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THE NEWS OF THE Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.

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OCTOBER 2010

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Spring is a great time for walking and our Activities Program provides many opportunities to get 'out in the bush' and enjoy the events listed.

In this month's NEWS is an article advising discounts that members can receive from a number of mainly Melbourne based retailers of bushwalking equipment and services. Bushwalking Victoria membership cards need to be presented prior to processing of sale. These cards will be issued to members with mailed copies of NEWS or are available for collection in the clubrooms.

Members would be aware that the club received a grant from the State Government to cover reimbursement of fuel costs incurred by members when previewing walks. Claims against this grant ceased as at 30 September and from this date forward revert back to being paid out of the club's general revenue.

22 members attended First Aid training on Saturday 4 September. Feedback received was most positive and many people took the opportunity to update their supplies of First Aid equipment.

On September 11 approximately 80 members and friends took part in the bush dance. Great fun was had by all and there was some very enthusiastic dancing witnessed. The tables were laden with food but in usual bushwalking style this disappeared at a rapid rate. Thanks to all those who assisted with the cleaning up. It was carried out in record time.

Last month 10 members assisted with 'Tree Planting' as part of the Regent Honeyeater Project in the Lurg Hills close to Benalla. With participants from other organizations approximately 4,600 trees were planted – a great effort.

Enjoy your walking. There are many activities to choose from.

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!

General correspondence should be directed to:

The Secretary
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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 8 NOVEMBER

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

October 2010 - Stronachs
Camp (Baw Baw Nat. Park)

Geoff Kelly - 9328 4228
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A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR

The emailed version of this edition contains all the submissions received this month.

The selection as to which review to publish or not publish in the print version was simply made on the 'first received' basis.



PLEASE JOIN US

FRIDAY 15 OCTOBER

SUNSET WALK AROUND
ALBERT PARK LAKE,
FOLLOWED BY DINNER IN
MIDDLE PARK

Susan Maughan will be 'leading' a walk around Albert Park Lake, commencing at MSAC at 6:30. Meet at the cafe, just inside the front door. Map Reference: Mel 57 G4 or 2K D7. We will amble around the Lake, followed by dinner. N.B. Sunset is at 7:37.

Please book with Susan by Thursday, 14th October and confirm if you are walking, walking and dining, or just dining.

The dinner venue is :Albert Park Deli (Greek-ish), 129 Dundas Place (as it joins Bridport St). Our table is booked for 8-8:15.

WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER

Larapinta Trail night. A talk and slideshow presented by some club members who have recently walked this track.

PLUS... Wine and cheese. Yet another good reason to come into the clubroom.

FRIDAY 12 NOVEMBER

Restaurant night at Sparks, 424 Bridge Road, Richmond.

Reports

CHANGES TO SUNDAY WALK ON-LINE BOOKINGS

We have revised the procedures for booking Sunday Walks on-line.

From 1 October bookings made on-line via Busbookings@mbw.org.au must be completed by 4pm on the Thursday before a Sunday bus or private transport walk – you CANNOT book online after 4pm Thursday

You can still come along on the Sunday but preference for a seat is given to those who book and for the bus the \$5 late booking fee still applies.

This allows members to book online even if they can't make it in on the Wednesday, allows us to plan better, and gives those people who volunteer their time for running the booking system the weekend off!

EQUIPMENT

Buying Lightweight Gear

A sad consequence of most of us buying on looks rather than function is that our shops stock accordingly and the rest of us can't find what we need. Fortunately small pockets of resistance remain. They include <http://www.backpackinglight.com/> (good information), <http://www.prolitegear.com/> and <http://www.backcountrygear.com/> (good stock) and <http://www.google.com/products> (good prices). Sites such as these make it easy to acquire leading edge gear at keen prices but the process can be time consuming and a little risky if you buy site unseen. You can minimize the downside by picking our brain, hiring our gear, subscribing to "Gear Tips" (an occasional email alerting you to good buys or useful information) or attending an equipment demonstration evening.

Equipment Demonstration Evening

This is our annual "why aren't you carrying a 7kg (plus water) weekend pack?" demonstration. It will be held at 8:00 PM in the clubroom on Wednesday 20 October.

John Fritze

HELPERS NEEDED

We would like to hear from any members who are willing to assist from time to time in the clubrooms on a Wednesday night eg 'meeting and greeting' visitors, helping on slide nights, cheese and wine nights or folding newsletters. It is not onerous and would assist the committee who already have many other duties to carry out.

This is one way of contributing back something to the club. For further information please contact Margaret Curry, President or Roger Wyatt, Membership Secretary.

I.C.E (MOBILE PHONE ID – "IN CASE OF EMERGENCY")

A system has evolved for the general public to use so that emergency services personnel can quickly identify anyone's next of kin. **I.C.E.** stands for "**In Case of Emergency**".

For those that carry mobile telephones enter I.C.E. into your mobile phone contact list and against this indicate the telephone number for the person anyone should contact in case of an emergency. You can list multiple contacts if necessary, eg I.C.E.1, I.C.E.2, I.C.E.3. Enter into your mobile telephone now. You never know when it may be needed.

EMERGENCY CHECKLIST - AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION BY LEADERS

Last month Mick Noonan advised that new Emergency Procedure Checklists had been finalized for use by leaders. These are a valuable resource as a quick prompt should any emergency occur while on a club activity. Leaders are asked to collect a copy when they are next in the clubrooms.

Noticeboard

MELBOURNE CUP WEEKEND

CANOEING TRIP DOWN THE LOWER GLENELG RIVER AND GORGE - SAT 30 OCT - TUES 2NOV

I am leading a 3 day canoeing trip down the Lower Glenelg, which is located west of Portland, on the SA border. Should you like to register your interest, please contact me on 9833-6012 or by email:

susanmaughanoz@hotmail.com.

NOTE-this is a gentle river so if you have no or little experience ,it's just right for you. Susan



MELBOURNE CUP WEEKEND

BAIRNSDALE TO LAKES ENTRANCE

Expressions of interest are invited for a Pack Carry Cup weekend from October 30 to November 2.

Looking for something different with a minor kilometre challenge but on a good track? Graded Medium.

This walk from Bairnsdale to Lakes Entrance via a Rail Trail and Mississippi Creek Trail passes through very pretty undulating country which is not seen from the highways.

Saturday morning. Train to Bairnsdale then a 15km walk to a bush camp along the trail.

Sunday. 26.5km. Lunch at Bruthen and collect water, then a steady 100m climb to a secluded bush camp.

Monday. 24.5km.to Lakes Entrance for dinner and camp.

Tuesday. Morning to explore The Entrance and historical area and look around town. Bus departs lunchtime for Bairnsdale and train arrives Southern Cross 4.26pm.

Maximum travel cost \$58 and maybe less for group discount or concessions. If applicable, one Seniors V/Line pass is satisfactory for all travel. If interested please contact me ASAP, as early booking may be required.

Contact Bob Oxlade. on 9887 8701.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST INVITED

EASY-EASY MEDIUM CHRISTMAS PACK CARRY - PORT DAVEY IN TASMANIA - DECEMBER 26 TO JANUARY 3

Boxing day fly to Hobart and then fly to Maleleuca. Then by boat to Bathurst Narrows where set up base camp. Spend eight days exploring the area. 3 January fly Meleuca - Hobart - Melbourne.

The intention is to spend the time enjoying the area and the views, rather than cover distance. Costs: 26th 0700 Jetstar Hobart-Melbourne \$79. Par Avion 0900 26th Hobart-Maleleuca \$380 return. Boat Maleuca - Narrows \$50. National Park Pass \$30. Fuel \$10 gas 230 gms, shellite & meths \$5 litre (Can't be taken on plane).3 January 1345 Hobart Melbourne \$119. Cost per person: \$668 plus food.

Seven seats reserved on Meleuca flight. Melbourne -Hobart to be booked now.

Contact Ian Langford on 03 9531 4929 or else lan_lang2002@yahoo.com.au

MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY!

On the Wine & Cheese Night shceduled for Wednesday 24 November **Les Southwell** will be presenting a slide show which will include these recent Club trips:

1. Cape Liptrap - Venus Bay.
2. The Grampians - Mt Stapylton.
3. The Bogong High Plains (Victorian Alps).

Please come and enjoy the show!

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – ROUTEBURN & GREENSTONES TRACKS NZ – FEB 2011

I intend to walk from 20 Feb – 24 Feb 2011 on these two classic New Zealand tracks. Accommodation is in track huts, which make early bookings essential, and to take advantage of reasonable flight prices. Members with prior pack carry experience should contact Roger on rwytt@caroma.com.au or 0418 544 715 to co ordinate arrangements

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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



BWV MEMBERSHIP CARD BENEFITS 2010-2011 For Affiliates, BSARV & Individual Members

Your current Bushwalking Victoria membership card enables you to obtain discounts from a number of mainly Melbourne based retailers of bushwalking equipment and services. Cards need to be presented **prior** to processing of sale.

Travel

Outdoor Travel, 5% on Outdoor Travel tours and all reservations made directly with the office at Bright. Check out the website or join the email newsletter list for tours and current deals www.outdoortravel.com.au. Tel: 1800 331 582. Email: info@outdoortravel.com.au.

Gear

RRP = Regular Retail Price – does not include sale or consignment items or hire gear
AJAY's Snow and Country Sports: Heathmont 10% off RRP
Bogong Equipment: Melbourne 10% off RRP

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Bogong High Plains Base Camp
26th Dec. 2010-3rd Jan. 2011
Easy to Easy-Medium

I will be leading a base camp to the Bogong High Plains at Christmas. We will be camping just below Wallace's Hut at the site of the old tennis courts which means there will be an approximately 700 hundred metres easy walk in to the camp site.

The majority of the walks will be easy with one or two easy-medium and medium walks thrown in. The High Plains over the summer period is a wonderful place to visit with alpine flowers and views in abundance.

This walk will suit everyone from the novice bushwalker who would like to try out camping without too much trouble of carrying a pack for days on end to the experienced bushwalker who would like to come.

So come along and enjoy either a few days or the whole week in an alpine environment

Contact Lance Mobbs on 0428 572 127 or e-mail mobbslance@msn.com and I will send out a map and info sheet.

Bushwackers Camping & Outdoors: Essendon – 5% off RRP

EMC, Eastern Mountain Centre: Deepdene 10% off RRP

Melbourne Map Centre: Malvern East 5% discount

The Wilderness Shop: Box Hill 10% off RRP

Outsports: Moorabbin 12% off RRP + 12% off gear hire

Paddy Pallin: Melbourne, Hawthorn & Ringwood – 10% off RRP

Pinnacle Outdoors: Melbourne – 10% off RRP

Snowgum – all stores – free first year Snowgum Club Membership card, value \$11, rebate voucher sent out in May on all things bought between 1st April and 31 March

Escape2: South Wharf DFO Shop TG30, 20 Convention Centre Place South Wharf – 20%

Please note:

The above is the current list and there are some changes to past years.

You can become a member of Anaconda, Columbia, Mountain Designs (Melbourne, Collingwood, Hawthorn and Geelong) and Ray's Outdoors free of charge to obtain discounts.

Noticeboard

GREAT OCEAN WALKING TRACK NOTES

Bimbi Park – a beautiful camping ground and caravan park at Cape Otway – is making available free walk notes for the Great Ocean Walking Track. Bimbi Park asks recipients not to pass the notes to others, but to tell other interested people how to get them.

Five track notes are available:

Day 1 Marengo to Blanket Bay
Day 2 Blanket Bay to Aire river
Day 3 Aire River to Joanna Beach
Day 4 Joanna Beach to Moonlight Head
Day 5 Moonlight Head to Glenamble Homestead

In return for these Bimbi Park asks users to consider staying with them (camping, caravan or cabins) and/or using the services they offer for walkers in the area.

These services include:

Shuttle service
Fully or partial catering (minimum guests apply)
Self guided or fully guided walks
Itinerary planning

The notes are detailed and have a standard format covering:

Getting there
A summary of each stage during the day
Detailed track notes
Aerial photo showing section covered, route, principal features

Visit their website www.bimbipark.com.au Tel (03) 5237 9246

NEW MBW MEMBERS

Peter Jenkins
Steven Venturin
Emma Goeman
Elizabeth Harris
Arron Laki
Hilary Jay
Adrian Baker
Deborah Bishop

Welcome to all!



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.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Continued from page 2

November

Wednesday 24 November

Wine and Cheese Night - Slide Night:

Les Southwell will be showing slides of recent Clubwalks.

1. Cape Liptrap - Venus Bay.
2. the Grampians - Mt Stapylton.
3. The Bogong High Plains (Victorian Alps).

Tuesday 30 November

Wednesday walkers lunch

On the balcony at the Paradise Hotel, 249 Belgrave Gembrook Rd - Clematis.

Take the Monash freeway, drop a left on to Wellington Road and the hotel is at the top of Wellington Road.

Views to die for!

December

Keep the evening of Tuesday, 7th December **free** as this is our Christmas Party. *New venue.... watch this space!!*

susanmaughanoz@hotmail.com 9754-7443

Noticeboard

BUSHWALKING VICTORIA ENVIRONMENT REPORT

Australian Alps Walking Track - Geoff Kelly has advised that Stronarchs Camp Track Clearing in October is unlikely to go ahead, due to DSE staff being unavailable

Grand Strzelecki Track - An exciting new track is being developed in the Strzelecki Ranges, the track is an 82 km network of tracks that will connect Tarra Bulga & Morwell national parks, the track comprises 16k of new track 39 km of tracks within plantations, 15km on existing tracks within national parks 8km on council land and the rest on DSE and Vic Roads managed land.

Great Dividing Trail - The mountain bike diversions at Mt Alexander, Creswick, Daylesford and Vaughan Springs are still being determined in liaison with Parks Victoria, councils and Vic Roads but will be completed by end March 2011, the project end-date. There will be a walker sign-off of the entire trail; the process for this is still to be determined.

Lerderberg Track: A section of this has many broken posts (vandalism and accidental damage). GDTA are considering a working bee – would need 20 to 30 people to complete the replacements in one day.

The O'Keefe Rail Trail, between Bendigo and Axedale, has received \$1.9M from the State Govt and \$1.3M

from the City of Greater Bendigo to be extended to Heathcote.

State Forests - DSE is about to embark on a four year project to upgrade some of their walking tracks , Bushwalking Victoria has been invited to have input into the process to identify the walking tracks to be upgraded. BV had a meeting to see how this can be progressed and negotiations are continuing.

Wilson's Prom NP - Prescribed burning is planned for a number of areas over the next three years; there may be times when the park has to be closed for short periods for this purpose. Petrol is no longer available at Tidal River, the nearest supply is at Yanakie.

The Tidal River store has been remodelled and may be leased in future, subject to conditions regarding opening hours, items to be stocked etc. Sparkes Lookout and Tongue Point tracks are due to re-open by November 2010. The track from Whisky Bay to Picnic Bay is being re-aligned and will not be open until Easter 2011. The plan for a re-aligned track around Johnny Souey Cove and a new camp at Lighthouse Point has been developed. Being in a wilderness area this new camp site will not have a toilet or a water source.

The walking track from Tidal River to Telegraph Saddle is in the current management plan but is not yet being funded.

Rod Novak

Club delegate BV Environment Committee

WILLIS'S WALKABOUTS

Bungle Bungles

It's on again. The road will be impassable and the park will be closed to the general public but we're flying into see this area at its spectacular best. We'll experience the magic of Purnululu in a way that few non-Aboriginal people have ever done.

We've done it before. We know the best shade, best shelter and the safest, most spectacular places to camp. No one else knows it better.

Visiting the Bungles the Wet is totally different to visiting in the Dry. **The land is green. Water is everywhere.** Save for the flights that drop you off and pick you up, you are unlikely to see a single helicopter.

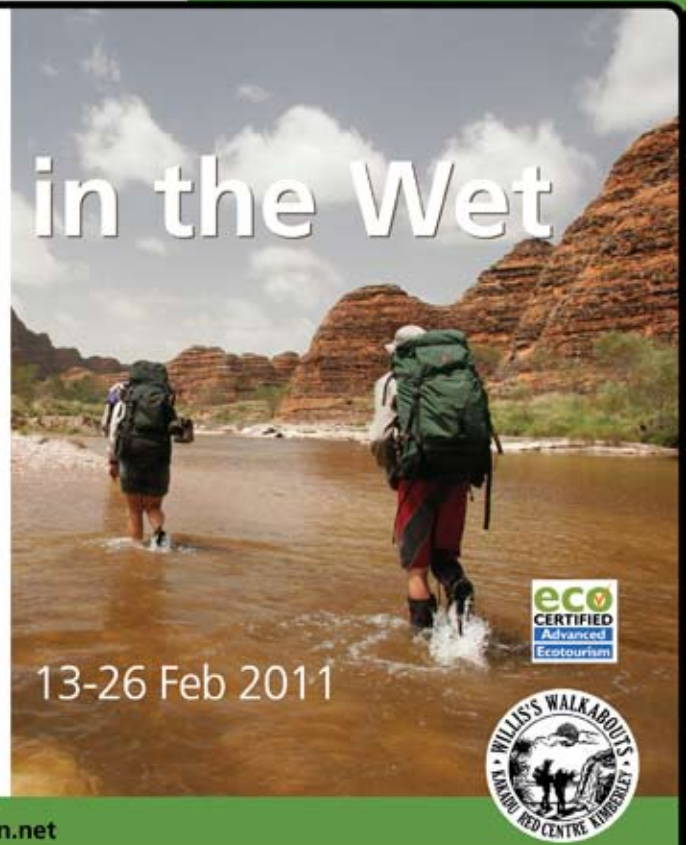
Want an independent opinion about what it's like? Several of those who did our previous Bungles in the Wet trips have offered to let interested people contact them. Ask us for details.

www.bushwalkingholidays.com.au

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in the Wet



13-26 Feb 2011



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



DANDENONG EXPLORER - SATURDAY WALK

OLINDA VALLEY

DATE Saturday 2 October
STANDARD Easy Medium
DISTANCE 12 km.
LEADER Debra Berner
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Olinda Valley
MAP REF 122 B9

Enjoy me for a wonderful walk amongst the trees, crimson rosellas, and lyre birds. Meet at Woolrich Look out, off Chalet Road at 10.15 am.

Easy walk through the RJ Hamer Arboretum, with some undulations which could be slippery if wet.

Strong footwear is recommended. Walk should finish about 330 pm when we will go to a local cafe for afternoon tea.

No need to book, just turn up.



PACK CARRY

VAUGHAN SPRINGS - HEPBURN SPRINGS.

DATE 15 - 17 October
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE 30 km
LEADER Ian Langford
TRANSPORT Car
AREA Daylesford
MAP REF To be advised

A pleasant walk through the goldfields forest and a lovely campsite by Tarilta Creek. Then through open country and along ravines to Hepburn Springs. Contact Ian Langford, .



PACK CARRY

JANGUNGAL AREA (SNOWY MOUNTAINS)

DATE 29 October – 2 November

STANDARD Medium (not suitable for beginners)
DISTANCE Approx. 12km per day
LEADER Alex Stirkul
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Jagungal Area (Snowy Mountains)
MAP REF Jagungal 1:25,000

Leaving Melbourne on Friday, returning Tuesday. This is the classic Jagungal walk.

Day 1: Round Mountain to Farm Ridge

Day 2: Farm Ridge to Jagungal Saddle or Tumut River (depending on weather)

Day 3: Side trip to Jagungal summit

Day 4: Return to Round Mountain via Round Mountain fire trail



PACK CARRY

BAIRNSDALE-BRUTHEN-LAKES ENTRANCE.

DATE 30 October – 2 November
STANDARD Medium
DISTANCE 66km in 3 days.
LEADER Bob Oxlade
TRANSPORT Train and Bus
AREA East Gippsland
MAP REF Rail Trails Brochures.

Looking for something different with a minor kilometre challenge but on a good track?. Graded Medium. This walk from Bairnsdale to Lakes Entrance via a Rail Trail and Mississippi Creek Trail passes through very pretty undulating country which is not seen from the highways. Saturday morning. Train to Bairnsdale then a 15km walk to a bush camp along the trail. Sunday. 26.5km. Lunch at Bruthen and collect water, then a steady 100m climb to a secluded bush camp. Monday. 24.5km.to Lakes Entrance for dinner and camp. Tuesday morning to explore The Entrance and historical area and look around town. Bus departs lunchtime for Bairnsdale and train arrives Southern Cross 4.26pm. Maximum travel cost \$58 and maybe less for group discount or concessions. If applicable, one Seniors V/Line pass is satisfactory for all travel. If interested please contact me ASAP as early booking may be required

Previews



3 DAY CANOEING TRIP

LOWER GLENELG RIVER

DATE	30 October – 2 November
STANDARD	Easy
DISTANCE	approx 14 km per day
LEADER	Susan
Maughan	
TRANSPORT	Private
Transport	
AREA	Lower Glenelg National Park
FIRE BAN DISTRICT	South Western
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE	West Coast

I'll be camping at Moleside on Friday night should you wish to come down a day early. We depart from Saunders Landing at midday on the Saturday. The first night is at George's Rest; on Sunday we are booked at Pattersons and on Monday at Bowds. There is an option on Monday to visit the Margaret Rose Caves (an hour's walk in each direction).

The campsites are exclusively for canoeists, the gorge is truly spectacular, the birdlife is abundant and the canoes are booked, SO – join me!

The park fee is \$3.60 per person per night. The canoe hire total is \$80 but will decrease if the numbers increase, plus \$32 per person for drop off and pick up by the canoe hirer (he is happy to transport you should you bring your own).

For further details please contact Susan



SUNDAY CAR POOL

BUNGAL STATE FOREST

DATE	Sunday 31 October
STANDARD	Medium
DISTANCE	15kms
LEADER	Halina Sarbinowski
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Ballan
MAP REF	Lal Lal and Yallock 1:25,000
TRANSPORT COSTS (per person)	\$18.00

Upstream of the confluence of Moorabool River West Branch and East Branch is the Bungal State Forest, a pocket of attractive forest. It is surrounded by undulating farmlands and bordered by Bungal Creek and Moorabool River East Branch. The streams have eroded relatively deep, creating small cliffs, rock pools, and steep interlocking spurs. The forest seems to be rarely visited by walkers. In spring thousands of orchids bloom.

Our walk will take the high route through open bushland with panoramic views along the valleys where lots of kangaroos abound.



TOFS

WILLA WILLA – MOUNT TANGLEFOOT

DATE	Thursday 4 November
STANDARD	Easy
DISTANCE	42km
LEADER	Alister Rowe
TRANSPORT	Private Transport

No information at time of publishing – please contact leader in newsroom close to the date



PACK CARRY

LITTLE DESERT NATIONAL PARK

DATE	5-7 November
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	42km
LEADER	Mick Noonan
TRANSPORT	Private Transport
AREA	Wimmera
FIRE BAN DISTRICT	North Western
(November to April only)	
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE	Horsham
(November to April only)	

Our trip starts near Dimboola about 300km from Melbourne on a section of the Desert Discovery Walk. The Little Edsert National pack is famous for its springtime wildflowers so hopefully after all the recent rains there should be a great show.

On Friday night we will camp on the banks of the Wimmera River at Horseshoe Bend, after a car shuffle early on Saturday we had for Yellow Gums Camp 21 km away (a walk in campsite with water and a shelter). Sunday we walk another 21km to Kiata Campground near Knill.

While 42 km is a far walk for a pack carry there are few hills of any kind on this undulating, just a bit of sandy track! If your new to pack carrying and fit then let me know so we can pre-check your gear.

Contact me closer to the walk for more information

Previews



BASE CAMP

MURRAY RIVER

DATE	5-7 November
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	TBA
LEADER	Bob Steel
TRANSPORT	Private Transport
AREA	Murray River

No information at time of publishing – please contact leader in newsroom close to the date



SUNDAY BUS

MT BRIDE-GROOM HILL-LA LA FALLS

DATE	Sunday 7 November
STANDARD	E/M & M
DISTANCE	14 km & 18 Km
LEADERS	Halina Sarbinowski & Mark Heath
TRANSPORT	Bus from Southbank at 08:45
AREA	Warburton
MAP REF	Gladysdale 1:2500

This walk meanders and explores the tranquil forests around Warburton. Expect a relaxing amble among shady fern lined tracks and perhaps hear the calls of the lyrebirds as we follow a loop track around Groom Hill. Both walks are on well formed tracks with predominately gentle slopes, except for one prolonged steep but stable descent as they descend to Four Mile Creek and La La Falls. The shorter of the two walks will take the hills at a slower pace. We then follow the back roads into the picturesque town of Warburton, with the magnificent Mt Donna Buang in the background. There will be time to enjoy an ice cold beer in good company, or perhaps a Devonshire tea before heading back to Melbourne.



WEDNESDAY WALK

BIRDSLAND RESERVE & LYSTERFIELD PARK

DATE	Wednesday 10 November
STANDARD	E/M
DISTANCE	16 km
LEADER	Ed Neff
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Lysterfield, SE Melbourne
MAP REF	Parks Victoria, Lysterfield Park & Churchill National Park.
	Melways 84C1 for start

We will meet at 10.00am, for a 10.15am start at the Birdsland Reserve car park. The entrance is off McNicol Road, just where it becomes Mt Morton Road.

This is a pleasant circuit walk, initially through Birdsland Reserve with a couple of hills but nothing serious or prolonged. We then cross Wellington Road into Lysterfield Park where on our return towards Wellington Road we will take in the Boys Farm Heritage walk. The Lysterfield Boys Farm was established in 1935 by the Rev. RG Nichols, known as Brother Bill, to train boys to become farm hands. It has a fascinating history. The farm had to be dismantled when the Lysterfield Reservoir was established in the mid 1940s and only a few relics remain.

The walk is all on well formed tracks. Eastern Grey Kangaroos and Black Wallabies are commonly seen in the park.

You can telephone me to book or for further information.

TRACK MAINTENANCE



BOGONG HIGH PLAINS

Date	12 - 14 November
Leader	Rod Novak
Location	North-east Victoria
Map	VicMap1: 50,000 Bogong High Plains
Expected return	9pm Sunday evening

A joint activity with the Friends of Bogong, Inc. We will be assisting Parks Victoria Rangers doing track and/or park maintenance on the Bogong High Plains. Need to bring gardening/work gloves and camping equipment for the weekend (base camp next to cars). Activities depend on the weather. More information and carpooling at Clubnight on Wednesday 10th November.

Previews



CYCLING BASE CAMP

DROUIN

DATE	13-14 November
STANDARD	Medium
DISTANCE	55 & 59km
LEADER	Jopie Bodegraven
AREA	West Gippsland
MAP REF	Vicroads Directory, RACV Maps, Warragul 1:100,000

What could be nicer than riding through the rolling green hills of West Gippsland in November. Cows mooing, birds singing. The only downside is a few uppish bits.

I've designed 2 lovely circuits, one of 55km (all sealed I think) with 660metres of ups, the other of 59km (including 4km unsealed) with 750m of ups. We will meet at the to be advised meeting place in or near Drouin at 9.00 am on Saturday morning ready to ride. After the ride we will go to our caravan park, set up camp and go to a local pub for a sumptuous dinner. Next day we pack up and do our second day ride before heading for home.

At the moment I have only previewed one ride and worked out the other one off the map. I will however work out the meeting point and caravan park and advise everyone well in advance. I will organise the tent campsites and there will be the option of booking a cabin or on-site van, although you would need to organise that part yourself.

So come along for fun and frolic on our deadly treadlies in green and hopefully sunny Gippsland.



SUNDAY CAR POOL

MOUNT CHARLIE – MOUNT MACEDON

DATE	Sunday 14 November
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	About 8 Kms
LEADER	Richard Hanson
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Mount Macedon

No information at time of publishing – please contact leader in newsroom close to the date



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CHURCHILL NATIONAL PARK

DATE	Monday 15 November
STANDARD	Easy
DISTANCE	About 8 Kms
LEADER	Pam Rosso
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Endeavour Hills/Dandenong North area
MAP REF	Melway Map 82

Meet at the first carpark in Churchill NP (Melway map 82 C9) about 10.15 am to start walking at 10.30. Enter Bergins Road off Stud Road at map 81 H4. NOTE: At the corner there is a service station AND a Drive-Thru coffee shop!. Bergins Road becomes Churchill Park Drive after a roundabout.

We will walk along various tracks in Churchill NP and go into Lysterfield Park to a highpoint for good views. The walk is in undulating terrain and some climbs are a bit steep but thankfully short. Lunch will be on the top if it is fine and calm but down amongst some trees if it is not.

We will return back into Churchill NP and on past a couple of old quarries and a pipeline, and so back to the carpark.

To book and for further information please contact me



BASE CAMP

HOWQUA RIVER

DATE	19 – 21 November
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	TBA
LEADER	Rogewr Wyett
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Mansfield

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Previews



SUNDAY BUS

BELLBIRD CREEK, TARAGO FOREST & RIVER

DATE	Sunday 21 November
STANDARD	Easy/Medium & Medium
DISTANCE	14 km & 18 km
LEADERS	Max Casley & Lesley Hale
TRANSPORT	Bus
AREA	West Gippsland, near Neerim
MAP REF	Neerim 1:25,000
FIRE BAN DISTRICT	Central
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE	Yarra Glen

This walk is in the Tarago Latrobe State Forest to the east of Melbourne just north of the Tarago Reservoir. We will start by walking up to the ridge from where there are views to the east over the farmlands around Neerim. The area is heavily forested with thick undergrowth and so we will follow roads and tracks through the forest, crossing Bellbird Creek and Tarago River. On the preview we waded across Tarago River because there was no bridge. However, this crossing was only about shin deep and occurs near the end of the walk – perhaps bring sandals or spare socks on the walk. Some of the tracks are slightly over grown but are very pleasant walking. Some short sections of road are covered with bluestone aggregate which is uncomfortable underfoot. We will do another preview and try to minimise this – nevertheless shoes or boots with sturdy soles will make these sections more comfortable.



SOCIAL WALK

MARIBYRNONG RIVER

DATE	Thursday 25 November
STANDARD	Easy
DISTANCE	6 km
LEADER	Jean Giese
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Maribyrnong
MAP REF	Melway 28 and 42

We'll walk downstream beside the river to enjoy the lakes, wetlands and Pipemakers Park then return to lunch at the Anglers Rest Tavern. There'll be a one kilometre walk back to the cars after lunch.

Meet at 10.30 am in Fairbairn Park car park Melway 28 D9. Book with Jean .



PACK CARRY: MT FEATHERTOP

BUNGALOW SPUR AND NORTH WEST SPUR

DATE	26-28 November 2010
STANDARDS	Medium
DISTANCE:	24km (approx.)
LEADER	Diane Woodcroft
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Alpine (Bungalow Spur - Feathertop – NW Spur)
MAP REF	Bogong Alpine Area Outdoor Leisure Map1:50000, Rooftop's Mt Feathertop – Hotham Forest Activities Map 1:30000 and Bogong High Plains – Vegetation Map & Guide to Alpine Flora Map 1:15,000

Climbing Mount Feathertop via Bungalow Spur (a less steep and more popular route than the NW Spur, yet still a demanding walk to the Summit), is one of the classic walks in Australia. This is the second highest mountain in Victoria and is often called the Queen of the Victorian Alps. In many ways it is the most elegant mountain in the state as it consists of a narrow high razorback ridge.

From the National Park's car park for Bungalow Spur (just outside of Harrietville), we start in a small, lush forest then continue through different levels of mixed forest, alpine ash, peppermint gum and snow gum. Our climb will be about 1300m with the summit being the steepest portion.

The 360 degree view from the top of Mt Feathertop is truly spectacular.

Saturday night, we will camp at Federation Hut—quite a good camp site.

Sunday we will break camp and head towards Harrietville via the NW Spur (1500m for a much less gentle return). This finishes at a trout farm where we will do a car shuffle.

Please note that the limit on this walk will be 12 (non-smokers please, in keeping with our club's healthy aims and the wishes of the majority of pack carry walkers of the club), and participation will be subject to an equipment and fitness review. If interested contact me or see me in clubrooms.

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SUNDAY CAR POOL

NEW: SUGARLOAF PEAK – CATHEDRAL RANGE

DATE	Sunday 28 November
STANDARD	Medium
DISTANCE	8km
LEADER	Ian Mair
TRANSPORT	Car Pool
AREA	Cathedral Range State Park
MAP REF	Rooftop's, Cathedral Range & Upper Goulburn Map NE
FIRE BAN DISTRICT	NE
(November to April only)	
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE	se
(November to April only)	
TRANSPORT COSTS (per person)	\$21

The walk along The Razorback in the Cathedral Range State Park north-east of Melbourne, taking in The Farmyard and Sugarloaf Peak, has been a regular feature of Base Camp and Pack Carry trips alike. With breathtaking views in all directions it is a popular inclusion. This spectacular walk has, however, been beyond the reach of Sunday Bus walks due to load limit restrictions on a key approach road. No such limit affects the Sunday Car Pool and the trip has been included in the Sunday Walks program for the first time.

The walking route is well marked and has only recently been re-opened since bushfires swept through most of the Cathedral Range. Our planned circuit, starting and ending at Jawbone Carpark, is a deceptively short 8km, however, with a total vertical climb of around 500m and a route that is as challenging as it is awe inspiring, the need for both leg and upper body fitness is recommended for maximum walking pleasure. With frequent rock scrambling and, at times, sharp drops off to the side, The Razorback section is well named and should only be attempted by those sure of their footing and not deterred by heights. The rewards, though, for those ready to take on something a bit more demanding make this one of the best day walks within ready reach of Melbourne. (In the event of rain the



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LONG BEACH TRAIL

DATE	Thursday 2 December
STANDARD	Easy
DISTANCE	10 km
LEADER(S)	Ron Evans
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Mordialloc - Carrum
MAP REF	Melways Maps 92, 97

This is an easy flat 10km walk from Mordialloc creek to Patterson River along the Long Beach Trail. The trail travels along the Mordialloc creek for a short distance before it runs along the side of the creek's

flood plain before joining up with the Edithvale wetlands, and then to the Patterson River. When we get to the river, there is a 2km walk along its banks before we cross over it back to the Boat Ramp car park.

The trail passes by the Rosedale Golf Course, The Chelsea Golf Course and the Patterson River Golf and Country Club. During the preview I spotted feeding galahs and water birds including two black swans with 5 cygnets but there was plenty of water around at the end of August. I am hoping to organize a brief tour of the wetlands as part of the walk if possible.

We will meet at 10.30am, at the Patterson River Boat Ramp, Launching Way, Melways 97 E7, parking near the Parks Victoria Office. We will need to do a car shuffle to Attenborough Park, Mordialloc, opposite Doyles Hotel, Melways 92 F2 where we will start the walk.

Call Ron to book or for more details.



MOFS

MAROONDAH DAM/DONNELLY'S WEIR

DATE	Monday 20 December
STANDARD	Easy
DISTANCE	10-11 Km
LEADER	Rosemary Cotter
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Healesville
MAP REF	Melway 270 K10

Meet in the grounds of the Maroondah Reservoir Park in the vicinity of the kiosk. We will start out across the dam wall and inspect the water level before following tracks to a hill top for lunch. There are a couple of steeper hills which we will take at a steady pace to suit everyone.

When I originally wrote the preview for Feb 2009 (the walk was cancelled) I stated that 'much of the day will be spent in dappled shade with the areas adjacent to Donnellys and Sawpit Weirs being under pines (gloriously cool and quiet). However, note that there are parts of the walk in open sunshine.' I have yet to re-preview the current state of the vegetation as areas surrounding the weir were burnt out. At the time of writing (27 Sept), Donnelly's Weir area is closed due to the impact of storm/flood damage.

Meet at 10.15am adjacent to the cars, ready for a 10.30am start. Return should be by 3-3.30pm. Contact the leader closer to the time for an update on conditions.

