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THE NEWS OF THE Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.

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JULY 2011

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Winter has definitely arrived. Please ensure you carry a raincoat, gloves, woollen beanie and warm clothing such as thermals. It is recommended to have a change of clothing in the bus or car if rain is forecast.

A reminder regarding the First Aid training the Club has organized for members, (particularly leaders) on Saturday 6th August, 2011. This course is suitable for those wishing to gain a First Aid Certificate and also for those who need to renew their skills in the area of CPR. Refer separate article for detailed information.

Following the recent issue of the Club's Code of Conduct, the Committee has now approved

amendments to our Club By-Laws which are available for viewing under 'Downloads' on our website. Clause 6 has been completely re-written. The only other changes are minor, e.g. Clause 10 (g) and 10 (h) and Clause 13 (2) and 13 (3).

Federation Day for this year is Sunday 23rd October, with walks being held on the Mornington Peninsula. This is a great way to meet up with bushwalkers from the many bushwalking clubs in Victoria, and you are encouraged to participate on the day. Full details are in this month's NEWS, page 5.

Happy Walking!

MARGARET CURRY



Fourth Wednesday of the month, and Social Secretary Susan has the wine and cheese ready too.

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, et cetera 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 the 2nd last Wednesday of the month. So for August News, the closing date is 20 July.

Only advertisements that directly relate to bushwalking (e.g. gear, maps, trips, tours etc.) can be accepted. For current advertising rates please contact the editor at news@mbw.org.au.

Please note:
Next committee meeting will take place on
MONDAY 1 AUGUST

SOCIAL COLUMN

JULY

WEDNESDAY 20 JULY

Lunch at the Replete Providore Cafe, 302 Barkers Road, Hawthorn 3122, at 12 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY 27 JULY

Ian Langford will present a slideshow of the beaches and fiords of South-West Tasmania, when a party of seven went there on a club trip last Christmas. The moving base camp took in Cox's Bight and Bathurst Narrows.

Starting at 8 p.m.

This is also the wine and cheese night.

AUGUST

WEDNESDAY 24 AUGUST

A presentation by Roger Wyett of a recent club trip to New Zealand.

Slides of the Grand Traverse, and more!

See the magnificent mountains and flowing rivers of the The Rees & Dart Valleys.

Plus – The Dart Glacier

– Cascade Saddle

– The Routeburn & Greenstone Valleys.

Starting at 8 p.m.

This is also the wine and cheese night.

SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

Restaurant night. I've not yet decided on a venue. Would you like to suggest somewhere?

MEMBERSHIP

We welcome the following new members to the Club:

Heidi Macklin
Judith Connor
Annemarie Mulder
Michaul Porter
Ruth Whittingham
Jacqui Watt
Robert Morris

Robert Kingston
Meg Morris
Sam Harlan
Anstasia Tubert
Wendy Soon
Jeanne Klovdahl

REGENT HONEYEATER PROJECT

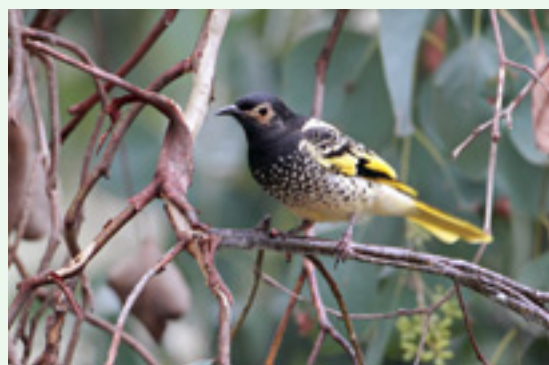
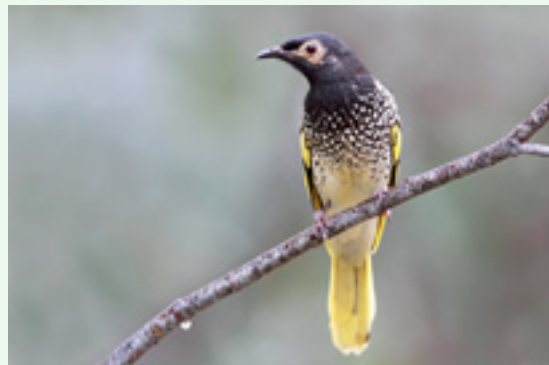
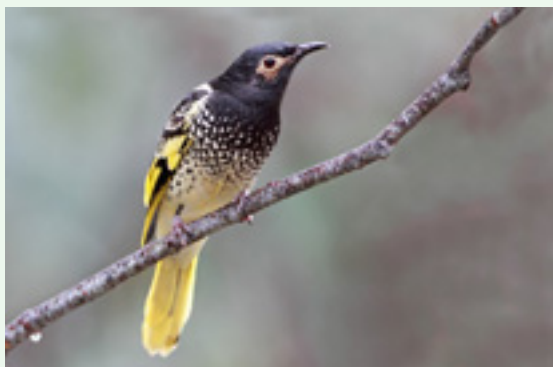
Dear friends and family,

I've just heard the wonderful news of two further Regent Honeyeater sightings in the Lurg Hills where I've been working for almost the past 17 years.

The good rain last summer has produced an amazing quantity of flowers on the Ironbark trees this year, and that has attracted hordes of honeyeaters!! So it was really just a matter of time before someone spotted a Regent. The earliest sighting was during Easter, in a large bush area where the bird stayed for a week to feed on the Ironbark flowers.

So there are surely others out there in the hills, no doubt hiding from the more aggressive honeyeaters.

And that's where our long-term work to create denser habitat is really important, by giving these beautiful shy little birds the protection they need to get a fair share of the honey.



I hope you enjoy the pictures. These birds are so elegant!!

Photos courtesy of Chris Tzaros

Best wishes from Ray Thomas

NATURE REVEALED

Have YOU visited the von Guerard exhibition at the NGV (Fed Square)?

If not then it is well worth considering going along as there are all these paintings of places that we know so well from our bush walks and camping trips. I was immediately struck by the paintings of the Grampians which look the same today.

In fact von Guerard's attention to detail was such that his paintings have been used to assist conservationists/environmentalists in re-vegetating areas of Victoria, notably Tower Hill. His painting of this area was completed in 1855.

The exhibition runs until 7 August 2011 – treat yourself and go see!

Rosemary Cotter

WALKSAFE ...!!!

Bushwalking Victoria (BWV) have a great *Walksafe* booklet covering best practices for safe and responsible walking that everyone should read.

For the novice you can learn a lot, while the experienced walker may be reminded of a few things they have forgotten!

It covers many aspects of walking, including: planning the route, clothing, and food; bushcraft; camping; incidents; becoming separated; extreme heat and cold; snakebite; storms, fire and flood; etc.

The glossy version is free from BWV, it is also in the Club Library, and the pdf is at:

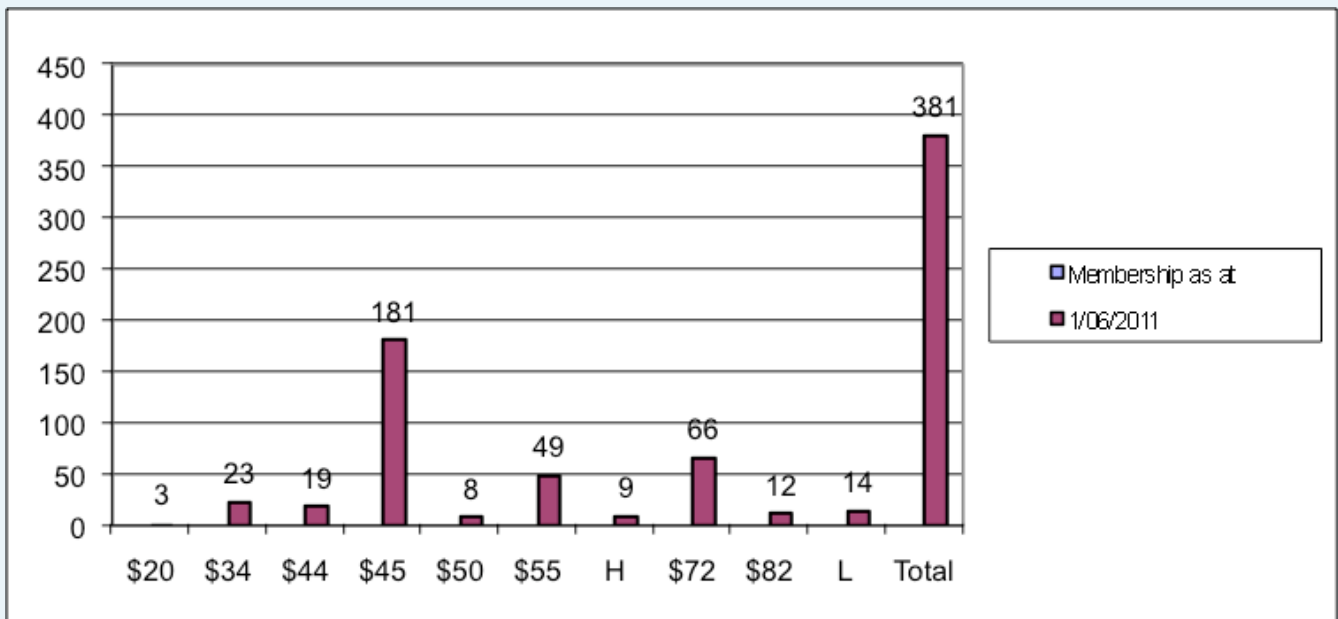
<http://www.bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/brochures.htm>

Mick Noonan

MEMBERSHIP, *THE NEWS* AND OTHER INTERESTING STATISTICS!

Typically each year we have some 20% or approx 100 members who do not continue their membership. This year the decline was only 74, some 16%.

The graph below details our membership as at 1 June 2011:



The majority of us now receive the Newsletter via email (which is in colour, and is not restricted in size as is the Aust Post version). While I understand that 21% of us wish to continue to receive the News as a hard copy, the annual cost per hard copy is \$20.73.

Thanks to all those members who have renewed their membership promptly and forwarded in the Acknowledgement of Risk form. However some 28% of members did not renew until after 30 April, some two months past the due date. While we are a volunteer club, and you are unlikely to be disconnected, (like you would with your electricity supplier) I should point out that:

1. Non financial members are NOT covered by the Bushwalking Victoria insurance.
2. Even if you did pay, but failed to return the Acknowledgement of Risks form, potentially you may not be covered in the event of an accident as, like all insurance, it is at the discretion of the insurer to accept any claim, and we know they all like to not pay out claims!
3. Late payment delays finalising mailing labels, and results in additional time of fellow members in distributing *The News*.

Some other clubs actually charge a late fee in relation to overdue membership, much the same as the commercial reality of companies such as Telstra who charge overdue fees.

I would like to thank the members who assist in getting *The News* out on time, from the compilation through to the folding and postage, and request those tardy members to PAY ON TIME, so time is not wasted on unrequired tasks and follow up.

Regards
Roger Wyatt, Membership Secretary

FEDERATION DAY WALK 2011 MORNINGTON PENINSULA – SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER

This year Federation Day is being hosted by the Peninsula Bushwalking Club and the Catholic Walking Club of Victoria on Sunday 23rd October

The clubs have organised 22 walks throughout the Mornington Peninsula, with a wide variety of coastal and bushland tracks with gradings ranging from easy to medium/hard. Please ask Halina or myself about the walk gradings as clubs do vary in ascertaining the walk. All registrants will receive a Walks Booklet as a reminder of their walk and as a reference guide for future trips in the area. The hosts have been kind enough to provide afternoon tea after walkers return. Please take your own mug for afternoon tea and also some spare cash to pay the driver.

The registration fee is \$20 per participant and monies are to be paid to the Club Coordinator, which is Michael Murray. If paying by cheque please make it out to the Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc. Participants are invited to check the Catholic Bushwalking Club

website (info@catholicwalkingclub.vic.org.au) under Federation Day to see the list of walks available. The usual practice is that participants make their selections 1, 2, 3 and 4, with the first being the most preferred. This is a case of first in best dressed.

Those club members who are interested please take note of the following dates

1st August: Registration opens

23rd September: Close of Registration

In regard to transport, there will be no bus. This day will be a car pool, or those people interested can drive directly to Rosebud Memorial Hall and the Village Green (Melways 158 C12). Parking is available on Village Green next to the Memorial Hall.

*Michael Murray
Federation Day Club Coordinator*

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



TASMANIA'S PINE VALLEY – WALKING HOLIDAY AN EXTENDED TRIP – MELBOURNE CUP WEEKEND (28 OCT–2 NOV 2011).

Situated north-west of Lake St Clair and conspicuous from many points along the Overland Track, this jumbled region of mountains, plateaus and valleys is usually referred to as Pine Valley.

During the walk we visit Lake St Clair, Acropolis, Labyrinth and Lake Elysia. Subject to time and group will, we may visit Gould Plateau and Lake Marion as well. After completion of the walk we may stay one night at Lake St Clair and back to Hobart next day to fly back to Melbourne. A very brief itinerary is:

- Fly Melbourne to Hobart on 28 October, stay overnight in Hobart.
- Drive Saturday 29 October from Hobart to Lake St Clair (3 Hours).

- Walk will be completed on Tuesday, 1 November; afternoon at Lake St Clair.
- Stay Tuesday night at Lake St Clair.
- Drive back to Hobart on Wednesday 2 November and catch afternoon flight to Melbourne.

Total walking and travelling days are 5 full days (Friday 28 October not included).

Estimated overall trip cost is around \$650, depending on when flight ticket is booked. This walk offers excellent views and experience in the most famous valley and lake in Tasmania, and therefore is recommended.

If interested contact me, Agajan Akbari.

AUSTRALIAN WALKING TRACK GRADING SYSTEM

Under the new Australian Walking Track Grading System, walking trails are graded on a difficulty scale from grades one to five. The aim of the new system is to encourage people who are not regular or confident bushwalkers to get out there and give it a go. It is specifically designed to reassure entry-level walkers, particularly the disabled or people walking with children, that a particular track is suitable for their skill level.

- Grade One is suitable for the disabled with assistance.
- Grade Two is suitable for families with young children.
- Grade Three is recommended for people with some bushwalking experience.

- Grade Four is recommended for experienced bushwalkers.
- Grade Five is recommended for very experienced bushwalkers.

DSE is currently re-grading its state forest walking track network, consistent with the new grading system. They expect that the re-grading and re-signing of the track network, as well as the updating of its internet content and Forests Note information sheets will take five or more years. Over the next four years, they will focus on their more highly used and accessible tracks and expect to have the first 100 walking tracks re-signed with updated brochures by the end of 2014.

Margaret Curry

CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

It's green again and I'm going

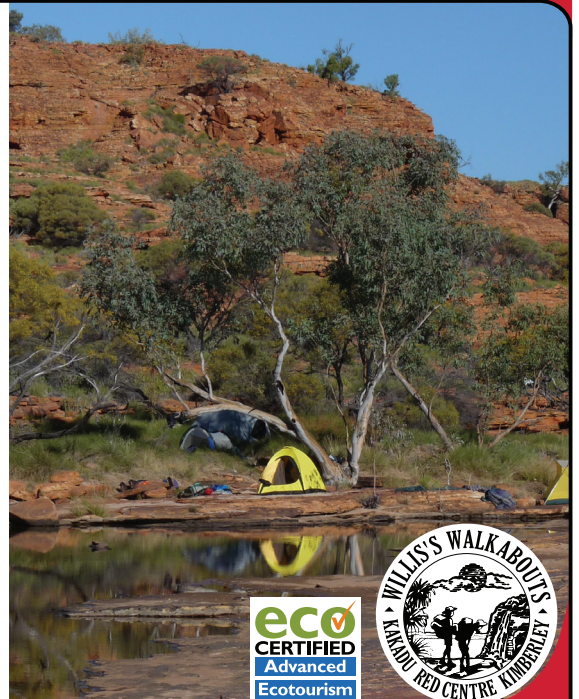
The amazing rains of 2010 have continued into 2011 making this another great year to visit the Centre. Waterholes are full and wildflowers are spectacular. It's too much for me to resist.

In Watarrka , we'll do a ten-day walk through deep gorges and across red dunes. We enjoy spectacular cliff-top views and camp near lovely, secluded waterholes we have to ourselves. We'll cross Finke Gorge NP via one of the most scenic 4WD tracks in Australia, stopping to do some of the best day and multi-day walks the park has to offer.

Want more? We'll give you a free ride between Darwin and Alice Springs which you can do at your own pace, stopping to enjoy the many sights along the way. Everyone who did my Green Centre trips last year agreed that they were truly special.

Join me in September and see for yourself.

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FIRST AID TRAINING / CPR UPDATE TRAINING



Melbourne Bushwalkers is providing members (and particularly encouraging leaders) the opportunity to attend First Aid Training. This course is suitable for those wishing to gain a First Aid Certificate and also for those who need to renew their skills, particularly in the area of Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

The course provides participants with the skills and knowledge required to recognise and respond to life threatening emergencies using basic life support measures only. It includes:

- performing CPR
- care of the unconscious casualty
- infection control
- asthma, choking, heart attack
- bleeding, shock, allergic reaction
- burns, eye injuries
- extremes of heat and cold
- bites and stings
- lifting techniques
- bandaging procedures

This is a Level 1 'Outdoor Special' entitled 'Provide Basic Emergency Life Support'. Assessment will be by 'demonstration of practical skills and summary evaluation questions'. A Statement of Attainment will be issued upon successful completion. It is a nationally recognized course and it should be updated every 3 years, with the CPR unit being updated every 12 months.

The course will be held on Saturday 6th August at Suite 1, 47 Railway Road, Blackburn, Tel: 9894 1013. The full course will run from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm with the CPR update running from 8:30 am to approximately 11:30 am. Cost to members will be \$20 per person for the full course/\$10 per person for CPR update, as Bushwalking Victoria and also Melbourne Bushwalkers will subsidise the training. We require a minimum of 10 members for the Level 1 course to be held. Bookings essential and payment of monies should be made to the computer desk in the clubrooms on a Wednesday night or to Alan Case (Treasurer) by Friday, 29th July.

Margaret Curry



William Cone and Vicki Scrivenger would like to announce the birth of a daughter on 6 May 2011. Catherine Jeanette Cone is a baby sister for their son, James (who turns 7 years old in September). Mother and baby are well.



Cliffs around the southern tip of Cape Woolamai.
Photo taken by Sarah White on Sunday 29 May
on a Club walk from San Remo to Cape Woolamai.

JIVING WITH GHOSTS IN THE WOMBAT FOREST – JUBILEE LAKE TO SIMMONS REEF 7–8 MAY 2011

Leader: Agajan Akbari



As most of the people of Melbourne were sleepily opening their eyes to Saturday, five intrepid Melbourne Bushwalkers were greeting each other on a chilly Autumn morning in Blackwood. After parking one car at Simmons Reef nearby, we drove along unsealed roads to the place where we would be camping that night to hide water and some other necessary liquids for survival in the bush. Then we drove on to Daylesford for a quick dose of caffeine before shouldering our packs at Jubilee Lake to start the walk.

It was perfect weather for walking: cool, still and cloudy with a hint of sun now and then. We hiked along peaceful bush tracks following the Great Dividing Trail markers that made navigation easy, excepting the odd occasion when we reached an intersection with no marker. Alongside the trail we saw evidence of past gold mining activities, as well as a variety of colourful fungi that kept Leila's big camera clicking.

Richard's GPS was telling us that we had travelled about 20 kilometres when we reached the stone chimneys of Balt camp (all that remains of a refugee work camp established after World War II) at about 4:00 pm. This gave us ample time to erect our tents and collect firewood. Nobody had brought paper to start the fire, but our leader Agajan had thoughtfully given all participants a copy of the map, and Richard decided to sacrifice his for the greater warmth of all. With the aid of dead eucalyptus leaves and twigs, we soon had a

campfire blazing, and we gathered around to cook dinner and to imbibe the liquids we had retrieved from the bush as darkness closed around us.

In such a warm and convivial atmosphere, it wasn't long before Leila found music to suit the occasion on her iPhone, and Aron was encouraged to display his talent for Modern Jive. Leila then demonstrated Persian dancing, Richard showed us some yoga postures, and finally Agajan led us in Kurdish dancing in the light cast by the fire and our head torches. The ghosts of the Baltic workers were well entertained that night.

The next day we continued along the moist forest tracks under mountain ash and blackwood trees, dampened only a little by occasional drizzle. Walking through verdant vegetation beside the Lerderderg River we saw evidence of recent storms with some large trees lying across the path. These offered no real impediment to such experienced walkers, however, and we were surprised to find a sign at our journey's end proclaiming that the walking track that we had just completed was closed due to storm damage.

Back at Simmons Reef, the Garden of St Erth café beckoned us into the warmth just in time as the rain started in earnest. Thanks to Agajan for organising another enjoyable walk, and thanks to Richard, Leila and Aron for their company.



Deb Shand

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



SUNDAY BUS

BUNGAL DAM – MT DORAN

DATE Sunday 31 July
STANDARD Easy and Easy-Medium
LEADERS Les Southwell and David Laing
TRANSPORT Bus

With all the recent rain, the Lal Lal Falls are a magnificent sight (they were painted By Eugene von Guerard in the 19th century). So this year we are including the Falls in the walk, and omitting the Mt Doran section. The falls on the Moorabool river cut right through the solid basalt plateau to form a deep valley, and we will also visit the upper falls on the headwaters of the Moorabool River.

After that we will visit the old (19th century) iron smelter site, and several nearby iron-ore mines, and of course some gold diggings.

We then descend to the rain forests of the lower Moorabool River valley, then climb Champion Hill to see more 19th-century mines. We return through open eucalypt forest on the plateau, where there are also some fine stands of xanthorrhoeas (grass-trees).

There is some climbing and descending to the river valley involved, but the rest of the walk is on the (nearly) level plateau. It could be muddy and slippery in places, so bring appropriate walking shoes.



TOFS WALK

PLENTY GORGE

DATE Thursday 4 August
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE 10 km
LEADER Peter Green
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Plenty Valley
MAP REF Melway 10 F 8

Meet at the Yellow Gum Recreation Area in the Plenty Gorge Park at 10:30. This park is awaiting development so some of the tracks are a bit rough and some cross country walking is necessary. Points of interest include an old quarry, old gold mines, an old well and views of the Plenty River. There are toilets near the start of the walk.



SUNDAY WALK

NEW: JUMPING CREEK TO THE HINTERLAND

DATE Sunday 7 August
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE 12 km
LEADER(S) Mark Heath
TRANSPORT Car – Southbank Blvd, 8:45 am
AREA Melbourne
MAP REF Melways 24 A11

This walk combines a pleasant stroll through the bush along the Yarra River with an exploration of the old gold mining area behind Warrandyte. The wattle will be in glorious bloom and there may be native orchids to be discovered while being chorused by bell birds.

The Fourth Hill area has old mine workings, including a pudding wheel, and is where gold was officially first found in Victoria.

There should be time for afternoon tea in Warrandyte.

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

Estimated petrol cost \$10.



WEDNESDAY WALK

PHILLIP ISLAND (MIDWEEK GETAWAY)

DATE Wednesday 10 August
STANDARD Easy/Medium
DISTANCE 8 km
LEADER Susan Maughan
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Phillip Island
MAP REF Melway 532

Phillip Island hasn't been on the Wednesday Walks programme in a while, so I have decided to do the classic coastal walk, Cape Woolamai. This circular trail includes the highest point on the Island and passes through its largest muttonbird rookery. We won't see any, as they will be in Alaska, via Japan, returning in September. We, though, will have the option of visiting the Oswin Roberts Koala Reserve after our walk, adding another 5 km to the day.

Too far to drive in one day? Come down on Tuesday (9th) and stay at Netherwood House, Penguin Avenue, Ventnor. Bring a plate to share. After the walk we will have a second night there, but will pop out for a pub meal. Cost: approximately \$66.00 for the two nights.

Contact Susan Maughan for further details. Note: Don't delay, numbers are limited.



CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

BOGONG HIGH PLAINS

DATE	13–20 August 2011
STANDARD	Varied
DISTANCE	24 km with pack then varied
LEADER	Doug Pocock
TRANSPORT	Private
MAP	1:50 000 Bogong Alpine Area

This will be a week of off track skiing. Some experience necessary, especially carrying a pack on skis. Details have been given in earlier copies of *News*.



SUNDAY BUS

BOSTOCK RESERVOIR

DATE	Sunday 14 August
STANDARD	Easy and Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	15 km / 17 km
LEADER(S)	Allan Martin & Phillip Geschke
TRANSPORT	Bus
MAP REF	Clever Hill 1.25,000

With its majestic waters (possible home to the mythical bunyip monster?) which we will amble around, its pine plantations (possible home to elves and fairies?) which we will trek through, and rugged Australian bush (which we will possibly get lost in, but hopefully not if our compass works), this is a really lovely walk.

The first half of this walk takes us around the shore of Bostock reservoir, through the pine plantations. After lunch both groups will follow a rugged creek bed and along a pipeline that offers lovely views across the valley. Koalas reputedly live in the surrounding forests and were seen in past walks along this route, but like the bunyip and fairies, we did not see any on the preview – hopefully on the day they will all be out in force to greet us.

Come along and join the fun – you will enjoy this walk



MOFS WALK

MORDIALLOC WETLANDS AND BRAESIDE PARK

DATE	Monday 15 August
STANDARD	Easy
DISTANCE	10 km
LEADER	Alister Rowe
TRANSPORT	Private, or train to Mordialloc
MAP REF	Melway 92, 93, 88

Meet at 10:30 am in the car park off Governor Road (Melway 92 G2). We will walk along the Mordialloc Creek to Waterways (Melway 93) and across Governor Road to Braeside Park for lunch. On the return journey we'll have afternoon tea at a nice little cafe in Waterways (Melway 93 E3). We may not return to the car park until 3 pm.



CYCLING

CAULFIELD TO JELLS PARK TO FERNTREE GULLY

DATE	Saturday 20th August 2011
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	65 km
LEADER	Ed Neff
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Eastern Suburbs
MAP REF	Melway Maps 68 – 74, 64, 63, 61, 60.

We will meet at Caulfield station, Northern entrance (Sir John Monash Drive), at 9:30 am. The ride will follow Scotchman's Creek Trail to Jells Park where we can enjoy a well earned morning coffee. We then pick up the Ferny Creek Trail to Upper Ferntree Gully, connect with Blind Creek Trail which takes us back to the Shepherds Bush end of Jells Park. Some back streets lead us to Glen Waverley where the Station Trail leads us back to Holmesglen and then back to Caulfield.

We will maintain an easy pace so come and enjoy this interesting ride which follows some of Melbourne's best bike trails. Bring your lunch, a repair kit with spare tube and a water bottle.



TREE PLANTING

REGENT HONEYEATER PROJECT

DATE	20 and 21 August 2011
LEADER	Rod Novak
GRADE:	Fun and Easy
LOCATION:	North east Victoria
EXPECTED RETURN TIME:	Sunday evening 8 pm

We travel up to the Lurg Hills (near Winton/Glenrowan) very early on the Saturday morning (before 7 am). We then spend the day digging holes and planting seedlings.

You need to bring your own lunch for the Saturday. We have a supplied yummy dinner on the Saturday evening and a bush dance.

On the Sunday we go back to digging holes and planting seedlings and work until a late lunch. We finish off with a supplied BBQ as a thank you from the organisers. A short nature walk can be arranged after Sunday lunch.

Morning and afternoon tea supplied on both days. Accommodation is on a mattress at the Scout Hall (free) or you can go more upmarket (own cost) with a cabin at the caravan park or a motel!! Sunday breakfast at the Bakery (own cost).

Lots of fun with a great mob of like-minded people in a lovely rural area of north-east Victoria. Bring gardening gloves and strong boots, a change of clothes, warm clothes for chilly evenings and sleeping bag and pillow if staying in the scout hall. Be prepared for sunny weather or freezing cold, rain or sunshine.

Early bookings please as I need to confirm numbers for catering arrangements.



SUNDAY WALK

EAST WALK – LERDERDERG GORGE

DATE	Sunday 21 August 2011
STANDARD	Medium
DISTANCE	14 km
LEADER	Del Franks
TRANSPORT	Car Pool – Leaving Southbank Blvd at 8:45 am
AREA	Lerderderg Gorge
MAP REF	See Park Notes from Parks Victoria

The trail starts at O'Brien's Crossing on the east bank of the river and heads down stream. The trail is initially very close to the river and the results of occasional flooding, especially in the last year, can be seen along the way. The walk along the river eventually follows an old water race that in places has collapsed or disappeared. The water race, numerous rock walls and earth excavations are all remnants of the area's gold mining past.

After passing a pleasant open camping area at Camp Mine, the trail leaves the river, turning inland through open stringybark forest.

The second part of the walk to complete the circuit is on a mixture of walking tracks and 4wd track. We will turn off onto the Cowan Track, then onto O'Briens Road. Then onto a track called Short Cut Track and back to O'Brien's Crossing.

This walk is a most enjoyable excursion, but due to some flooding damage requires some agility. Also at this time we do not consider this walk as being suitable if there is a lot of rain, so depending on the weather it may be changed to another location on the day.

Meet at 10.30 am in Main Street, Blackburn near where the road crosses the creek (Melway 47 K11).



SATURDAY WALK

OLINDA AREA

Date	Saturday 27 August
Standard	Easy/Medium
Leader	Maureen Hurley
Transport	Private

For details of this walk please contact the leader.



SNOWSHOE WALK

MT BAW BAW NATIONAL PARK

Date:	Saturday 27 August
Leaders:	Ralph Blake and Kerry Norris

Participants need to be fit and well-prepared for the snow conditions with warm gear. No prior snowshoe experience is necessary. We can assist with hire of snowshoes and poles.

A magical and exhilarating day in a snowy wonderland is guaranteed!



THURSDAY SOCIAL WALK

FURNESS PARK/BLACKBURN PARK

DATE	Thursday 25 August
STANDARD	Easy
DISTANCE	5 km
LEADER	Jean Giese
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Bundoora/Macleod
MAP REF	Melway 47

Much work has been done in restoring this section of Gardiner's Creek and we will enjoy old trees and new plantings as we walk. Lunch at the 'Jacaranda Tree' in Blackburn Road.



SUNDAY BUS

NEW: MORNINGTON TO THE BRIARS

DATE	Sunday 28 August
STANDARD	Easy and Easy/Medium
LEADERS:	John Fritze and Ron Hampton

For details of this walk please contact the leaders.

CANOE TRIP – ADVANCE NOTICE

A 4 day canoe trip along the lovely lower Glenelg River is being planned for Cup Day weekend 2011.

To maximise the enjoyment and minimise the hassles we will be using the services of a local canoe hire service. They provide a bunkhouse for the first night, all gear and transport us back to our cars at the end. The cost is around \$135 per person. Camping places along the river will also be reserved for us and they are free.

This is flat water canoeing, but the distances are up to 18 km on a couple of the days so it is graded easy-medium. Participation will be limited to twenty people and we need to firm up our canoe booking with money some months ahead. If you are interested in coming along please contact the leaders, Ken MacMahon or Janette Kodaih.

