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# THE NEWS OF THE Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.

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**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
AND HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
!!!**



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Christmas is drawing near and a timely reminder for members that the clubrooms will not be open on either Wednesday 22 December or Wednesday 29 December. Please remember to make all your activity bookings well in advance either in the clubrooms for Sunday walks or directly with the relevant leader.

There is a separate note in this month's NEWS, but a reminder that all items for the January Newsletter are due into the Editor by Wednesday 15 in lieu of Wednesday 22 December.

Bushwalking Victoria calendars for the 2011 year are now available for purchase in the clubrooms. These are a high quality publication at a cost of \$10. Contact a committee member or one of our helpers on duty roster.

Under our insurance arrangements through Bushwalking Victoria we are required to comply with their instructions regarding Acknowledgement of Risk forms. Some of these changes have already been implemented, eg visitors must sign a form for every activity and new and lapsed members must sign a form on the Membership Application. On renewal of subscriptions in March all members will be required to sign a form annually and also if they participate in snow or abseiling activities. Our By-Laws have now been amended to reflect these requirements. The updated version is on the Club's website and also available for perusal in the clubrooms.

Our best wishes for a speedy and good recovery go to our Sunday Walks Secretary – Halina, who sustained a broken ankle on a recent walk. Many thanks to all those who assisted on the day – I understand it was a real team effort.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 21 February, 2011. Please diarise this date and it is hoped that as many members as possible will attend on that night.

Best wishes to everyone for a wonderful festive season.

**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  
362 William Street  
Cnr William and A'Beckett Streets),  
Melbourne,  
Vic 3001**

Visitors are always welcome!

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

**Please send your contributions as unformatted text files by email to [news@mbw.org.au](mailto: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 3 JANUARY**

## TRACK MAINTENANCE GROUP

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

As provided by MBW member, Mark Heath.

**2010 Activity Dates**

**Leader contact details**



**PLEASE  
JOIN  
US!**

## Tuesday 7 December Christmas Party!!!

**This year we will be celebrating at the  
Balwyn Community Centre,  
412 Whitehorse Road,  
Surrey Hills. Melways 46 F8/ opp. Kireep Rd.**

**This can be accessed by trams 23, 42, 109 or  
from Chatham railway station. If driving; the  
centre has its own extensive car park.  
Our own night of nights!!**

**New Year's Day BBQ on the Yarra,**  
commencing at 1 p.m. Bring a wrapped excess  
Xmas pressie for our traditional lucky dip.  
Byo everything. No need to book, just show up.  
Melway 2D 6K, Kew.

## Wednesday 12 January

No wine and cheese night in Dec or Jan,  
but, Gelati night in the clubroom on Wednesday  
12 January.  
Only \$3.00, so bring loose change please!  
Note - from 7:30.

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# Reports

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## EARLY CUT OFF DATE FOR JANUARY NEWS

Due to the Christmas/New Year holiday break members are advised that any newsletter items for the January NEWS should be forwarded to reach the Newsletter Editor by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December in lieu of Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2010.

## BUSHWALKING VICTORIA CALENDAR 2011

Bushwalking Victoria's calendar for the 2011 year is now available in the clubrooms at a cost of \$10. This is a high quality, glossy publication featuring photographs specially selected by well known book authors John and Monica Chapman from photographs submitted by Bushwalking Victoria members. It is A4 size, has information of interest to walkers such as sunrise and sunset times, full moon dates, school and public holidays and plenty of space to write in appointments. The photos in the calendar can be viewed on the What's New page of the BWV website at [http://www.bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/whats\\_new.htm](http://www.bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/whats_new.htm).

## LEADERS/ACTIVITY CO-ORDINATORS - ALERT!!

It is essential that leaders check with local Parks Officers regarding the state of tracks in planned walk areas. Due to the recent heavy rains and flooding, damage has been caused in many areas - fallen trees, erosion, rock falls and structural damage to foot bridges. Forward planning is essential and, if necessary, an alternative route should be investigated.

### **\*\*CLUBROOM CLOSURE\*\***

Please note that the clubrooms will be closed both on Wednesday 22 December and 29 December

## NIMH BATTERIES

Rechargeable AA and AAA NIMH batteries are a cost effective way of powering GPS units, torches and especially cameras but contain traps for the unwary! If you mix cells (batteries) of different ages or levels of charge the first to go flat is likely to be "reverse charged" and damaged by the remainder. Each time you reuse it the problem will be exacerbated and the capacity of your battery progressively reduced. The solution is to use and charge your cells in clearly marked sets. A second trap exists if you have a device that takes an odd number of cells. For these you will need a charger that can handle individual cells, not the more common variety that only take pairs. Finally you will get better results if you choose the higher capacity versions, recharge them before use (as they tend to self discharge during storage), run them nearly (but not completely) flat occasionally (to combat their slight memory effect) and don't let them get too cold.

**John Fritze**

## CONSERVATION MATTERS

An update from the Bushwalking Victoria Environment Committee:

**ALPINE NP** - Two new Tracks due for completion in the Mt.Hotham area , The Cobungra Ditch Walking Trail 12.5.k , the Huts Walk 13k

**GREAT DIVIDING TRAIL** - Mt Beckworth Scenic Reserve has reopened in time for magnificent orchid displays  
Access to all Manna Gums, Cork Oaks and the Dam picnic area is now open. Creswick's Slaty Creek Number one campground has been reopened! Please note the track between Twin Bridges and Bryces Flat remains **CLOSED** due to the safety risks caused by significant structural damage to these sections of track.

**GREAT OCEAN WALK** - New Map and Guide. Parks Victoria have (2010) produced a comprehensive map and guide with a large scale - 1:25,000 and the cost is \$14.95. Also, the Government has allocated \$6.3M to upgrade, e.g. replace road walking and with dedicated tracks, and extend the walk to the 12 Apostles Viewing centre.

**WILSONS PROM NP** The Five Mile road is expected to re-open for walkers and The Tongue Point track will also re-open by Cup week. The changes to the northern wilderness area campsites due to the probable permanent closure of Johnny Souey are still being investigated. Johnny Souey currently remains closed. The South East Track has recently been slashed. Some work on its drainage is pending.

**Rod Novak** - Club delegate BV Environment Committee



# Noticeboard

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Melbourne Bushwalkers (Incorporated) will be held on Monday, 21 February, 2011, 8.00 pm at The Clubrooms, Royal Historical Society of Victoria, Corner of A'Beckett Street & William Street, Melbourne

Members are invited to attend.  
Non-members are welcome but are not eligible to vote.

### Business:

Apologies  
Confirmation of minutes from the 2010 Annual General Meeting  
President's report  
Treasurer's report  
Determination of the annual subscription fee for 2011  
Walks Secretaries' reports  
Election of Office Bearers & Committee members  
Appointment of Auditors  
Motion – to appoint Jopie Bodegraven a life member of Melbourne Bushwalkers (Inc)  
Conferral of Honorary Memberships  
Award of Spoons  
General Business

Nomination forms & Appointment of Proxy forms are available at the clubrooms.



## Noticeboard

### LAST CHANCE!

Classic New Zealand Pack walks in Feb/Mar 2011  
Routeburn & Greenstone tracks 5 days/4nights 20-  
24 Feb 2011 then  
Rees Dart 5 days/4 nights with side trip to the dart  
Glazier 25 Feb - 1Mar 2011  
Contact Roger Wyett [rwyt1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rwyt1@optusnet.com.au) or  
0434 424 526 to co-ord bookings.  
Numbers are being finalised by 30 Dec 2010.

### WANTED:

HOUSE SITTING in Melbourne for a period of  
2-6 months anytime from January 2011 to end of  
the year. Responsible and caring tenants we can  
care for your home (and pet and garden) while  
you are away on an adventure, giving you peace  
of mind. Prefer near public transport and eastern  
or inner suburbs, but any home/ flat considered.  
Please call Kerry Press on 0411 389

### EASTER 2011 ADVICE.

In answer to enquiries and to enable walkers to plan  
ahead I would like to advise that I am **not** intending  
to lead a walk in Tasmania next Easter.  
I have been very pleased with the participation of  
walkers in the Easter Tasmanian series for the last  
four years and thank everyone for making them so  
successful.

If anyone is interested in further Easy walking  
handy to Hobart in the South East I could suggest  
a combination of Mount Brown, Cape Raoul, Ship  
Stern Bluff, Tunnel Bay, Lime Bay Reserve and  
the Coal Mines Historic site over 3 or 4 days. This  
requires transport for short distances to connect  
three locations. Also close by is Cape Hauy.

All are on the Tasman N.P Map.

Yours sincerely,

**Bob Oxlade.**

## WILLIS'S WALKABOUTS

# Walkork

Leading my bushwalking tours has been one of the most  
rewarding experiences of my life. Although the other  
guides feel the same way, changing circumstances have  
forced many to retire.

**I need more guides**, especially people who would be  
happy to lead only one or two trips a year and who be  
able to take on a trip at relatively short notice.

If you are an experienced bushwalker with time on  
your hands. If you enjoy working with mixed groups of  
different ages and abilities. If you are willing to get the  
necessary qualifications (not many), give me a call or  
send me an email and ask for more information.

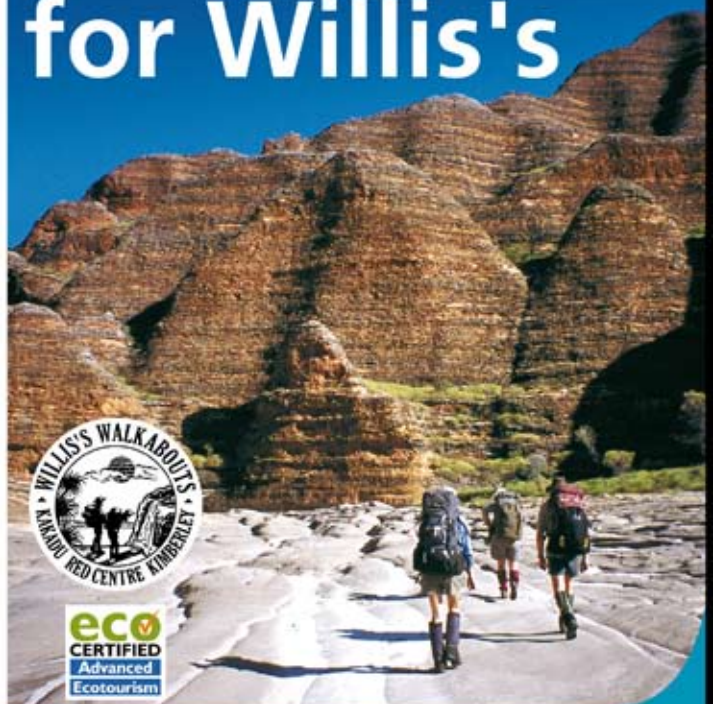
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[rrwillis@internode.on.net](mailto:rrwillis@internode.on.net)





## Fire Season Updates!

Our **Total Fire Ban Policy** has been updated to reflect the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission outcomes and the subsequent actions of the Country Fire Authority and the Bureaux of Meteorology.

1. The number of Total Fire Ban Districts has been increased from 5 to 9. Note that the Central District is now smaller some more of our Sunday walks will be in adjoining Total Fire Ban Districts.
2. The 9 previous Fire Danger Rating Zones have been aligned with the Total Fire Ban Districts. Council areas are now fully contained within a Total Fire Ban District.
3. The CFA has now over 135 'Safer Places' across the state
4. The highest Total Fire Danger Rating is now just called 'Code Red' – the 'Catastrophic' name has been dropped
5. The CFA site will provide a 5 day forecast for the Fire Danger Rating in each District

The new Total Fire Ban Policy is available on our Website and an updated Summer Activity Program has been posted or emailed to members. All the information is also available on a display in the Clubrooms.

**CHRISTMAS SALE 2010**

**25-50% OFF THE ENTIRE MACPAC RANGE**

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### Regent Honeyeater Project

#### *End-of-season planting days 2010*



**Put yourself in this picture:** restoring old Grey Box habitat, creating habitat for threatened species!

With the weather getting warmer, and university exams now completed, how would you like a few days in sunny north east Victoria, making some new friends, and relaxing with a swim and a BBQ after work??

Then come and join us to help plant our last 3 sites for 2010. They were too wet to plant earlier in the year, but we do need to get the seedlings in the ground quickly before the ground dries up!

These sites are down on the fertile flat country, so they'll be excellent breeding habitat for Grey-crowned Babblers and Squirrel Gliders that are already living right next door.

**It's really valuable work,so we'd be delighted if you and your friends could come for a day or so.**

The digging and planting will be easy going because the grass has been well-sprayed, the ground has been ripped to let the rain in, and the soils are mostly nice and moist. And we don't have to put tree guards on 2 of the sites, because there are no rabbits on the flat country!! (*The burrows get drowned, so they can't live there.*)

<b><u>When:</u></b>	Last week of November & first week of December
<b><u>Meeting Place:</u></b>	9.30am at DSE offices, Sydney Rd Benalla
<b><u>Accommodation:</u></b>	Uniting Church Hall in Carrier St if you wish to stay overnight Mattresses supplied, but BYO sleeping bag and pillow
<b><u>What to bring:</u></b>	Work clothes and gloves, lunches for in the field
<b><u>Bookings:</u></b>	(03) 57 611 515 <a href="mailto:ray@regenthoneyeater.org.au">ray@regenthoneyeater.org.au</a>

Cheers and thanks from **Ray Thomas.**



### **CANOEING TRIP. LOWER GLENELG RIVER. MELBOURNE CUP WEEKEND.**

A great time was had by eleven of us on this very special river in the Lower Glenelg National Park. On the Friday night some of us took shelter at the Dartmoor Hotel where we were fortunate to stay very warm and dry. The remainder of the group, (who were far more adventurous -like real bushies) camped at Moleside Creek and had a very wet night with continual heavy rain. When we all met up on Saturday morning we had a very brief discussion about the torrential rain and the possibility of disbanding the trip. No one seemed at all interested in this idea so off we headed in the pouring rain.

We had lots of rain on the first day, but because the scenery was so spectacular we soon forgot about the weather and had an extremely enjoyable time.

Thankfully the weather improved by the second and third day and we were able to take in the beautiful surroundings of the Gorge and the National Park. The continual changing colours of the lime stone cliffs in the gorge were amazing. The group consisted of some very experienced canoeists and some novices. 3 people chose to use kayaks and were particularly zippy as they raced past. Those of us who were new to the canoeing business were given excellent advice and training from our fellow members which meant that we all arrived safely to camp at the the end of each day. Although we had been informed by the Canoe Hire Company that the boats rarely capsized, I was unfortunately in the only boat that tipped. We

all learnt an important canoeing lesson from the incident which is to “never trust anyone who tries to get you to check out their cushion when you are canoeing down a river.” (the offending person will remain anonymous).

The camp sites were delightful and we were fortunate to be able to sit around a fire each night to dry our clothes, share stories and cook our sensational meals. Some of us also enjoyed a lovely walk through Princes Margaret Rose Cave on the second day. A fantastic time was had by all of us including Susan, Rod, Michael, Barbara, Sarah, Jan, Doug, Margaret, Ann, Jenny and myself. Special thanks to Susan for organising such a wonderful weekend for all of us.

**Bernadette Prunty**





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## Review

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### BAIRNSDALE TO LAKES ENTRANCE

All 5 of us met at Bairnsdale to begin our journey, ensuring we had enough water for the whole day. Day 1 was 15 km walk where we stopped after 1 ½ hours finding a pub and buying 2 litres of red wine, thanks Mark for having cash and Bob for portage. It was lovely farm countryside to be walking through. We set up camp at Harmon Road in a cutting just off the track. Dinner was consumed along with the red with a lovely view. Day 2 we walked 26.5 km had lunch at Bruthen, most of us had a pie, yummy. We had to get water again for the next 24 hours. The walk to Mississippi creek trail intersection and set up camp. Mossies were out in force each evening and morning. This evening we all brought out our goodies, finish the wine and chocolate.

Day 3 was our last day of walking and at about 25 -30 km all up, our feet were feeling it. Walking on rail trail was very different on our feet. We made our way through quite different scenery to lovely Lakes Entrance, had a coffee on arrival, decided we would all have fish and chips with wine or beer. Day 4 Bob had arranged for us to walk and see old historic houses on Lakes Entrance, fantastic, you would never know they are there. We had our packs and leisurely organised ourselves to get to the bus stop for our trip back to Melbourne. Bob had organised for most of us to catch the VLine train and it was a great idea.

Bob thanks for such a great weekend, especially as it only rained when we were in our tents, amazing weather.

Those who attended: Bob, Mark, Debbie, Dell and Fiona.

### SIX FOOT TRACK WALK REVIEW

Agajan led 12 of us on a great pack carry over the Melbourne Cup weekend. It is an iconic walk of 45 km from Katoomba to the Jenolan Caves that generally follows the original six foot wide bridle track. As someone said he has a special relationship with the weather gods. It did not rain for two and a half days while we were walking but soon after we finished it poured for over ten hours.

We flew to Sydney, caught the train out to Katoomba and spend the night at the Katoomba YHA which had a very nice art deco interior. Next morning we walked to the "Explorers Tree" on the edge of Katoomba, the official start of the Six Foot Track. Good views from the escarpment then steeply down Nellie's Gully into the Megalong Valley where we walked for most the day. Nice camping at Coxes River. The next day we walked 21 km up and down hills and camped at Blacks Range with wallabys grazing nearby. We all coped well with the challenge of a varied walk that included cliffs, valleys and farmland. After the obligatory cave tour at Jenolan Caves and equally obligatory lunch we caught the bus back to Katoomba 75km by road.



Next morning we spent two and half hours along the Prince Henry Cliff walk with fabulous views including the "Three Sisters", a fitting end to a terrific weekend away. Thanks to Roy, Jan, Deb, my brother Jack, Rosie who screamed when she nearly stepped on a snake, Brian who whipped, superfit Sue with her big pack, Philip, Di who jumped the creek and Max who had a birthday and especially to Agajan for leading us.

**Richard Hanson**

# Previews of walks and activities

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](http://www.melbournebushwalkers.org.au/activities/Walks/MBW_walks_program.htm)



## CYCLING

### WESTGATE BICYCLE PUNT & MARIBYRNONG RIVER

DATE	Saturday 11 December
STANDARD	Med
DISTANCE	45 km
LEADER	Mark Heath
AREA	Melbourne
MAP REF	Melway
FIRE BAN DISTRICT	Central
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE	Melbourne

We meet on the concourse at the north end of Southern Cross Station at 10 am before riding through Docklands to the Moonee Ponds trail. We head up this trail then ride west to pick up the trail that runs along the Maribyrnong River. Heading down the Maribyrnong to Spotswood, we use the the Bicycle Punt (\$3) to cross to Fishermans Bend before heading back via Port Melbourne to Southern Cross.



## SUNDAY BUS

### KILCUNDA (PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED AS INVERLOCH)

DATE	Sunday 19 December
STANDARD	Easy
DISTANCE	12 km / 14 km
LEADERS	Sue Haviland and Kerry Keand
TRANSPORT	Bus
AREA	Kilcunda
MAP REF	George Bass Coastal Walk /Anderson-Wonthaggi Rail Trail, <a href="http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au">www.parkweb.vic.gov.au</a>
FIRE BAN DISTRICT	South and West Gippsland
TEMPERATURE REF SITE	South and West Gippsland

This is a beautiful coastal walk initially on cliff tops on the outskirts of San Remo (at the end of Punchbowl Road) to Kilcunda (on the Bass Highway). The scenery is stunning with panoramic views, but is not for the faint hearted as it is a cliff top walk on narrow paths.

Kilcunda is reached after 7kms and for those who may need something to calm the nerves after the cliff tops there is the local Kilcunda pub. The walk then continues on along the Anderson to Wonthaggi Rail Trail for 7km and 5km for respective groups.

This is a nice easy walk just before Christmas but make sure you bring your sunscreen, hat and plenty of water as there is little shade along the walk.



## PACK CARRY

### MT SELDON SEEN – BUCHAN RIVER – REEDY CREEK CHASM

DATE	26 December 2010 -1 January 2011
STANDARD	Medium
DISTANCE	45km
LEADER	Bob Oxlade
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	East Gippsland
MAP REF	Vicmap Deddick 8523-N 1:50,000

I have been interested in the Buchan Headwaters Wilderness Zone for some time and I am unaware of the Club having walked there before. As there are no walking tracks in the area I have decided on this mostly off track exploratory walk. An article in Wild magazine advises two spurs are possible from near Mount Seldom Seen (1347m) down to the Buchan River (570m) for this walk with wonderful views.

We can drive the 400km to Mount Seldom Seen Fire Tower on Boxing Day Sunday 26 December and probably walk along a ridge a little to camp. On Monday we descend (steep in parts) to the river and begin walking upstream to the entrance of Reedy Creek which is about 12km from the cars.

It is about 8km (maybe dry) up to the Chasm, so depending on conditions we could spend 2 or 3 days exploring there.

On our return downstream from the Reedy Creek intersection we should be able to leave the river after about 2km at the foot of a spur near Lower Limestone Creek for our climb to a ridge track and return to the cars. This would be on Friday New Years Eve or if we have made good time we may be able to stop overnight at Buchan or Bruthen. I expect to return to Melbourne on Saturday 1 January.

This walk could be on the hard side of Medium in some parts and is only for experienced pack carriers whom also may not mind getting wet feet. Book with Bob Oxlade on 9887 8701



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# Previews

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## TOFS WALK

### BANYULE WARRINGAL PARKLANDS

DATE	Thursday 6 January
STANDARD	Easy
DISTANCE	10 km
LEADER	Alister Rowe
TRANSPORT	Private

Meet at 10.30 am near "Historic Bridge" Viewbank (Melway 20 K9), off Lower Plenty Road. We will take the Plenty River Trail to the Banyule Flats and Warringal Parklands. A very pretty walk with wetlands and Yarra River views.

Note that the walk will be cancelled if the forecast temperature is higher than 33°C. As this is a suburban walk it should be fire-safe. Book on 03 9435 5958. Mobile contact 0419 874 182 on walk day only.



## SUNDAY BUS

### HIGH LEAD – THE BUMP

DATE	Sunday 9 January
STANDARD	Easy & E/M
DISTANCE	13 & 16kms
LEADERS	Ian Mair & Richard Hanson
TRANSPORT	Bus - Southbank Blvd
8:45am	
AREA	Near Warburton
MAP REF	Ada River & Spion Kopje
1:25,000	
FIRE BAN DISTRICT	CN-Central
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE	yg-Yarra Glen

The mountains east of Melbourne are some of the best places to walk in the middle of summer. The tall Mountain Ash trees provide a good cover from the midday sun. Added to this, the cool mountain streams and large fern trees make this area a delight to walk during the warm summer days. However, it can still be warm so please consider bringing extra water as per any summer walk.

This area is steeped in history. As we follow the High Lead track down to the valley we will see remnants of when this track was used to haul logs from the valley by steam train. The latter part of both walks will follow the Latrobe River, then once over the Bump (the saddle between two rivers) is crossed; the Little Yarra River is followed making this a most



## WEDNESDAY WALK

### LYSTERFIELD PARK

DATE	Wednesday 12 January
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	16km
LEADER	Mary Daley
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Lysterfield, SE Melbourne
MAP REF	Parks Victoria, Lysterfield Park & Churchill National Park,

Melway 108 D3

We will meet at 10.00am at the Spotted Gum car park (to the left as you enter the Park, that is, the car park closest to the dam wall).

Take the Wellington Road exit off Monash Freeway and then follow Wellington Road to the Belgrave Hallam Road. Turn right here and continue on the Belgrave Hallam Road to a right hand turn into Horswood Road which has a sign to Lysterfield Lake Park. Continue to the end of Horswood Road to reach the park.

This circuit walk is mostly on well established tracks through lightly forested areas and some grassy areas. We start on Tramline Track which is the route of the tramway that was used to transport granodiorite rock approximately 4 km from a quarry to build the dam wall for Lysterfield Lake in the 1930s. Eastern Grey Kangaroos and Black Wallabies are commonly seen in the park. At the Northern end of the park the walk adjoins the perimeter fence and we will see and hear a large commercial quarry in operation. As we head South we will have the opportunity to inspect the ruins of Donelan Homestead, home of one of the early settlers. We return around the Eastern side of the lake.

Please telephone me on 9572 2382 to book or for further information.





# Previews



## PACK CARRY

### TALI KARNG

Date 14-16 Jan 2011  
Standard Easy/Medium  
Distance 24-30km subject to route  
Leader Roger Wyett 0434 424 526 rwyett1@optusnet.com.au  
Transport Private Car Pool  
Area/Map Tali Karng 1:25,000 North of Licola, approx 250 km from Melbourne

At the time of writing the route via the Valley Of Destruction is closed due to flood damage, however if it is opened plan will be to access Tali Karng from McFarlane's Saddle and walk out to the Licola Road via Barrier Creek & the Wellington River. The alternative is a in & out from McFarlane's Saddle via the 400m descent of Gillios Track and the scenic walking track along the plain between Mt Wellington & Spion Kopje. Either way it will be an enjoyable walk, but will involve a long car trip from Melbourne with an overnight camp at Licola on Friday night, and then up to McFarlane's Saddle, but well worth the effort as Tali Karng is a natural lake of significant size on the edge of the Avon Wilderness, and well worth the effort.



## MOFS WALK

### BULLEEN & BANKSIA PARKS

DATE Monday 17 January  
STANDARD Easy  
DISTANCE 10 km  
LEADER Jean Giese  
TRANSPORT Private  
AREA Bulleen, Heidelberg  
MAP REF Melway 32  
FIRE BAN DISTRICT CN:me

I was very pleased to find there is a soft foot track beside the Yarra River linking Bulleen and Banksia Parks. We will follow this, doing a circuit en-route of Bolin Bolin Billabong, a special meeting place in the past for the various clans making up the Woiworong people of the Kulin Nation.

Meet in the car park of the Veneto Club close to the gate (Melway 32 D9) to commence walking at 10.30 am. Book with the leader on 03 9890 2189.



## SUNDAY WALK

### LAVERTON CREEK - WILLIAMSTOWN

DATE Sunday 23 January  
STANDARD Easy/Medium  
DISTANCE 15 km  
LEADER Mark Heath  
TRANSPORT Car  
AREA Melbourne  
MAP REF Melways 120 B3  
FIRE BAN DISTRICT Central  
TEMP. REF. SITE Mt Dandenong

This walk starts from Mt Evelyn and explores the bush along the old aqueduct up to the Silvan Reservoir, where we will have lunch in the beautiful gardens overlooking the water. After lunch we follow the route used by the new pipeline back to Mt Evelyn.

The walk is on a mix of concrete paths, gravel paths and access roads.

Estimated petrol cost \$10



## THURSDAY SOCIAL WALK

### JELLS PARK

DATE Thursday 27 January  
STANDARD Easy  
DISTANCE 5.5 km  
LEADER Jean Giese  
TRANSPORT Private  
AREA Wheelers Hill  
MAP REF Melway 71 & 72  
FIRE BAN DISTRICT CN:me

We'll enjoy a 5.5 km walk in Jells Park concluding with lunch at the café.

Meet at 10.30 am in the car park nearest the exit onto Jells Road (Melway 71 K7). Book with the leader on 03 9890 2189.



# Previews



## PACK CARRY

### MT HOWITT - CROSSCUT SAW

DATE	28-30 January
STANDARD	Medium
DISTANCE	27km
LEADER	Jopie Bodegraven
AREA	Alps east of Mansfield
MAP REF	New Series Selwyn 1:50k. Old series Howitt-Selwyn 1:50k

This is one of the classic walks of the Victorian Alps with Mt Howitt and the Crosscut Saw being two of the most iconic and best loved bushwalking destinations in the state.

Saturday is the harder of the two days, only 11 ½ km but with a total ascent of around 1000 metres up Howitt Spur, over the 1738m summit and on to camp at Macalister Springs. Sunday is longer in distance but easier because much of the day is downhill. It will be 13 ½ km with full packs plus a 1 km each way romp out along the Crosscut Saw. Total ups for the day is 260m. The 1000m climb probably makes it a medium walk, not easy/medium as in the program, but most walkers should find it OK by taking their time. We have lots of daylight hours and it is all on track. If it is very hot it could be a different matter though.

Access is via Mansfield and the Stirling Ring Road, then along Bindaree Rd to the camping area on the south side of the Howqua River. We will have an early start on Saturday to beat any heat and give us plenty of time for the climb. Keep your pack weight as low as possible and if it is over 15kg I will want to know why



## WEDNESDAY WALK

### WARRANTYTE STATE PARK

DATE	Wednesday 2 February
STANDARD	E-M
DISTANCE	15 km
LEADER	Graham Hodgson
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Warrandyte
MAP REF	Melway Map 23 & 24
FIRE BAN DISTRICT	CN
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE	me

A pleasant stroll relatively close to the city. We will start at Tills Rd and walk through Black Flat following the Yarra River to Jumping Creek and then on to Blue Tongue Bend. Most of the walk up to this point will be fairly shaded with a few short climbs to help break into a sweat.

We leave the river and the shade after Blue Tongue Bend and climb a moderately steep hill heading towards the ruins of Stanebrae homestead which is located in a very picturesque valley surrounded by open grassland and usually mobs of kangaroos.

After Stanebrae we head back towards the Yarra for some welcome shade. It is then a matter of keeping on the track (It was difficult following it on the preview as it tended to keep disappearing).

The partial bush bash will head us in the general direction of Yarrabrae where some beautiful views of Yarra rapids will be seen. After Yarrabrae we are back on tracks but we do have a fairly long climb with no shade.

There are parts of this walk that are exposed so please bring a big sunhat and plenty of water. It could be quite hot.

Meet at 10.00 am at the Clifford Park Scout Centre gates Clifford Drive (Melway 24 J6) for a car shuffle.



## TOFS

### THE YARRA - STUDLEY PARK

DATE	Thursday 3 February
STANDARD	Easy
DISTANCE	8km
LEADER	Peter Green
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Kew
MAP REF	Melway Map 44

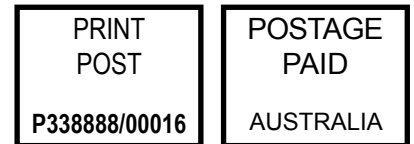
Meet at the Studley Park boathouse car park, Melway 2D F8 at 10:30. We will be seeing the Yarra from a different angle including doing a very pleasant loop through Galatea Point. This is a short walk using little used paths along the east bank of the Yarra. Some of the tracks are narrow on the side of steep drops down to the river. Most of the tracks are shaded so it will be pleasant if the day is very hot. We will also get a glimpse of Melbourne's largest urban vineyard

You can call me on 98907104 to book or for further information.

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!

<b>JANUARY 2011</b>				
Sun 2	East Walk (Cowan Track Loop)	Private	E/M	Nik Dow
Thu 6	Banyule Warrigal Parklands	Private	<b>Easy</b>	Alister Rowe
<b>Sun 9</b>	<b>High Lead - The Bump</b>	<b>Bus</b>	<b>E/M &amp; M</b>	<b>Ian Mair &amp; Richard Hanson</b>
Wed 12	Lystefield Park	Private	E/M	Mary Daley
14 - 16	PC: Tali Karng	Private	E/M	Roger Wyett
Sat 15	Cycling: Rosstown Railway	Private	E/M	Jan Palich
<b>Sun 16</b>	<b>Coronet Bay - Corinella</b>	<b>Bus</b>	<b>E &amp; E/M</b>	<b>Allan Martin &amp; Linda Stewart</b>
Mon 17	Bulleen & Banksia Parks	Private	Easy	Jan Giese
<b>Sun 23</b>	<b>Laverton Creek - Williamstown</b>	<b>Private</b>	<b>E/M</b>	<b>Mark Heath</b>
Thu 27	Social - Jells Park	Private	Easy	Jan Giese
28 - 30	PC: Mt Howitt - Crosscut Saw	Private	E/M	Jopie Bodegraven
<b>Sun 30</b>	<b>Phantom Falls - The Canyon - Sheoaks Falls</b>	<b>Bus</b>	<b>E &amp; E/M</b>	<b>Leslie Hale &amp; Richard Long</b>

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