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THE NEWS OF THE Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.

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SEPTEMBER 2009

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Thank you to all those who attended the Club's Half Yearly General Meeting on August 19. At that time we were able to pass all the proposed resolutions to amend the Club's Rules and bring them up to date. The Committee will now finalise their review of the By-Laws to ensure that the basis of the Club's operations are current and well documented.

At the above meeting we sadly farewelled Peter Havlicek as Membership Secretary, after 16 years in the role, but welcome Roger Wyett as his replacement and the Committee look forward to working with him. Max Casley was appointed a Life Member of the Club at the meeting and I congratulate Max on this achievement. A resolution regarding the Wilky funds was put forward and considerable discussion took place. The resolution was not carried and the treatment of the balance of the Wilkinson Lodge Account will go back to the Committee for further deliberation.

Commencing with the September Activities Program, Sunday walks will alternate between



using the bus and car pooling – 38 passengers is the break-even number for the bus. For the current quarter however we had been allowing it to run provided passengers reached a minimum number of 25. As many of you are aware the bus had to be cancelled a few times. Please ensure you make your Sunday bus bookings by the previous Wednesday night to enable leaders and the Committee to adequately plan for the Sunday walk. We have recently had a flyer published (thanks to member Ron Hampton) and with the distribution of this to various outlets close to Melbourne, it is hoped numbers on the bus will gradually increase.

The Club NEWS has recently advised of two Bushfire Recovery weekends on September 26-27 and October 24-25. Steve Robertson, from Bushwalking Victoria, the coordinator of these weekends will be speaking in the clubroom on the night of Wednesday September 30 and members are encouraged to both attend this informative evening and also participate in either 1 or 2 days over the recovery weekends nominated. This is a great way to give something back to the community.

Enjoy your walking!

Margaret Curry

NEW LIFE MEMBER

Congratulations to Max Casley who was appointed a Life Member of Melbourne Bushwalkers at the Half Yearly General Meeting on 19 August. Life Membership is conferred on a person as a mark of high esteem and in appreciation of exceptional services.

Max has been actively involved with the Club for many years, has served on committee and led around 88 walks. He was enthusiastically welcomed as a new Life Member.



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 5 OCTOBER 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

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| Sept 2-13 Grampians | Rod Novak |
| Sept 27 Condon's Track (Yarra Ranges) | Steve Robertson |
| Oct 5 Condon's Track (Yarra Ranges) | Steve Robertson |
| Oct 25-26 2008 Stronachs camp | Geoff Kelly |
| Oct 31 - Nov 1 Stronach's Camp (Baw Baw NP) | Geoff Kelly |

MEMBERSHIP TO DATE

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| Life Members | 5 |
| Honorary Members | 9 |
| Single memberships | 296 |
| Family memberships | 108 (= 2x 54) |
| Total membership | 428 |
| This time last year | 438 |

SOCIAL NIGHT



Friday 4 September

THANK YOU PETER

Peter Havlicek's "night of nights"

This is the Club's chance to say a heartfelt thank you to Peter who has been our Membership Secretary for more than 16 years. Looking forward to seeing you from 7pm - Leighoak Hotel, 1555 Dandenong road, Oakleigh.

Noticeboard

SLIDE-SHOW AND CHEESE & WINE NIGHT

Wednesday 23 September in the Clubrooms

Les Southwell will be presenting a slide-show of some recent Club trips, including:

- Max's pack-carry along the Alpine Walking Track, from Mt Speculation to Mt Howitt, Easter '06;
- Jopie's base camp in Gunbower Island State Forest among the Redgum forests and lagoons of the Murray River, Queen's Birthday '06;
- Del's coastal pack-carry along the remote coast of the Croajalong National Park in East Gippsland, Xmas '08.

BUSHIES "GOOD FOOD" GUIDE

Benalla - *Hide's Bakery*, Main Street.

This is a favourite breakfast spot for the Regent Honeyeater tree planting weekends. I can strongly recommend their country style breakfasts: the humongous bacon and eggs were a real treat.

HELP REQUEST FROM A WEB VISITOR

Coralie Gilmour (coralie@harvesthomeseqld.com.au) writes : I was gobsmacked when I came across your website. I have been looking for the gravesite of one of my forefathers whose surname was Viviani and it says he was killed at Crooked River while working his Gold Mine and was buried at Talbotville. This was in 1880. Please, if you have any information or photographs of this particular area I would be forever grateful. I know this is a long-shot asking you these questions. By the way your site is very interesting - but at my age I don't think I will be joining you (she smiled).

SPECIAL NOTICE - BUSHWALKING CONSERVATION PROJECTS

At the 1989 AGM, the members resolved that the money received from the sale of the Club owned bus was to be retained in a 'Special' high interest earning account; with the annual interest donated to conservation projects connected with our bushwalking areas.

The Committee is seeking your ideas and/or suggestions for this year's donations. So far in 2009, we have donated to the Victorian National Parks Association - Jenny Barnett Foundation (Jenny tragically died in the 2009 'Black Saturday' mega bushfires and had been a passionate campaigner for our bush and biodiversity). Please forward your ideas/suggestions to Rod Novak.

CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

After 16 wonderful years as Membership Secretary for the Club Peter Havlicek decided to step down at the last Half Yearly General meeting.

Roger Wyatt has been elected to replace Peter and the Committee is looking forward to working with him. Peter, a big **"Thank You"** for all those years of hard work, all your words of wisdom and your wealth of knowledge regarding the club from us all.

A "Thank You" function for Peter is being held on September 4 – please see social calendar for details and August news entry.

Noticeboard

PACKCARRYS FOR SUMMER -TRIPS & LEADERS NEEDED

It is time to start thinking about the trips we would like to put onto the summer program.

We need to keep in mind the expected heat later in summer and that some water supplies may be dry, so river trips, coastal trips and alpine trips with reliable water supplies would be worth considering.

Ideas could include Bogong and the High Plains, Mt Buffalo, Moroka, Great Ocean walk, Tali Karng, Snowy Mountains at Xmas, Tasmania etc etc.

I'm wholly dependant on your ideas and offers to lead trips.

Feed your offers to lead trips to me and I will try and sort out any date clashes and liase with Base Camp Michael to avoid clashes with base camps or lodge trips.



The timing is that I need to finalise the pack carries by late September so that the program can be sent out with the October News. I will periodically send out a brief progress draft so that you can see where the gaps are. Please email your offers to me or call me.

I will not be approaching anyone directly (with possibly minor exceptions) so what comes in is what will finish up on the program.

If you are interested in leading a base camp, please contact Mick Mann

I'm open for business. My inbox is waiting

Jopie Bodegraven

Packcarry Coordinator

SUNDAY BUS BOOKING PROCEDURES - A REMINDER

Payment Methods to secure a seat

Members

1. Pay in the clubrooms by the Wednesday night prior to the day of a walk – you can book up to 4 weeks ahead.
2. Send in a cheque ensuring that it reaches the clubrooms by the Wednesday night prior to the day of the walk.
3. Purchase pre-payment vouchers from the Treasurer or Walks Secretaries in the clubrooms and send an email to busbookings@mbw.org.au advising the voucher number and date/name of walk. Vouchers may also be posted as per cheques.
4. Use a credit from a cancelled walk and send an email to busbookings@mbw.org.au advising the date/ name of walk.
5. Use a bank-to-bank transfer via the internet. (See details under "Frequent Questions" on our website at www.melbournebushwalkers.org.au).
6. Go to an ANZ bank branch and deposit directly into the club's bank account (013-006 005846013). Give the date of the walk and your phone number as the reference (eg. 170590762461 for 17 May) and send an email to busbookings@mbw.org.au or contact the leader of the walk giving your details and the reference.

Visitors (Temporary Members)

We need you to speak with a leader of the walk so they are assured that you are capable of doing the walk. This limits you to personally visit our clubrooms on a Wednesday night prior to the date of a walk, up to 2 weeks ahead, when the leaders will be available in the clubrooms.

Noticeboard

UPDATE ON BUSHFIRE RECOVERY TRAIL RESTORATION WEEKENDS

Melbourne Bushwalking Club in conjunction with Bushwalking Victoria would like to invite all members to participate in bushfire recovery trail restoration projects scheduled to take place on the following weekends:

26 -27 Sept and 24 -25 Oct.

I'd like to start by thanking those members who have submitted to me their expressions of interest. Here are some project updates:

- Work will be conducted at the Yarra Rangers National Park. Volunteers will meet at the Maroondah Reservoir Parks Victoria office.
- You will need to bring your own food for the day, water and personal items. It will be important to wear sturdy boots and appropriate clothing.
- Gloves and other personal protection equipment and tools will be supplied by Bushwalking Victoria.
- For your safety and the safety of others, please ensure you are injury free and feeling well on the day.

Steve Robertson from Bushwalking Victoria will be the club's guest speaker on Wednesday, 30th September at 7.30pm. I encourage all members to attend.

In the meantime, should you have any questions, please feel free to email or call.

I Look forward to seeing you there!

Kind Regards,
Janette Kodaih



THE GREAT DIVIDE MARATHON

Saturday 14 November 2009

Each November the Essendon Bushwalking Club holds a marathon day walk of about 42km usually somewhere on the Great Dividing Trail in central Victoria. Last year's event was from Mt Alexander to Bendigo, and this year the route of the 16th Marathon will be Blackwood to Bacchus Marsh.

Although the walk is primarily for members of the Essendon Bushwalking Club and of the Great Dividing Trail Association, walkers from other clubs and from the general community are most welcome to take part.

The walk is divided into 7 stages of between 5 and 13km in length, and walkers are able to join or leave the walk at any of these intermediate points. Support cars follow the walk to carry walkers' food and water, and are available for transport for any walker who wishes to not walk any stage or stages, or to retire from the walk.

We meet at Bacchus Marsh Rail Station at 7-15am and a bus takes us from there to the starting point at Blackwood. Walkers' cars are left at Bacchus Marsh to be immediately available at the end of the walk.

A post-walk dinner is held at the conclusion of the event and all walkers and support crews are cordially invited to take part in this. The dinner is at 8-30pm at Stoney's Hotel, Grant Street, Bacchus Marsh which is near the finish point.

Costs:

Bus fare, support car and miscellaneous expenses: \$12

Visitor Fee for non-members of Essendon Bushwalking Club: \$5

Dinner (optional) (one course): \$17

I attended last year and had a wonderful day. A great opportunity to mingle with people from the broader bushwalking community as well as meet an enjoyable physical challenge.

If you would like to come along, please contact me ASAP as numbers are limited.

Lynda Larkin

Noticeboard

PACK CARRY EMAIL LIST

Are you on it?

I have set up a pack carry email list. The purpose of it is to facilitate easy communication for trip planning, program changes, additional information on trips and anything else to do with the club's pack carry activities. This could include finding replacement leaders when existing leaders have to pull out, advertising trips at short notice that didn't get onto the program and so on. You don't have to be a potential leader to be on the list; just a participant or potential participant is fine. I will of course still use News for notices.

If you are not on the list but would like to be, simply send me an email and I will put you on the list.

Some people who I expect would like to be on the list are not yet on it simply because I don't have their email address or the one I had was dead

Currently the list includes Agajan Akbari, Paul Beers, Ralph Blake, Derrick Brown, Phillip Brown, Max Casley, Jan Colquhoun, Carol Corrigan, Bill Donald, Trish Elmore, Del Franks, John Fritze, Jerry Grandage, Lesley Hale, Richard Hanson, Fiona Kelly, Dave Laing, Ian Langford, Claire Luxford, Ken MacMahon, Rod Mattingley, Stuart Mattingley, Sue McInnes, Bill Metzenthon, Mick Noonan, Rod Novak, Bob Oxlade, Tony Reck, Bert Reeh, Halina Sarbinowski, Ray Spooner, Alex Stirkul, Michael Stringer, Kerry Press, Ray Thomas, Brian Wallbank, Marianne Watt, Roger Wyett.

If you are on it but would prefer not to be, just send me an email and I will take you off it.

Jopie Bodegraven
Packcarry Coordinator

EARLY NOTICE PACK CARRY

BURCHELL TRAIL – BRISBANE RANGES

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| DATE | 14- 15 November 2009 |
| STANDARDS | Easy |
| DISTANCE | 25KM |
| LEADER | Agajan M Akbari |
| TRANSPORT | Private |
| AREA | Brisbane Ranges National Park |
| MAP REF | Stanghton Vale 1:25,000 & Eclipse Creek 1:25,000 Brisbane Ranges National Park Visitor Guide |

Brisbane Ranges National Park is located 80 km West of Melbourne. Burchell Trail traverses the length of the Brisbane Ranges and should provide enjoyable walking. According to Parks Victoria, there is a magnificent display of wattles, hakeas and bush peas in spring and therefore the park is regarded as Victoria's richest wild flower habitat. Due to the closeness of the Park to Melbourne, we will only be travelling and walking on the Saturday and the Sunday (no Friday). We will begin walking at the intersection of Sutherlands Creek and Saw Pit Gully. Approximately 16 km later we will camp at the Little River camp site (campfire allowed). After a civilised start on the Sunday, our 10 km walk will take us to Boar Gully camping area where the walk finishes. On the way back home we may stop for refreshments at Bacchus Marsh. This is a good walk and therefore recommended. Numbers are limited are to 12 so if you are interested please contact me or see me in the clubrooms (Nov 4 or 11) Please contact me if you are keen to join me.



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Katherine



Uluru / Ayers Rock



Kakadu



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SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER. **

THANK-YOU, PETER

Peter Havlicek's "night of nights"
This is the Club's chance to say
a heartfelt thank-you to Peter
who has been our
Membership Secretary for more
than 16 years.
Leighoak Hotel, 1555
Dandenong Hotel, Oakleigh
from 7 pm.

TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER**

A visit to Horatio's House,
Tecoma, followed by a short
walk to Belgrave for lunch
at Jorganson's (opposite Cameo
cinema).
The tour commences at 11:30
and bookings are essential.

Entrance fee approx. \$10.
This is a unique treasure in the
Hills, built after Horatio returned
from WW1. Having no money,
he built the house completely of
bush timber and kerosene tins.

WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

Cheese and wine night-
specialising in wines from
Margaret River in WA (yum).

PLUS SLIDE NIGHT

Les Southwell will present his
slide-show.

OCTOBER

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER

Fay and Jerry will present a
special slide show of a recent
trip to Nepal.

** PLEASE MAKE ALL BOOKINGS WITH SUSAN MAUGHAN

WHO IS TURNING 70 IN OCTOBER??

He leads Sunday walks,
weekend pack carries, and
Wednesday walks.
The Club will celebrate this
event with a bush dance
on Saturday, November 7
It will be held in Glen Iris and
feature "Bushwahzee".
Tickets are now on sale for \$14
- don't delay.

(The answer is: Max Casley)

WILLIS'S WALKABOUTS

Tell us

**I'm doing a major revision
of both the Willis's Walkabouts
website and program.**

**I'd like to know what you'd like to find on our
website.** For example:

- how to get here
- where to stay
- what to bring
- how to get a permit for your own walk
- weather

All the above are on the current website. I know that
some of them are hard to find but with your help we will
amend this.

what you want...

Lack of guides may force me to cut back on the
program. Do I keep a mix or concentrate on one
or two types and areas?

- long walks of two weeks or more
(food drop if over 2 weeks)
- a series of shorter walks
- walks with Aboriginal guides
- overseas walking trips

To have your say, please go to our website and
fill in our short questionnaire. It should take
no more than ten minutes. If you've got
more time, you can provide more details
and **you might win a major prize.**



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Reviews

WIRILDA TRACK - TYERS PARK

20 - 21 June 2009

What a great weekend in the middle of winter! I even got a little sunburnt and it only rained at night when we were snug in our tents.

Seven brave souls ably led by the redoubtable Bob Oxlade walked 32 kms on a most enjoyable pack carry weekend. We started with views of Loy Yang and Hazelwood that quickly progressed to the Wirilda Track which winds its way along the Tyres River Gorge. In addition to nice bush and the

river we passed wooden water pipes, limestone kilns and the Moondarra Reservoir. We camped by the river, Bob built a nice fire and we stayed up till 8pm to celebrate the Winter Solstice. The following day we completed the circuit along the Pipeline Access Track. We heard lyrebirds all weekend, but only had one brief sighting.

On behalf of Susan and Michael Stringer, Margaret Andrews, Ian Langford, Ray Spooner and myself I'd like to thank Bob for another great walk.

Richard Hanson

BUSHWALKING VICTORIA - 75TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

WITH THE REGENT HONEYEATER PROJECT, 8- 9 AUGUST 2009

We had 125 bushwalkers from 25+ clubs from all around Victoria helping to celebrate 75 years of the FVWC/BV with Ray Thomas' Regent Honeyeater Project tree planting weekend. Six Melbourne Bushwalkers joined in and were rewarded with superb sunny weather (but a very cold night!). Over 4,500 seedlings were planted for the Lurg Hills bio-link corridors linking up the key habitat areas. At each break for a cuppa we had very informative lectures by passionate naturalists. Nigel explained the Grey-crowned babbler with their social behaviour and there is an increase in numbers due to the efforts of the Regent Honeyeater Project. And he showed us what one looked like (taxidermised!!) At the next break Tony explained the Regent Honeyeater (a very rare bird) and its habitat preferences. Ray talked about the tuans and gliders (again taxidermised examples) and also showed us the aerial photographs of the planting sites. Ray Thomas has championed this project for 15 years now, with over 400,000 seedlings planted (some 45 different species), hundreds of nest boxes installed helping the squirrel gliders, sugar gliders and tuans, and how the local community have come on board. Also, Geoff the friendly farmer explained the history of the region and he was enthusiastically involved for the weekend, digging holes and keeping us smiling. We had a very scrumptious meal on the Saturday evening thanking our efforts, as well as a yummy BBQ for the Sunday lunch. My highlight of the weekend was at knock off on the Sunday and to look back at the hillside with our plantings (wow - it stretched over 1.4 km). Also, we finished with a nature walk in the 10 year old planting site - it was fascinating to see the success rate and the biodiversity returning.. I can strongly recommend to all Bushies to join in this very worthwhile project. Many thanks to the Bushies attending: Margaret, Maddy, Mark, Michael and Nicole for their tree planting skills.

Rod Novak



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



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TOFS

WARRAMATE HILLS

DATE Thursday 21 September
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE 10 km
LEADERS Jean Giese
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Gruyere
MAP REF Melway 283 and 285. VicMap Tarrawarra 1:25,000

This walk is in an area of largely undisturbed native forest, surrounded by farm land, known as the Yarraloch Wildlife and Flora Reserve.

We commence by following the Woori Yallock Creek downstream to where it flows into the Yarra River, and then we climb up and along the Warramate Hills. We retrace our steps for a little way then descend by a different route. We hope there will be wildflowers if the season is kind.

There are hills to be climbed but we'll proceed at our own pace and be rewarded by grand views over the Yarra Valley and to the mountains beyond. Meet to start walking at 10.30am at the gate at the end of Yarraloch Way (Melway 285 G1). Book with the leader

CARDINIA RESERVOIR

DATE Thursday 1 October
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE 9 km
LEADERS Alister Rowe
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Narre Warren East
MAP REF Melway 126 and 210

Meet at 10.30 AM in the Observation Car Park, Melway Reference 126 E12.

We'll explore the various tracks in this Park and return via the "Wall". Tracks are good and views are excellent. Bushland is also interesting. While not long enough for regular MBW walks it is ideal for TOFs or MOFs.

Book by telephone . Please use my mobile only on the day of the walk.

DANDENONG'S EXPLORER



OLINDA

DATE Saturday 26 September
STANDARD Easy/Medium
DISTANCE 12 km
LEADER Maureen Hurley 9482 6954
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Olinda
MAP REF Melways P122 B9

We will meet at 10am at the car park at Woolrich Lookout, entered from Chalet Road, (Mel P122 B9)

This is a narrow, gravel road which enters into the Woolrich Lookout from Mt. Dandenong Tourist Rd Olinda.

I have taken this walk from "Day Walks in Melbourne" by John and Monica Chapman and John Siseman.

This is available from the Club's Library. Although I have walked in this area many times, I have not done this particular walk. It is a pretty area in the Olinda Valley, with views of the Silvan Dam. The walk passes through the arboretum and then descends through native forest following quiet tracks and roads and returns along fire management trails. Although it is short in length it is quite undulating, with total climbing of 490 metres.

We will conclude with afternoon tea in either Olinda or the Churinga Café, in Mt. Dandenong Tourist Road,
 And I look forward to your company.



BASE CAMP

RUBICON RIVER AND MOUNT TORBRECK

DATE 2- 4 October
STANDARD Easy/medium
DISTANCE 17 km Saturday, 12 km Sunday
LEADER Max Casley
TRANSPORT Private
AREA South of Eildon, 150 km north-east of Melbourne
MAP REF Rooftop's: Big River – Rubicon – Woods Point (Forest Activities Map) 1:50,000; Torbreck, Rubicon & Royston 1:25,000.

This area is close to Melbourne and some people may prefer to arrive early Saturday rather than camp on Friday night. (I think I will camp on Friday).

This base camp will be on the western bank of the Rubicon River at Kendalls B Camping area. On Saturday the walk will be along some of the network of old tramways and trestle bridges which were used for timber harvesting, which began in the early 1900's. The area is the site of Victoria's first hydro-electric power scheme – we will walk along some of the aqueducts. Although the scheme is small it is still in operation. In the evening we can have a camp fire which will be welcome in early October.

On Sunday we will go to Barnewall Plains and climb Mt Torbreck from where there are good views of Lake Eildon and Mt Buller. If there is enough time we can visit the site and memorial of a 1940 plane crash on the side of Mt Torbreck.



SUNDAY WALK

TANGLEFOOT – MT ST LEONARD – MYRTLE GULLY WALK TOOLANGI

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| DATE | Sunday 4 October - 10.30am |
| STANDARD | Easy/Medium |
| DISTANCE | 20km (possible Easy 12km walk) |
| LEADERS | Paul & Val Beers |
| TRANSPORT | Private |
| AREA | Tanglefoot |
| MAP REF | DSE- "Tanglefoot – Myrtle Gully Track" FS00008 ISSN 1440-2262 January 2008 VicMaps: McMahons Creek8022-N, Thornton 8023-S |

Walkers travel by own cars to the main Mt St Leonard car parking area (on Monda Road off Sylvia Creek Road).

Meet at 10.30am at the main gate across the Mt St Leonard access Road. Depending on numbers in the group, there can be both an easy (12kms) and an easy/medium (20kms) walk. The plan is for everyone to start from the gate at 10.45am sharp down to the Tanglefoot Track start and proceed north along Tanglefoot Track to the turnoff point to Quarry Road, about 1 hour in. If enough people want to do an easy walk, then they will split off here (with Val Beers leading) and walk to Quarry Road, to Sylvia Creek road to access the start of the WirraWillia Boardwalk, along which they can have lunch. After lunch return to the cars via Quarry Road and then do an optional side trip up to the Mt St Leonard Lookout, to enjoy the great views. The easy/medium group will continue on north to the Myrtle Gully Carpark at Sylvia Creek Rd (near Blowhard Rd Junction) for lunch at the picnic tables there, and then return via Myrtle Gully Track to the WirraWillia Boardwalk. Then return to the cars via Quarry Road and also do the optional side trip up to the Mt St Leonard Lookout, time permitting. We will only be in the rooms the Wednesday prior, Sept 30th and car pooling can be organized then. Those interested can also call me.



PACK CARRY

MT DIFFICULT RANGE

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| DATE | 9 - 11 October |
| STANDARD | Medium |
| DISTANCE | Approx 25km |
| LEADERS | Roger Wyatt |
| TRANSPORT | Private |
| AREA | Grampians |
| MAP REF | Northern Grampians Leisure Series Ed 1 1994 1:50,000 |

This a circuit walk from the Trooper's Creek Camping Area with an initial ascent of 400m+ to Mt Difficult and then a amble along the range towards Briggs Bluff (possible side trip if time permits), then a deviation along the eastern section of the

range. Day one will be approx 15km to camp on the Longpoint Fire Trail, while it is on track there are some areas that will slow us down, thus it will be a full days walking. Day Two will be easier along the fire trail to Carters Track, then back over the southern portion of the range (not as steep as day one) then a short walk to the cars. Then a short drive to a 2km return flat walk to Beehive Falls, to loosen up the muscles prior to an early return to Melbourne. This will be a good time to walk in the Grampians with water available at camp, not too hot and at the start of the wild flower season. Contact me in the clubrooms.



SUNDAY BUS

DAYLESFORD MARKET – TIPPERARY WALK

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| DATE | Sunday 11 October |
| STANDARD | EASY / EASY MEDIUM |
| DISTANCE | 9KM / 15KM |
| LEADERS | ALLAN MARTIN & JANETTE KODIAH |
| TRANSPORT | Bus from Southbank Blvd 8.45 am |
| AREA | Daylesford / Hepburn Springs |
| MAP REF | Eganstown 7712-3-4 |

Daylesford is one of those towns that have something for everyone and with this in mind for this week's Sunday Bus we are planning something a little different for your enjoyment.

We will be travelling direct to Daylesford where everyone will have an hour's leisure time before the walks commence to visit the famous Daylesford Sunday Market where a long lost hidden treasure (or maybe just some interesting junk can be found) or just relax over a morning coffee and hearty Breakfast if you wish. Both walks will then commence along the Tipperary trail which has not been walked by the club for several years. The Easy walk will commence about 9km from Daylesford and end at the Daylesford Lake – we have shortened the Easy walk so those going on it will have time at the completion to explore the local sights in the town (the old Convent on the hill is a must see in Daylesford) or those that are still keen to walk further, there is a lovely circuit walk around the lake of a couple of km's with a coffee stop at the end. For the more energetic walkers, the Easy / Medium longer walk along the Tipperary Track will be about 15km starting at Hepburn Springs at a slightly faster pace and will also end at the Daylesford Lake where we hope to have enough time for a social coffee or cold Ale or two before our return to Melbourne. Janette and I hope to make this a relaxing day combining the beauty of the bush with all the sights of the town, so hope you can come along.



WEDNESDAY WALK

MIDDLE PLENTY RIVER GORGES

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| DATE | Wednesday 14 October |
| STANDARD | Medium |
| DISTANCE | Approx 13 km |
| LEADER | Graeme Thornton |
| TRANSPORT | Private |
| AREA | Middle Plenty River |
| MAP REF | Melway 10, 183, 184 |

The Plenty was well named. It provided abundance to the aboriginal peoples and the early European settlers who first explored the Yarra, then followed up along its Plenty tributary. We've not been so kind to it lately and the middle Plenty Valley is now a major suburban growth corridor. Fortunately, Melbourne Water, in the 1980's, began reserving sections as parkland, so some of what it must have been is preserved.

Our walk is on the eastern fringe of the iconic plains-gum country. It is a longish walk closer to medium grade than E/M, with a few short ups & downs and 3 river crossings - possibly wet after rain. The river zigzags, so we will have to zigzag a bit too. There will be a short section or two of suburban road and formed bush-track, but mostly it will be animal pads or trackless.

Along the way there are historic homesteads & farmsteads, a bush campsite, some rugged country and man-made cliffs & lakes. It's fascinating juxtaposition of wildness and suburbia, close to the city, and even reachable by tram.

Drivers, please meet by 9:15 AM in the car park outside Janefield Village (Melway 10D8), 1km from Plenty Rd, for a car shuffle...9:45 AM for arrivals on the #86 tram. Note: the rustic Janefield Drive has been commercialised beyond recognition since the last time we met there.



CYCLING BASE CAMP

CASTLEMAINE CYCLING BASE CAMP

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| DATE | 17-18 October |
| STANDARD | Medium |
| LEADER | Jopie Bodegraven |
| TRANSPORT | Private |
| MAP REF | RACV Regional Goldfields, Malmesbury 1:50k Bendigo 1:50K |

Book with me as early as possible for this trip as I need to book specific campsites, the number of sites is not large and they sometimes book out in the Spring. Also please note that the new grading is medium as there quite a few ups, although they're mostly in small doses.

The weekend will be the same format as my previous cycle weekends, meaning 2 day rides, a Saturday morning start, Saturday dinner at a pub and one night camping or if you prefer, a cabin. The country is lovely with a mixture of forest and beautiful, hopefully green, rolling farmland.

We will meet Saturday morning at 9.45am in Harcourt. Please park in front of the park opposite the BP Service Station (loos are 100m south). Allow about 1 ¼ hrs from Central

Melbourne. Saturday's ride is about 67km with about 640m of ups. We will need to bring lunch, nibbles and water for the whole day

Camp will be at the Castlemaine Gardens Caravan Park and for dinner we just walk to the nearby Bridge Hotel. If you are happy to camp, I will organise that but if you wish to use a cabin, you will need to book that yourself direct with the caravan park on 54721125.

Sunday's ride starts and finishes at the Malmesbury bakery (handy for afternoon tea) and is about 76km of which about 3km is on gravel, with total ups of about 670m. We can refill water bottles at Vaughan Springs with yummy mineral water before lunch but you will need to bring nibbles and lunch (or buy it at the Malmesbury bakery before we start) although there will be the possibility of buying limited stuff, including coffee for the desperados, at a shop in Chewton near or before where we will have lunch.

So join me for a fun weekend of cycling through some beautiful Victorian countryside and keep your fingers crossed for perfect sunny cycling weather.



MOFS

CHRISTMAS HILLS

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| DATE | Monday 19 October |
| STANDARD | Easy |
| DISTANCE | 2 km |
| LEADER | Graham Hodgson |
| TRANSPORT | Private |
| AREA | Warrandyte-Kinglake Nature Conservation Reserve |
| MAP REF | Melway Map 265 |

The walk will start at 10.30 am. Meet at the small car park indicated on Melway Map 265 C12. The car park is accessed by a dirt track running off the Eltham-Yarra Glen Road opposite an imposing looking rock road cutting. The walk is predominantly on tracks through open forest and involves a few moderately steep climbs. There are some panoramic views towards Kinglake and Mt St Leonard to reward the elevation gain of about 210metres. A stark reminder of the February bushfires is evident as part of the walk traverses an area of recently burned timber, especially through the Rifle Range Reserve. The final section of the walk follows the Happy Valley Track which is all downhill and passes an interesting looking mine. Contact: Graham Hodgson



PACK CARRY

MT WILLIAM PLATEAU (GRAMPIANS)

DATE 23-25 October
STANDARD Easy/Medium
DISTANCE 26km
LEADER Mick Noonan
TRANSPORT Car
AREA Southern Grampians
MAP REF Southern Grampians VicMap 1:50K & Mt William 7423 3-4 1:25K

This Pack Carry takes us to Mt William and the Major Mitchell Plateau south east of Halls Gap. At 1167m Mt William is the highest point in the Grampians with spectacular 360 degree views. October should be a perfect time for spring wildflowers on both this sub-alpine mountain and the plateau.

For those coming down on Friday we will stay at the YHA Eco Lodge in Halls Gap (another option is the Halls Gap Caravan Park). On Saturday we will leave at 9am for the Sheep Hills Car Park and after a car shuffle we will start our climb of Mt William. That night we will camp at First Wannan Hiker Campsite on the Major Mitchell Plateau. There should be water up on the plateau, I will try and confirm this closer to the walk. Next day it's panoramic views along the plateau before the steep descent to Stockyard Saddle, and then gently down to the Jimmy Creek Campground to pick up our cars. Day 1 is a 640m climb, day 2 is an 840m descent, there is some rock scrambling and walking near cliffs. Weather conditions can change quickly here so come prepared.

Spaces are limited so book early and come and explore this beautiful, if less frequently visited part of the Grampians!



BUSHFIRE RECOVERY PROJECT

SUGARLOAF RESERVOIR

DATE 24 – 25 October
STANDARD Easy
LEADER Janette Kodiah
TRANSPORT Private

Refer to newsletter article for more information



SUNDAY BUS

TALLAROOK - MILL CREEK

DATE Sunday 25 October
STANDARD E/M & M
DISTANCE 12 & 14 km
LEADERS John Fritze and Les Southwell
TRANSPORT Bus
AREA Trawool Plateau (near Tallarook)
MAP REF Seymour 1: 25,000 (Yea 1: 100,000)

This walk starts south of Seymour on the Tallarook - Trawool road, walking up the valley of Mill Ck, a mountain stream flowing over granite slabs and down a string of pools.

We will climb up through open forest onto the Trawool Plateau, then across open pastoral land and some small clearwater streams, where we might see some kangaroos and the odd koala. There are some fine views to the north from here overlooking the Goulburn Valley and the Trawool Gorge, and out across the granites of Cherry Tree Range to Hughes Ck and the Highlands.

Afternoon tea will be near the high point at Meadows Hill (610 m) then descending the northern spur to meet the bus just above Goulburn River to the west of the old Trawool Station.



SATURDAY WALK

SUGARLOAF RESERVOIR

DATE Saturday 24 October
STANDARD Easy
LEADER Michael Mann
TRANSPORT Private

Information not available at time of printing.

See clubrooms for details.





PACK CARRY

ROYAL AND HEATHCOTE NATIONAL PARKS N S W

DATE 30 Oct-3 Nov (Cup Weekend)
STANDARD Easy/Medium
DISTANCE 64 km includes 10 km side trip
LEADER Bob Oxlade
TRANSPORT Walkers book flights. Ferry and train organised
AREA Royal National Park NSW (close to Sydney)
MAP REF NSW Dept Lands Royal N P Tourist Map & Discovering the Royal N P on foot by Alan Fairley.

Although graded E/Medium Saturday has a 20 km walk and Sunday 17 km all on track with few hills.

Victoria is a great State for bushwalking but lots of us have done many of the walks available. This is an opportunity to visit the world's second oldest N.P. having been established in 1879.

Although it's only 30 km from Central Sydney there are some remote sections in this beautiful park. A 28 km walk along the coast has only two places with road access. The Hacking River flows through the park and the inland is rugged. Last spring the flowers far surpassed the Grampians.

Friday. Train from the Airport to Cronulla for overnight accommodation.

Saturday. Ferry across Port Hacking to the Park and walk south along the coast.

Sunday. Continue along the coast, a 20 minute train ride, and then walk to camp at a waterfall.

Monday. West to Heathcote N.P. and camp by a pool.

Tuesday. Beautiful walk to Waterfall Train Station and return to the Airport.

Cost for accommodation Friday night, Ferry, Camp fees, and all train fares could be \$90.00.plus airfares,

There will be a Party limit. If interested please ring Bob Oxlade



PACK CARRY

RAZOR-VIKING FROM WEST BUFFALO RIVER AND MOUNT TYPO

DATE Saturday 31 October – Tuesday 3 November
STANDARD Medium/Hard
LEADERS Jopie Bodegraven
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Alps via Whitfield
MAP REF Selwyn 1:50k Buffalo 1:50k Howitt-Selwyn 1:50k

This is a composite trip, consisting of a challenging 2 ½ day pack carry in one of Victoria's classic and most rugged alpine areas, the Razor-Viking area, followed by a day walk along the rugged rocky Grampiansesque spine of the Mt Typo Ridge.

It is also a Saturday morning start so no frantic scramble to get out of Melbourne on Friday night. We begin by meeting at the PO in Whitfield at 11am on Saturday. Allow 3 ½ hrs from Melbourne via Mansfield. We then drive in convoy on to our start/finish point in the headwaters of the West Buffalo River where we have lunch and then walk 7km with nearly 500m climbing to get to our campsite on Barry Saddle. There is tank water there. On a previous fateful trip in 2000 we stumbled across a spring on the Viking. We will be looking for it on Sunday and if we find it we may camp up high. Otherwise we will camp at Viking Saddle with the masses. On Monday it is over the Razor and down a rough untracked spur back to the West Buffalo where we will camp by the cars. On Monday we will walk the length of the Mt Typo Ridge which will be rough, off track and probably scrubby, but quite spectacular, and if we have time, we may also do Mt Warwick

Be prepared for some rough off track walking, especially on Monday and Tuesday; bring a water bladder for Sunday on the Viking and your day pack for Tuesday and make sure your pack is light enough, definitely not over 15kg. Also hope for brilliant weather but be prepared for the atrocious alpine weather that we could easily get.



BASE CAMP

LOWER GLENELG NP

DATE Friday 30 October - Wednesday 4 November
STANDARD Easy/Medium
DISTANCE 14- 18 km
LEADERS Susan Maughan
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Lower Glenelg national park
MAP REF Nelson

Melbourne Cup weekend base camp offering various river walks, canoeing through the gorge and bird-spotting. Pritchards campsite has been booked.

Please book with Susan



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!

| OCTOBER | | | | |
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| Thu 1 | Cardinia Reservoir | Private | Easy | Alister Rowe |
| 2 - 4 | BC: Rubicon River & Mount Torbreck | Private | E/M | Max Casley |
| Sun 4 | Toolangi - Tanglefoot - Myrtle Gully | Carpool | Medium | Paul Beers |
| 9 - 11 | BC: Grampians | Private | E/M | Leader required |
| 9 - 11 | PC: Mount Difficult Range (Grampians) | Private | Medium | Roger Wyett |
| Sun 11 | NEW: Tipperary Track - Daylesford Market | Bus | E & E/M | Allan Martin & Janette Kodiah |
| Wed 14 | Plenty River Gorges | Private | E/M | Graeme Thornton |
| 17 - 18 | Cycling: Catlemaine Base camp | Private | E/M | Jopie Bodegraven |
| Sun 18 | Paradise Mill circuit (Blackwood area) | Carpool | Easy | Peter Leech |
| Mon 19 | Christmas Hills | Private | Easy | Graham & Janet Hodgson |
| 23 - 25 | PC: Mount William Plateau (Grampians) | Private | E/M | Mick Noonan |
| Sat 24 | Sugarloaf Reservoir | Private | Easy | Michael Mann |

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