buln Buln – Darnum – Warragul

As we assembled at the Warragul Caravan Park for the start of Saturday's ride, I surveyed the group of fit, strong riders and remarked to my mate that we would be "Tail End Charlies" on this ride. That turned out to be the case, however Karl, who had done very little cycling accepted the challenge and rode strongly for the two days.

Phil Brown, our leader took our group of nine men and two women out on to the Korumburra Road and headed south and uphill for



several kilometres. In this neck of the woods you are either going up or down and after 12 kilometres we left this road to start on the long uphill haul to Grand Ridge Road. The scenery in this area is beautiful, now more so since the drought has broken in this part of Gippsland. The creeks were sparkling and the hills were covered with a lush covering of grass, green as emeralds, a lot of hay will be harvested this year. The forests were in good shape with plenty of bird song coming from them, Grey Shrike Thrush and Currawong calls were heard along the way. Being last I had plenty of time to take in the beauty of the hills. I felt sorry for young Fiona who was whip, Fiona is such a fit and strong cyclist that I'm sure she was itching to be up with the rest of the group. She was able to do this after lunch when Phil took over as whip.

The views from the Grand Ridge Road looking over towards the Baw Baws are spectacular, the steepness of the spurs and gullies are truly beautiful. As we all know a ridge doesn't follow a level course, so we had our climbs and we also had some thrilling downhills as well. Among the group were three nice blokes from the Geelong Bushies one of them was telling me at dinner on Saturday night, that during the ride he tried to overtake Sue Ralston on the uphill sections but couldn't; Sue just stood on the pedals and scooted away.

The longest and most thrilling downhill run was coming off the Grand Ridge Road and dropping down to the Darnum Flats, a downhill run of this magnitude is a wonderful experience. The going along the flats was easy but after a few kilometres we started riding across the grain of the hills. We had three steep gullies to cross, it was a granny gear job on these very steep grades and a strong SW wind against us made the going tougher. We eventually reached the Korumburra Road and it was downhill to our camp.

The Grand Ridge Road is not all that easy to follow, at times there are many junctions, etc so Phil gets 10/10 for his navigation and organisation. For this day's tour Phil had also booked a table for our group at the Commercial Hotel where we had dinner and drinks and spent a pleasant evening together.

On Sunday, Phil led us on to an excellent wide concrete cycle trail which runs from a park in Drouin to a park in Warragul. We rode north for a few kilometres towards Drouin and then north through beautiful green rolling farmland to Buln Buln, a nice quiet country town. We enjoyed a break at Buln Buln for morning tea and then headed east for another 10 kilometres or so before heading south to Darnum for lunch. One flat tyre was discovered as we left after lunch, it was soon taken care of and away we went across the Darnum Flats and you guessed it - we struck another two steep gullies. I managed one and walked the next. After that it was easy going, we crossed the Freeway and rode the next few kilometres into Warragul on a service road. We gathered together and thanked Phil for organising an excellent two day's riding for us.

Karl and I stayed overnight and rode to Pakenham on Monday via Lardner, South Drouin, Ripplebrook,



Yannathan and Bayles, a very pretty ride.

The people who participated on the ride were: Philip Brown (Leader), Sue Ralston, Ross Berner, Fiona Kelly, Karl Spadinger, John Prent, Howard Friend and myself Art Terry. Geelong club members – John Bell, Gordon Elliott and Ed Wansink.

Art Terry

Reviews

ROYAL & HEATHCOTE NATIONAL PARKS NSW

30 OCTOBER - 3 NOVEMBER

After a flight from Melbourne we caught the train to Cronulla to stay at the YHA. Unfortunately our wonderful leader Bob Oxlade was unable to join us on our walk due to a foot complaint. So the task fell to Max Casley using Bob's notes to guide us.

On Saturday we caught a ferry to Bundeena where we bade Bob goodbye. The coastal walk that followed was to encompass everything from spectacular sandstone cliffs, coastal heathland and secluded beaches to palm jungles, rockpools and a wide variety of plant and animal life.

We had morning tea on dramatic white sandstone cliffs with stunning views. The weather was perfect for walking. The coastal heathland vegetation was no higher than chest height here so we were able to get good ocean views and the wildflowers were still in bloom. The long expanses of flat stone crisscrossed by water showed magnificent swirls of pink, purple, orange, yellow and red colors that were breathtakingly beautiful.

At Wattamolla we sat ourselves under the shade of a magnificent tree for lunch. Arriving at Garie Beach Jan managed to score a free fizzy drink from some party revellers. Little did we know at this stage that Jan's wonderful connoisseur tastes were to feature throughout the four day walk and lead many of us astray with treats of beer, wine, coffee, apple pie etc.

Along the various headlands passed we noticed a few shacks that had been built on the slopes behind beaches. These shacks were built between 1910 and 1950 by a few energetic European pioneers.

Eventually we arrived at North Era, where there is a wonderful beach and a grassed area for camping amid trees as recommended by Bob. After dinner Max gave out cake to celebrate his 70th birthday. Suddenly a candle in a chocolate bar appeared, there were balloons and all were singing "Happy Birthday" to joyously commemorate Max's birth and happy life. It was with much pleasure that the revellers retired to bed "well grunted" from the day's activities.

Rosemary Martyn

We broke camp sometime around eight and headed out via a small climb to warm up those muscles to the cliffs above the Tasman. We passed many of the original beach huts as we wandered ever upwards. Passing the last hut we entered what is known as the Palm Jungle and aptly named.

This area supported very dense palm growth as well as vines and other vegetation. We were not far into it before the humidity levels rose significantly in line with what you would expect in a jungle but it did make for thirsty work as we made our way along and then up to the top .

As we approached the main road we came upon a portion of the ten thousand bike riders competing in the Sydney to Wollongong ride on that day.

Having been educated by some local bush walkers as to a very good apple pie and ice cream shop located close by, Jan



C lead the charge in that direction (it was more like a streak really) while David and Max went searching for the railway station.

We travelled from Otford by train to Waterfall Station where Bob was waiting for us. A five kilometre walk along a mostly exposed fire trail saw us arrive at Uloola falls . Camps were quickly sorted before a well earned bath in the river was quickly sought by everyone. The girls entered the water cautiously, as you do, but you should have seen them exit when a rather large and aggressive yabbie lined up Pat's toes for its dinner.

Refreshed dinner was had on an island rock in the middle of the river before settling down for the evening to the sound of nature's orchestra. A very pleasant day was enjoyed by all.

Brian Wallbank

After stashing our packs in the bush we set off on the side trip to Audley with day packs, enjoying the variety of wildflowers in bloom beside the track. Bob had suggested that we might enjoy the view of Audley from on high and forgo the clamber down to the river and back up again, but certain members of the party could smell a good kiosk from kilometres away and we were soon enjoying such luxuries as cake and wine for morning tea, under the close supervision of some sulphur-crested cockatoos.

Before too long Max urged us onward and we sprang back up the hill with renewed energy. We collected our packs and lunched by Uloola Falls before setting a course for Heathcote where we were to meet Bob. As we walked the sun beamed down on us, depleting our water supplies as sweat soaked our shirts. What delight when we arrived at the sparkling oasis of Karloo Pool! Max suggested we could stop for 5, or maybe 10 minutes, and in spite of the presence of some young sculptors, we were soon baring flesh and plunging into the emerald depths. Even Max finally succumbed.

(Continued overleaf)

VIKING-RAZOR AND MT TYPO

After a Saturday morning start Jopie and Jenny, Jeff and Marianne, Derrick, Trish, Phil, Del, Fiona, Peter, Ray and I drove as far as we could into the West Buffalo River Valley then continued on foot. After a few river crossings we branched off onto an abandoned 4WD track and climbed it to our campsite on Barry Saddle. In the morning we resumed climbing until we reached the remote rugged rocky ridges the region is renowned for. From here the views were expansive with range after range visible in all directions as far as the eye could see. We could even see a positive side to the recent fires with regrowth everywhere, an abundance of wildflowers and the whole area a patchwork of burnt and unburnt areas. We continued on to our campsite on a high saddle near the South Viking and rounded off the day by bagging the peak before tea.



After a peaceful night we woke to the warm yellow glow of an alpine sunrise and the surrounding peaks were still breaking through a sea of mist as we headed for the Razor. Once on top we scrambled along its edge to the North Peak then descended a long rough spur to the river, which we followed to our campsite by the cars. It had been a long hot day with 450 metres of ups and 1450 metres of downs and we were soon drifting off to sleep when we were woken by brilliant flashes of light. They were followed by a distant rumble that grew louder until it climaxed in a deafening crash over our heads before receding back into the night. To add to the drama Fiona, in a voice out of all proportion to her size, was heard explaining the options to a large furry spider seeking refuge, but the outcome remained a mystery until the following day.

We didn't have to get up the next morning because Jopie, in recognition of the previous day's effort, had set no departure time, but we needed to know the spider's fate (murdered) and couldn't afford to

miss the treat that Jopie had planned for the day. He had stumbled across a rugged little range on private property and, as a mark of true leadership, sleuthed out the owner and snaffled it for us. We climbed to the summit of the diminutive Mt Typo, plunged into a steep gorge, crossed a pretty little creek, scaled the next peak, and the next and the next. As we progressed we were rewarded with ever changing views over the colourful conglomerate formation and the beautiful green farmland in the valley below.

On returning to our cars we drove to Mansfield for a relaxing meal then continued on home well worked, contented and grateful.

John Fritze



(Continued from page 10) Heathcote when we arrived. Then, after stocking up on essential liquids both from a water tap and a bottle shop, we entered Heathcote National Park to camp at Mirang Pool, where we were again soothed to sleep by the music of water trickling over rocks.

Deb Shand



Tuesday we walked from Mirang Pool to Ekkersly Pool and then south thru Heathcote National Park principally on the Bullawarring Track. Despite Rosemary having to rescue her water bottle, an encounter with lace monitor and lunch at Yellow pool we arrived at Waterfall train station by 1.00pm to meet up with Bob. By then we were getting rather hot. From there we caught the train direct to Sydney Airport.

The weekend walk was about 60km in total. Many thanks to Bob Oxlade and Max Casley for leading us so well.

Richard Hanson

A reminder that to view all available previews and any notifications of changes to walks, just log on to the walks program and previews pages on the MBW website:
http://www.melbournebushwalkers.org.au/activities/Walks/MBW_walks_program.htm



PACK CARRY

MT BUFFALO NP - ROCKY CREEK

DATE 11-13 December
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE about 28 km
LEADER(S) Del Franks
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Mt Buffalo
MAP REF Mt Buffalo Plateau 1: 30 000 by Geoff Lawford

Spectacular wild flowers and scenic views will be the norm on this picturesque sub-alpine plateau walk.

Day 1 - Commencing at Lake Catani we will follow the Long Plain Track, including a side trip to Mt Dunn to take in the best view of the Mt Buffalo Plateau. There will be a number of side trips which include the Devils Couch, then to Og, Gog & Magog for more spectacular boulders. On to Eagle Peak and Mollisons Galleries. The evening camp will be at the Rocky Creek remote area campsite.

Day 2 - Leaving the camp site we will follow the Rocky Creek track until we reach the turn off for Macs Point for some good views, then on to the Drill Hole Rocks. There will be the possibility of some other side trips depending on time & weather.

If you are interested in this walk then please contact me as soon as possible as I will need to get numbers early as the booking & camping permit for Rocky Creek camp needs to be booked in advance. There are also only a limited number of sites available. The cost of the sites are \$9 per couple. Friday night I plan on staying at one of the camping grounds in Porepunkah.

Please call if in need of more information

Waterloo Bay and Sealers Cover campsites get booked out at this time of the year! If you wish to come on this walk you need to register with us ASAP to maximise the probability of getting a campsite and thus being able to come. There is a maximum of 12 spaces, with 6 gone already.



SUNDAY WALK

MT EVELYN & LILYDALE LAKE

DATE Sunday 3 January
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE 1 km
LEADERS Mark Heath
TRANSPORT Train from Flinders St
AREA Melbourne
MAP REF Melway maps 38 & 118

The carbon dioxide created as you gently ease off that Xmas turkey will be offset by the carbon credits gained by using the train to get to Lilydale. The walk starts at Lilydale station and proceeds via Lilydale Lake to the Warburton Rail Trail and on to Mt Evelyn. The return is via an old Melbourne Water easement to Olinda Creek and then on the other side of Lilydale lake to the station. There were an amazing variety of birds on the lake when I previewed this walk and there will be time for coffee or an ice-cream in Mt Evelyn.

I will be at Southbank Boulevard at 8.45 to shepherd people up to Flinders St but you can meet us at the east end of platform 2 at Flinders St if you wish; or catch the 9.06 am Lilydale train along the way or meet us at Lilydale station at 10.15 am. You will need a Sunday Saver ticket (currently \$3.10) or try the 5 x Weekend Daily (\$15).



PACK CARRY

WILSONS PROM - SEALERS COVE - WATERLOO BAY

Date 1 - 3 January
Standard Easy/Medium
Distance 39.5 km
Leaders Michael & Susan Stringer
Transport Private
Area Wilsons Promontory

Map Reference Wilsons Promontory National Park Leisure Map We meet at Tidal River mid-morning on New Year's Day to walk to Oberon Bay for a late lunch and midday swim. Then we walk across to Little Waterloo Bay for another swim and a night's camping (15.8 km day). The next day takes us north to via Refuge Cove to Sealers Cove, with swims at Refuge Cove and Sealers Cove (13.4 km day). After camping at Sealers Cove we climb to Telegraph Saddle to catch the public bus back to Tidal River (10.2 km day). Note that swimming depends upon the weather and sea conditions.



TOFS WALK

MORNINGTON PENINSULA NATIONAL PARK

DATE Thursday 7 January
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE 11 km
LEADERS Alister Rowe
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Rye - Back Beach
MAP REF Melway 167J10

This is a one-way walk from "Number Sixteen" beach to Diamond Bay on Map 157.

Meet at 10.30 am in the car park at Melway 167J10.

This summer walk is mainly in the open with great views and a sea breeze. Lunch at spectacular Spray Point (Melway 167A3). Afternoon tea at Sorrento. Please call Alister if you need more details.



SUNDAY BUS

INVERLOCH

DATE	Sunday 10 January
STANDARD	Easy & Easy Medium
DISTANCE	11km & 14km
LEADERS	Andrew Francis & Halina Sarbinowski
TRANSPORT	Bus from Southbank Blvd
AREA	Gippsland
MAP	REF Bunurong Marine and Coastal Park – Vic Park notes

This walk covers a breathtaking stretch of coastline showcasing rugged cliffs, rocky headlands and rock pinnacles that jut dramatically out to sea. The views are spectacular, Cape Woolamai on the western horizon, the high peaks of Wilsons Promontory on the south eastern skyline above Cape Liptrap. To the north the high hills of Foster are visible.

The E/M walk will start with a nature walk in Inverloch before following the same route as the Easy walk. Both walks will pass through coastal features such as “Flat Rocks”, “The Caves”, “Eagles” and “Twin Reefs” until “The Oaks” is reached. A huge crevice blocks our path at this point so onto the bus and if time permits a short trip to the Wonthaggi Coal Mine.

Unfortunately the lower levels of this mine are closed to the public but with a gold coin donation there is still plenty to see. A heritage trail explores the historic buildings and mining remnants. And for those who have been “walked out” there is a souvenir shop with “light refreshments”.



WEDNESDAY WALK

DANDENONG RANGES

Date	Wednesday 13 January
Standard	Easy medium
Distance	14 km
Leader	Jerry Grandage
Transport	Private
Area	Kalorama/Mt. Dandenong
Map	Rooftops Dandenong Ranges Activities Map

This walk will show you the eastern side of the northern part of the Dandenong Ranges. Starting at the Mt. Dandenong Arboretum with its interesting collection of (mainly) exotic conifers, we will follow a branch of Olinda Creek down Mechanics Track – then through the former Olinda State Forest (now part of the Dandenong Ranges National Park) and generally north to the Mt. Evelyn area – followed by an uphill walk back to the main road. A car shuffle will be needed. Coffee at my place afterwards is optional.



CYCLING

“THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER”

DATE	January 16 2010
STANDARD	Easy Medium
DISTANCE	51 km (can be shortened to 42 km)
LEADER	Ross Berner
TRANSPORT	Train / Car
AREA	Eastern Suburbs
MAP REF	Melway Maps: 46, 45, 32, 31, 30, 2D, 2H, 59 & 60

Meet in Theatre Place Canterbury (off Maling Road south of Canterbury Railway Station) at 9:30AM. Take 8:50 Belgrave Train from Flinders St. Station. Be ready to as if weather is warm we will be starting promptly.

The ride uses bike trails, side streets and quiet collector roads. We travel from Canterbury to Surrey Hills, Balwyn, East Kew, Fairfield, Kew, Hawthorn, Kooyong, Glen Iris and Camberwell. We follow the Yarra River from East Kew to Kooyong, without using the Main Yarra Trail, for most of this section of the ride, we are on “The Other Side of the River”. We also find the rather obscure Kew Rail Trail. Then ride along the Gardeners Valley staying south of the Freeway.

Some of the trails on this ride may be familiar to you, some you won’t have seen before. They include trails in Stradbroke Park, Hays Paddock, Ivanhoe Golf Course, Yarra Bend Park, Studley Park, Pridmore Park, St James Park, Grace Park, Fairview Park, Kooyong Park, Tooronga Park, Hedgeley Dene Gardens, Ferndale Park, Back Creek Reserve, Fordham Gardens, Lynden Park & South Surrey Park.

Being January, if weather is too hot we can cut the ride short, as we pass several railway stations along the route. If the forecast temperature for Melbourne is above 38 degrees the ride may be cancelled. Please contact Ross if you wish to find out more.



SUNDAY WALK

HEATHCOTE – GRAYTOWN NATIONAL PARK

DATE	Monday 18 January
STANDARD	Easy
LEADER	Elisabeth Ingham
TRANSPORT	Car

Please discuss this walk with the leader on the relevant booking nights and also check the Club’s website.



MOFS WALK

YARRA BEND – GOAT TRACK

DATE	Monday 18 January
STANDARD	Easy
DISTANCE	10km
LEADER(S)	Jean Giese
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Yarra Bend Park
MAP REF	Melways 2D

We programmed this walk for March last year but the day was so hot that we agreed to cancel it. We'll try again and hope the weather is kinder.

From Studley Park we'll make our way to Dickinson Reserve then take the goat track around the river bends, avoiding the bicycle paths.

Meet in the first carpark in Studley Park (Melway 2DF8) to start walking at 10.15 am.

Please call Jean to book.



BASE CAMP

KOALAS & CHARDONNAY!

BIMBI PARK, GREAT OCEAN ROAD & THE OTWAYS

DATE	22-26 January 2010- Australia Day Weekend
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 after a car pool, we shall commence our walk west along the Great Ocean Walk from the Bimbi Park campground. After a walk along dramatic 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. If time permits we could explore Dinosaur Cove before making our way back to Bimbi Park. 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 Bimbi Park. I haven't finalized the walks for the remaining two days but at this point I'm considering some waterfall walks around the fern forests near Lorne and the Currawong Falls circuit on the way home on Tuesday.

Bimbi Park camp ground has excellent facilities including a kitchen with shared refrigerators and a small shop. The campground is also famous for its resident koala population! On Monday, Australia Day Eve, Roger Wyatt's pack carry

group will join us for a group barbeque. This promises to be a relaxing and social weekend along the most stunning coastline.

I would appreciate it if people could contact me to register expressions of interest as it would help me when pre-booking camp sites at this popular time of year. The cost is reasonable at \$15 per night.

I will be in the clubrooms for the two Wednesdays proceeding the walk. Please call Jan if you need further details



PACK CARRY

GREAT OCEAN WALK – APOLLO BAY TO GLENAIRE

DATE	23-26 Jan 09
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	50km

TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Otways
MAP REF	Parks Vic GOW Info sheet & Map Guide 2006

This walk is through a variety of woodland, coastal forest and some sections of cliff and beach walking, over undulating terrain (no major climbs) following the 1st section of the 91 km classic that goes through to the 12 Apostles. With only four days over a peak period the walk is limited to 6 people (camp sites have been pre booked) and we will spend the 3rd night at Bimbi Park where we will meet up with fellow walkers on a Base Camp. While this is not a strenuous walk, the days walk will range from 10 to 16km with packs plus some side trips, and there will be opportunities to cool off in the Ocean. Please contact me early to reserve your place and to submit your prepayment for the camp fees (approx \$45).



PACK CARRY

CAPE LIPTRAP – VENUS BAY

DATE	23 and 24 January
STANDARD	Easy
DISTANCE	25 km
LEADER	Bob Oxlade
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Cape Liptrap Coastal Park. 160 km south east of Melbourne
MAP REF	Anderson Inlet, Walkerville, Maitland Beach 1: 25,000 Vicmap and also notes from Weekend walks around Melbourne by Glen Tempest.

Why these nice 2 day Pack Carry on this long weekend? (1) Maybe you don't have Monday off and (2) this is the only available weekend with the necessary low tide.

This is one of the few sections of coastline close to Melbourne where a two day walk can be done without passing through developed beachfront facilities. **(Continued overleaf)**

There is only one public access to the coast from our start to the finish, and this is by a rough 4wd track.

The first day features rugged coastline, isolated pebble coves, rock platforms and sandy beaches. The second day has mostly wide beaches by the sand dunes.

We will travel down Saturday morning and, after leaving some cars at Venus Bay, will continue on to start the walk at Cape Liptrap. The morning low tide is essential for the first section, then, after a mixture of beach, cliff and inland track we have a pleasant grassy campsite.

On Sunday we continue on to Venus Bay and while our drivers are retrieving the cars the remainder could stay at Venus Bay or stroll along to a nice beach for pick up.

We could stop at Inverloch for refreshments etc and still be home in time for dinner. This interesting walk should appeal to both experienced and newer overnight walkers.

Please see me in the clubrooms or ring for further details.

Bob Oxlade.



SUNDAY BUS

SORRENTO BACK BEACH/POINT NEPEAN

DATE	Sunday 24 January
STANDARD	Easy & Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	11km and 13 km
LEADERS	Halina Sarbinowski & Sue Haviland
TRANSPORT	Bus from Southbank Blvd 8:45 am
AREA	Mornington Peninsula
MAP REF	Point Nepean National Park – Vic Parks notes.

Both walks will start just east of Sorrento following the beach trail along the cliff tops then along the beach to Portsea and “London Bridge” (the one still standing). The Easy walk will then travel by the bus to Point Nepean and the E/M group will follow the Farnsworth track to Portsea before being picked up by the bus.

The next stage of both walks is Point Nepean National Park. There is an entry fee for this section of the walk - \$8.10 for adults but if you would like to reduce the walk you can take the transport (mini tram) back to the bus at a total cost of \$16.80. While we explore this park we will visit Cheviot Beach where Prime Minister Harold Holt disappeared, Eagles Nest the site of the largest disappearing gun, the Battery Observation Point to enjoy spectacular views of Port Phillip and the ocean beaches.

As there is a limited number of people allowed to visit Point Nepean National Park on any one day we will have to confirm bookings to ensure entry. Please finalise your booking the Wednesday before the walk so that our access to the bus is assured. Any bookings after this date may not be able to visit the park. A consolation is perhaps lazing at one of the beautiful beaches of the Mornington Peninsula while waiting for the bus to return from the park.



SUNDAY BUS

YARRA RAIL TRAIL & WINERY

LAUNCHING PLACE – WARBURTON

DATE	Sunday 31 January
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	8km & 12km
LEADERS	Dale Mackenzie & Graeme Walkden
TRANSPORT	Bus from Southbank Blvd at 8.45am
AREA	Warburton
MAP REF	Yarra Valley/Warbuton

The walk follows the old railway line along the most beautiful end of the Warburton Trail.

From Launching Place or Yarra Junction, the track is mainly flat, with one gentle upwards slope. After the walk we plan to then visit a winery, during which time walkers will be able to enjoy a wine sample, purchase if interested, or simply relax with a coffee, and admire the beautiful views over the grapevines to the mountains in the distance.



BASE CAMP

ANGLESEA AREA

Date:	6 - 7 February
Standard	Easy
Distance	35km
Leaders	Michael & Susan Stringer
Transport	Private
Area	Surf Coast
Map Reference	Otways & Shipwreck Coast Leisure Map

After a car shuffle (if necessary) we head off from Jan Juc beach to walk along the Surf Coast to Anglesea. Most of the walk goes along the coast with a diversion into the woodland of Ironbark Basin. We stay overnight in Anglesea, at the caravan park there. People can choose to carry overnight gear, or stay in a cabin. By choosing to stay in a cabin and eat the evening meal in a restaurant you need only a day pack. On Sunday we walk from Anglesea to Aireys Inlet along an inland track. After walking the coast line of Aireys Inlet we head inland to Moggs Creek and the walk's finish. The walk is easy, with few steep hills and a lot of variety - cliff top views, golden beaches, local history, and eucalypt woodland.

Bus transport meets at Southbank Boulevard, south side of the Arts Centre, before 8:30 am. Leader or deputy will be there rain, hail or shine!

JANUARY				
1 - 3	PC: Wilsons Prom - Sealers Cove (3 days)	Private	Easy	Michael Stringer
Sun 3	Mt Evelyn - Lilydale Lake - Mt Evelyn	Car	Easy	Mark Heath
Thu 7	Mornington National Park	Private	Easy	Alister Rowe
Sun 10	NEW! Inverloch	Bus	E & E/M	Andrew Francis & H.Sabinowski
Wed 13	Dandenong Ranges	Private	E/M	Jerry Grandage
Sat 16	Cycling: Fairfield - Hawthorn - Surrey Hills	Private	E/M	Ross Berner
Sun 17	Heathcote - Graytown National Park	Car	Car	Elizabeth Ingham
Mon 18	Yarra Bend Goat Track	Private	Easy	Jean Giese
22 - 26	BC: Great Ocean Road (Bimbi Park)	Private	Easy	Jan Colquhoun
22 - 26	PC: GOR Walk - Apollo Bay - Cape Otway	Private	E/M	Roger Wyett
23 - 24	PC: Venus Bay - Cape Liptrap	Private	E/M	Bob Oxlade
Sun 24	Sorrento Back Beach - Point Nepean	Bus	E & E/M	Halina Sarbinowski & Sue Haviland
Sun 31	Yarra Trail & Winery	Bus	E & E/M	Dale Mackenzie & Graeme Walkden

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