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THE NEWS OF THE Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Melbourne Bushwalkers (Incorporated) will be held on Wednesday, 20 February, 2013, 8:00 pm at The Clubrooms, Royal Historical Society of Victoria, Corner of A'Beckett and William Streets, Melbourne.

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

Business:

Apologies
Confirmation of minutes from the 2012 Annual General Meeting
President's report
Treasurer's report
Determination of the annual subscription fee for 2013
Walks Secretaries' reports
Election of Office Bearers and Committee members
Appointment of Auditors
Conferral of Honorary Memberships
Award of Spoons
General Business

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



Wine and cheese will be provided.

The meeting will be followed by one of the first viewings of the archive photos being collected by Ian Mair and Derrick Brown.



March 1949 – Federation weekend – Stonyford Creek



August 1965 – Dinner table at Wilky

Due date for contributions to February News: Wednesday 23 January

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:

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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 February News, the closing date is 23 January.

Advertisements should relate to bushwalking (e.g. gear, maps, trips, tours, health and fitness etc.). These may be published subject to space availability and Editor's discretion. For current advertising rates contact the Editor at news@mbw.org.au.

Please note:
Next committee meeting will take place on
Monday 4 February 2013

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE NEEDED FOR A CLUB ACTIVITY TO GO AHEAD?

Our By-Laws state that for safety reasons the minimum Party Size is 4 on private transport Club activities. This is to allow for someone to stay with an injured person while 2 people go for help. If there are less than 4 people then the Club activity is cancelled.

In some circumstances, e.g. a low risk activity with experienced people, the people left may decide to go anyway; however this is no longer a Club activity and our Club Insurance would not apply.

The current trend is for people to book late so an Activity with insufficient numbers may get enough participants at the last minute. However the leader may need to cancel it a number of days before the start if there are insufficient numbers, so if you are interested in an activity let the leader know early!

Mick Noonan



At the Christmas party, President Mick Noonan about to present leaders' prizes. Photo by Ian Mair.

FOR CLUB CYCLING ENTHUSIASTS

Ivanhoe Cycles, 72 Bell St, Heidelberg Heights (www.ivanhoecycles.com.au/) have some great specials and are offering MBW members 10% discount upon showing member card. Worth checking out. If enough bikies are interested, they might look at doing a club night like the Wilderness night at Box Hill.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The New Year has come around again quickly. For some it's business as usual, while for others there will be big changes in their lives or in their environment. People walk for various reasons including exercise, enjoying the natural environment or escaping from the pressures of modern society. Whatever your reasons for walking and belonging to a bushwalking club I hope that the Melbourne Bushies will provide you with plenty of opportunities to enjoy walking with friendly, like-minded people in 2013.

At the December Committee Meeting we decided not to recommend any membership fee increase to the AGM, confirmed who would be staying on the Committee for 2013, and reviewed a number of Incident Reports to see what we could learn. During January there will be no social activities – they will recommence in February. The Annual General Meeting will be on Wednesday 20th February – see the advert on the front page.

The Christmas Party was a great success with around 90 people attending. The winners of the Leaders \$50 Prizes were Geoff Mattingley, Andrew Francis and Deb Shand. There were over 100 names in the draw, with Jean Giese having the most tickets (she led 12 activities). Ian Mair led 10 including pack carries, cycling, Sunday bus and car pool walks, Wednesday walks, and base camps. Halina Sarbinowski also led 10. Thirty-four people led one activity and lots of others led several walks.

As advised last month, for 2013 we need to fill the position of Treasurer and at least one General Committee position – see the News advert. So far we have one person prepared to nominate for a General Committee position.

Some things to consider for safe and enjoyable walking this summer:

- Taking plenty of water, a good sun hat, a few treats, and wear long gaiters for protection
- Carry your Green Health Card in your pack
- Take an AM Radio with you when leading activities so in case of a fire you can check its status with the Emergency Radio Station – if you don't have one, borrow one from the Club.

One of the major activities I would like the Committee to focus on in 2013 will be to describe what we want our Club to be like in 3–5 years' time. It's easy to focus on the day-to-day and month-to-month demands of running the club, but we should also try to shape our future. The Committee will work with the members to answer questions such as:

- Are you happy with things as they are?
- What are your ideas for improving the operation of our Club?
- What would you like our Club to be known for?
- What would you like to see more of, less of – e.g. harder walks, more base camps, more/less social activities, introduce ...
- When a visitor comes to the Bushies what impressions would you like them to get?
- Should we charge a higher fee and provide more benefits/activities?
- Should the Committee be structured differently?
- Should we advocate for more huts and shelters in parks?
- Should we aim to have more members?
- What do you think our Future Directions should be?

There will be plenty of opportunities to contribute and have your say. More in future issues of the News.

Mick Noonan

TREASURER NEEDED!

If you have bookkeeping or accounting experience and are 'computer literate',
might be interested, or know someone who might be interested
in helping your Club fill this important role
then please let me know

Mick Noonan 0429700686, mili.locobigpond.com.

ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS – DECEMBER 2012

Good for the Earth, good for the soul

Being a newcomer to this role, I have a lot to learn and big shoes to fill. Rod Novak has been doing such a great job for many years, but I will endeavour to pass on environmental news and hope that many of you will consider getting involved in track clearing or conservation work parties from time to time. As bushwalkers we often notice how well or how poorly a track has been built or maintained, we see the spread of weeds, and we hear of threats to the environment such as logging or mountain cattle grazing. Our amazing planet is under constant attack from human activity, but it is good to know that we can take positive action to right the balance as well as getting out in the bush with like-minded people. Conservation activities are satisfying and fun too – so come and give it a go!

I am compiling an e-list of people who might be interested in these activities. That way, if events arise at short notice, I can let you know by email. You don't need to commit to anything, it's just a way of keeping informed. Drop me a line at deb.shand@bigpond.com if you'd like me to add your name to the list.

Upcoming event: Willow weeding on the Bogong High Plains 25-27 January

Two nights free accommodation in a lodge at Falls Creek and Saturday night BBQ provided, courtesy of Parks Victoria, and organized by Bushwalking Victoria. Presently this weekend is fully booked and there is a standby list.

VNPA News: Baillieu takes axe to Red Gum parks

In another backwards step, the Baillieu Government will re-introduce logging into the Barmah National Park on the Murray River using the guise of 'ecological thinning' trials. More information and ways to take action at vnpa.org.au

Tasmania's Forests

A historic agreement to protect forests including the Styx, Weld, Tarkine and Blue Tier has been reached between environmental groups and the logging industry. Hopefully this will pass through Tasmania's Parliament.

Track notes

Grampians: Flood recovery works are continuing. These areas are now open: Venus Baths, Bullaces Glen, Golton Gorge Picnic area, Heatherlie Quarry, Major Mitchell Plateau, The Fortress and Mt Thackeray. Work continues on the Grampians Peak Trail.

Wilson's Prom: Work continues on tracks in the Southern part of the Prom. The track to Tin Mine Cove in the Northern Prom has recently re-opened.

Otways: The Surf Coast walk now runs 44 km from Point Impossible (East of Torquay) to Fairhaven. Sections can be done as day walks.

Alpine Huts

Parks staff and volunteers have been working to maintain huts, including Daveys Hut, Pedens Hut, Mackays Hut, Wallaces Hut, Westons Hut and Frys Hut.



Regent Honeyeater News

Ray Thomas and volunteers have had another successful year. Overall tallies include:

- 77.5 ha of habitat restored/protected
- 15.2 km of fencing built
- 27 sites planted
- 20 sites direct seeded
- 36,347 seedlings planted

It's tremendous what willing hands can achieve!

Deb Shand

A MORNINGTON PENINSULA RIDE

Date: Saturday, 10 November 2012 • Distance: 50 km • Weather: Fine 20°C, light SW wind
Route: Hastings, Balnarring, Somers, Jack's Beach, Hastings

Twelve cyclists – four ladies, eight gents – met at Pelican Park, Hastings. All were ready to get under way and to see what this neck of the woods had to offer. Ross, as usual had ridden 60 km from his home to the start. Lynda had us on our way out of Hastings and into the hills of the Mornington Peninsula which for the greater part is hilly. It was a lovely day for a ride and the country we traversed was fresh with new spring growth. We had a few kilometres on quiet tree lined gravel roads which took us past farm land, vineyards and Devil's Bend Reserve.

From Foxey's Hangout we were on a bitumen road which gradually climbed to the highest point on the ride at 150 metres above sea level. We then descended at speed to 115 metres. The next move was to drop all gears for a steep and slow climb to Fentons Hall at 140 metres, where we were glad to have a drink and to rest a while. It was then on to Balnarring, a lovely place to relax and partake of the goodies on offer. The route from here was on an excellent cycle path to Somers where we had our lunch on the beach looking out to Philip Island and the Nobbies. The Somers Yacht Club members were very helpful in guiding us through their property to the beach.

From Somers, the route to Jack's Beach is mainly on excellent cycle paths. The section along Sandy Point Road is very attractive as it winds its way amongst the She Oaks. The path then follows the western side of the naval depot, then the northern boundary to Morradoo. Lynda led us to Jack's Beach for views across the bay to French and Sandstone Islands with the Strzelecki ranges in the distance. From Jack's Beach the path for the most part is on board walks across mud flats and mangroves, a unique section of the trip.

Thanks to Lynda for putting this ride together and for her leadership. A thank you also goes to Phil for being our whip. It was a lovely and interesting ride. The people who participated were Lynda Larkin (leader), Ross Berner, Bob Oxlade, Paul and Val Beers, Catherine Cardinet, Melanie Williams, Ralph Blake, Max Casley, Phil Brown and myself –

Art Terry.

Willis's Walkabouts

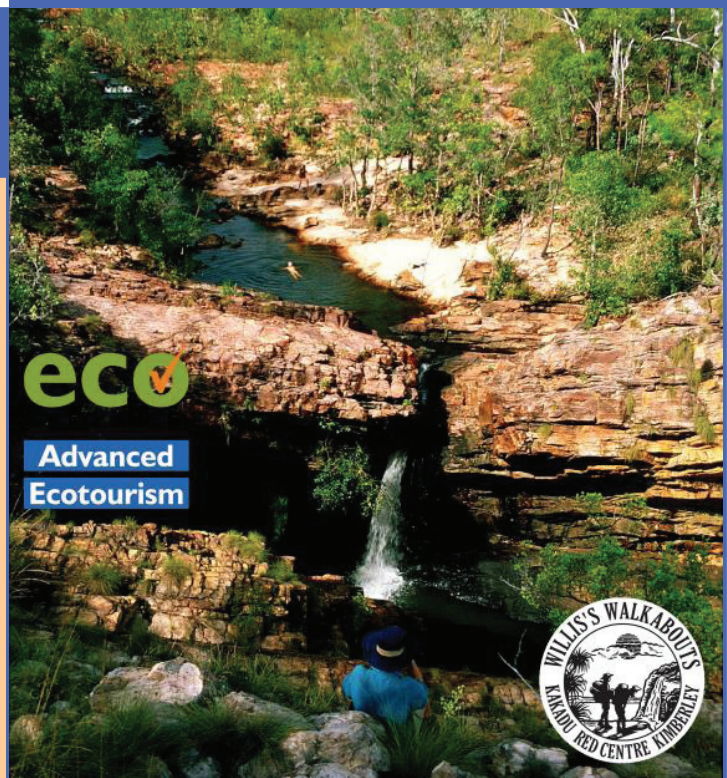
Russell's Light Wet Special 10-24 February 2013

The Top End wet season is **spectacular** and, more importantly, **enjoyable**. This is, in many ways, **my favourite time of year**. This trip is a combination of some of the short wet season walks that I most enjoy doing myself.

I enjoy them all so much that **I'll run the trip for as few as two people at no extra charge**. I've designed it to allow participants plenty of time to acclimatise as we work our way from day walks up to longer overnights.

If you have ever wondered what our wet season is really like, you owe it to yourself to have a look at our trip notes.

Russell Willis



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BIKE RIDE, PAKENHAM TO LILYDALE

This ride may seem a bit tame to the non cyclist but when you go by Korumburra, Foster, Tarra Valley, Lake Narracan, Taronga falls and Lilydale over six days it becomes a little more serious.

Nine adventurers met at Pakenham Station on Saturday morning to commence the first stage of the ride. Jopie had arranged for his car to be the support vehicle for camping gear etc. We took turns to drive ahead and ride back to the following riders. The terrain was fairly easy early on, with a steady climb to our lunch at Athlone. The afternoon saw us riding through dairy country, up and down rolling hills, which were extremely green and lush. As one rider commented, we could have been in England or Ireland. We reached our first camp at Korumburra, a very well maintained caravan park in a rural setting. After setting up tents etc. we had a pleasant stroll to the local hotel for dinner.

The following morning we were greeted with brilliant sunshine, our spirits were high and so was the hill from the park to our trail. We stopped at Leongatha for coffee. By that time the weather had taken a bad turn, the sky was suddenly threatening and the wind grew in strength – a cold south westerly. Again the countryside was very picturesque dairy country. As you passed the various dairies the evocative smell made you ride faster. Our lunchtime target was Dumbalk, a small township. After lunch we headed towards Dollar (the signpost said Dollar 10. Ross quipped GST must have been added). The road turned to gravel with a few challenging climbs and we had to contend with rain and strong winds. After a long steady downhill we reached Foster and our camp for the night.

The third morning was clear, although the wind was fairly strong and cold. Ross left the party here to head home via Morwell. The plan was to have morning coffee at Toora, approximately 16 kms. Monday morning Toora looked like a ghost town. Everything was closed; however as we approached the main road a little diner was opened and we stopped for coffee. (Our support vehicle driver, who was me, failed to notice it as I turned into Main Street.) After checking we were heading the right way (signage was poor in some places), the peloton headed towards Bingiwarri for lunch, encountering several kilometres of gravel road with a steady climb and downhill to the lunch stop at the local cricket ground. Following lunch we set off to our camp at Tarra Valley. The afternoon's ride was into a very strong headwind; however we all managed to maintain a good pace. We turned left onto the Tarra Valley Road and pedalled along the very scenic Tarra river as it bubbled along, passing stands of tree ferns and towering escarpments to our campsite.

The fourth day was intimidating – a very steep climb up the Tarra Valley Road to Grand Ridge Road. There was great anticipation as to who was going to drive the support vehicle to Balook. Jopie was very diplomatic, Bob drove the first 4 km to Info Centre, with Jenny joining him for the final 12 k's to the Balook Guest house, our coffee break. The owner, herself a keen rider and bushwalker, gave us some valuable info, including a shortcut to Traralgon (this was a safer route as there were many log trucks operating in the area) which was mainly downhill to Taralagon South. After a short climb we came upon the downhill 6 kms of steep sweeping curves and boy was it fast. Phillip's computer clocked 75 km per hour. Some members took it a bit more discreetly. We lunched and restocked our packs at Traralgon and headed to Lake Narracan for the night. Jopie managed to convince the park manager to let us pitch our tents on the lawn overlooking the lake which was great viewing. This was the mystery camp as no one knew anything about it. However it turned out to be one of the better ones. Another member (Ed) left us to head back to Melbourne by train.

In the morning Graeme and Adrienne left to go back to Melbourne, leaving a party of 5 to continue to Taronga Falls. The topography changed as we headed into the hills. Towering gums on both sides of the road as we steadily climbed upwards, stopping at Willow Grove for a morning break at the Hills End Willow Grove reserve. We continued along through the forest, keeping a wary eye out for log trucks which were becoming more prevalent. Bob our Sag driver stopped at Icy Creek for lunch – well named. After lunch Bob and Jenny drove the Sag Vehicle to Taronga Falls. it was a smart decision on their part as there was a long steep climb to the top of the ridge. However we were rewarded with a very steep downhill section from the Vesper turnoff to Taronga Falls Road. This time Phillip surpassed his previous effort by recording a speed of 81 km per hour. Upon reaching the Falls campsite we explored both Taronga and Amphitheatre falls before preparing dinner.

Around 7:30 next morning we headed off towards Noojee through forests on an undulating road. Although the sun was shining it was very cold as we rode through the Yarra Ranges, stopping at the Ada Tree turnoff for morning tea. The log truck menace was always present as we rode into Powelltown then on to Yarra Junction for lunch. The Warburton to Lilydale rail trail was our last section of the ride. It was a stark contrast to the hills and forest encountered earlier in the day – a smooth flat surface at least until the steady climb to Mt. Evelyn. We reached Lilydale station around 2:00 pm. and our adventure was complete.

Summing up, the ride had everything: challenging gut busting climbs, thrilling downhill runs, beautiful scenery and excellent company. Many thanks to Jopie who could not have planned the trip better. Thanks to my fellow bikers – Jopie, Jenny, Ross, Ed, Phillip, Bob, Graeme and Adrienne for their great company.

Ray Spooner

BUNGALOW SPUR – RAZORBACK – BON ACCORD SPUR

DECEMBER 8-9, 2012

Our group of nine assembled in Harrietteville at 8 am on a warm sunny morning for this classic 22 km walk. We started up the Bungalow Spur on a well-graded track which ascends about 1200 m over 9 km, initially through lush fern gullies and alpine ash forest, giving way to snow gums higher up. We met a couple of intrepid school groups with their even more intrepid teachers, all bounding with enthusiasm and clearly delighted to be out of the classroom and in this wonderful place. We made a leisurely ascent, with several stops to admire the views, replenish calories and inspect the old Bungalow Hut site. The hut was destroyed in the 1939 fires and never rebuilt.

After Bungalow Hut we were in snow gum country and more exposed to the sun and the track is rockier. The final 2 km up the spur was a hot climb and it was good to stop for lunch and a breather at Federation Hut at the beginning of the Razorback ridge.

There are only two sources of water in the Federation Hut vicinity. One is near Bungalow hut, on a side track which leads 200 m to a creek. The closer one is about 15 minutes from Federation Hut, down a track which branches off the path to Mt Feathertop. Federation Hut itself had no water in its tanks when we were there. We had warning of this via a sign at the start of the Bungalow Spur but those approaching Federation Hut from the Razorback side did not, and luckily we were able to tell some other groups where they could stock up on water before making camp at the hut.

After lunch we headed out along the Razorback, leaving our packs to make a side trip up Mt Feathertop (1922 m), a steep climb rewarded by magnificent 360-degree views of Mt Bogong, the Bogong High Plains, Mt Hotham and Mt Buffalo. Then after a couple more hours of walking we made camp at a spot identified by our leader on a previous trip, in a sheltered saddle between the Twin Knobs, with superb views back towards Feathertop and Mt Buffalo to the west.

After a warm night we had a taste of alpine weather the next morning, with intermittent hail and fog and a biting easterly gale which brought home the need for care when attempting this narrow exposed ridge in bad weather. After a quick breakfast in our tents we donned pack covers and every layer of clothing and set as brisk a pace as we could while trying to avoid being blown sideways by freezing gusts of wind. After a couple



Campsite on the Razorback



A more sombre side of the Razorback: ascending the Big Dipper in a gale

of hours we got to the Big Dipper, a steep climb to a track junction where we turned off the Razorback and headed down the Bon Accord Spur.

The weather lightened almost immediately as we started down the spur, and got quite warm on the way down. After a relentless knee-challenging 6 km descent we were glad to stop for lunch and a soothing foot-bath in a creek at the bottom, and then a pleasant undulating 5 km stroll back to Harrietteville, reaching the cars by mid-afternoon. Though some had hopes of ice cream there was none to be found in Harrietteville, so we stopped instead in Benalla for a counter tea. Many thanks to our leader Ian and fellow walkers Halina, Bob, Max, Sue, Claire, Diane and Mark for a memorable weekend on what has to be one of the most beautiful and dramatic walks in the high country.

by Judith Shaw

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.mbw.org.au/mbw_activities/MBW_activities_program.php

**CUT OFF TIME FOR SUNDAY BUS ONLINE BOOKINGS
 4:00 PM THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE WALK.**

Bookings notified to busbookings@mbw.org.au after the cut off time will not be processed and a credit will be issued.

Payment to the leader of the full bus fee and late fee of \$5.00 will have to be made on the day if your booking has not been confirmed prior to the walk.



SUNDAY BUS

MT ST LEONARDS – MAROONDAH RESERVOIR

DATE Sunday 3 February 2013
STANDARD Easy/Medium and Medium
LEADERS John Fritze and Carol Ward
TRANSPORT Bus – Leaving Southbank Blvd at 8:45 am
FIRE BAN DISTRICT Central
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE Yarra Glen

For details of this walk please contact the leaders.



TOFS WALK

CLIFF TOP WALK – SORRENTO TO PORTSEA

DATE Thursday 7 February 2013
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE 9 km
ELEVATION Flat
LEADER Alistair Rowe
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Mornington Peninsula
MAP REF Melway maps 156 and 157
FIRE BAN DISTRICT Central
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE Port Phillip

Meet at 10.30 am. Park in Hotham Street, Sorrento outside the Sorrento Historical Park. Hotham Street is to the right off Point Nepean Road (Melway reference 157 B7).

We will walk to Portsea and back. A very scenic walk to do both ways. It is a little shorter than usual due to the distance to travel and the possibility of a hot day. The walk will be cancelled if the forecast for Sorrento is over 33°C.



SUNDAY CAR POOL

RAWSON, HOTEL CREEK, ERICA CIRCUIT

DATE Sunday 10 February 2013
STANDARD Medium
DISTANCE 18 km
ELEVATION 200 m
LEADER Michael Noonan
TRANSPORT Car – Leaving Southbank Blvd at 8:45 am
AREA Rawson, Erica

MAP REF Walhalla South 8122-2-S, 1:25,000
FIRE BAN DISTRICT West Gippsland
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE Latrobe Valley
TRANSPORT COSTS (PER PERSON) Approx \$30

Come and see the beautiful forests and vistas of West Gippsland! This is a new walk for the Club and is based on a walk from the Walhalla Federation Weekend in 2004.

We start walking from Rawson along lovely tracks, gullies, creeks and an old railway line to Erica. Then back to Rawson with excellent views of the farmland and forest around the western edge of Erica, and Hotel Creek which lends its name to the walk title.

This area has fantastic native forest walking along gullies and fern lined creeks, and also has open country for those panoramic views.

We get to see a waterfall (no guarantees on the amount of water!), what's left of Muries Mill, and the old timber town of Erica with its general store/café and old pub.

The walk is graded at the lower end of medium primarily based on distance to be covered, the walking pace on the day (we are 2 hours from Melbourne), combined with an elevation gain of about 200 m in a steady climb (there are also a few smaller climbs!).

Look forward to seeing you there!





WEDNESDAY WALK

MOUNT MACEDON

DATE Wednesday 13 February 2013
STANDARD Easy/Medium
LEADER Max Casley
TRANSPORT Private
FIRE BAN DISTRICT North Central
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE Bendigo

For details of this walk please contact the leader.



BASE CAMP

AIREYS INLET

DATE 15–17 February 2013
STANDARD Easy/Medium
LEADER Del Franks
TRANSPORT Private
FIRE BAN DISTRICT Central
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE Geelong

For details of this walk please contact the leader.



CYCLING

KOROROIT CREEK – HILLSIDE TO SEASIDE 2

DATE Saturday 16 February 2013
STANDARD Easy/Medium
DISTANCE 60 km
LEADER Ross Berner
TRANSPORT Train to Water Gardens (Sydenham) station
RETURN TIME About 4:30 pm (Seaholme or Altona Station)
AREA Kororoit Creek
MAP REFERENCE Melway maps 13, 3, 354, 356, 358, 25, 26, 40, 54, 55 and 56
FIRE BAN DISTRICT Central
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE Melbourne

By popular demand it's back again! We will tackle the Hillside to Sea Side, with quite a few changes of route, and a surprise or two.

The meeting place for ride is the west side of Water Gardens (Sydenham) Station (Melway 13 E1) at 9:15 am. This is on the Sunbury (formerly Sydenham) Line.

The aim of this ride is to follow the Kororoit Creek from where it first enters Melbourne suburbs to the sea. Unlike many of the creeks in northern and eastern suburbs, the Kororoit Creek does not have a fully linked bike trail along its length. To do the ride we will connect together small sections of trail.

If you are travelling by train, you will need to take Sydenham line train departing from Flinders St at 8:39 am. (A Myki ticket is needed for travel to Sydenham.)

From Water Gardens we will travel by side roads and paths to the suburb of Hillside. Here we follow the Sugargum Reserve trail south. This trail follows a tributary of Kororoit Creek, which it joins in Caroline Springs.

We will follow Kororoit Creek reasonably closely, with a few side tracks. There is one section where we may follow a rough dirt track. We will be dictated by the weather, and if the conditions are wet, we will retreat to nearby roads.

Some sections we will have to use roads. These will be mostly quiet back streets.

The finish point is Seaholme Station.

Note: Being February, there is a risk of hot weather on the day. If the predicted Temperature exceeds 38°C at Tullamarine for the day then the ride will be cancelled. If the predicted Temperature exceeds 30°C at Tullamarine then I will be doing a reduced route (this may include taking the train to a different starting point). Please either have a valid train ticket to cover you for the day or money to buy one. If you drive to the start of ride, you will need to take the train back to Sydenham.



SUNDAY BUS

PHANTOM FALLS – THE CANYON – SHEOAK FALLS

DATE Sunday 17 February 2013
STANDARDS Easy and Easy/Medium
DISTANCES 12 km and 15 km
LEADERS Richard Hanson and Richard Long
TRANSPORT Bus – Leaving Southbank Blvd at 8:45 am
AREA Great Otway National Park, Lorne
MAP REF VICMAP Outdoor Leisure Series: The Otways and Shipwreck Coast
FIRE BAN DISTRICT South Western
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE Colac

NOTE: WALK WILL BE CANCELLED IF EXTREME HEAT

Breathtaking views, waterfalls (with lots of water), rainforest gullies, wet forest, dry forest, ups and downs – we get it all.

Starting from Teddy's Lookout or Allenvale CP, both groups will follow the Saint George River to Phantom Falls, and continue through The Canyon to Sheoak Picnic Area. After lunch we climb the ridge to Castle Rock and descend to Sheoak Falls near the coast. There are blackberries beside some sections of the track so long sleeves and pants will protect from scratches; and boots will help if the track is muddy after rain.



MOFS WALK

WATTLE PARK – GARDINERS CREEK

DATE Monday 18 February 2013
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE 10 km
ELEVATION Small hills
LEADER Alister Rowe/Jean Giese
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Burwood
MAP REF Melway 60 and 61
FIRE BAN DISTRICT Central
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE Melbourne

Alister and Jean are sharing responsibility for this walk, Jean doing the bookings etc. and Alister leading most of the walk.

We will begin by walking around Wattle Park, which is well worth a visit, and then make our way to Gardiners Creek. The delightful parkland between Station Street and Highbury Road will be explored, returning to our cars by a slightly different route.

Meet in the golfcourse carpark (Mel 60 J3) before 10.30 (accessible also from the 70 tram in Riversdale Road).

If the weather forecast is for 30° or more, the walk will be cancelled.

 **SUNDAY CAR POOL**

STUDLEY PARK – MERRI CREEK – FAIRFIELD PARK

DATE Sunday 24 February 2013
STANDARD Easy/Medium
LEADER Diane Woodcroft
TRANSPORT Car
FIRE BAN DISTRICT Central
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE Melbourne

For details of this walk please contact the leader.



SOCIAL WALK

RIVER WALK – HAWTHORN TO KEW

DATE Thursday 28 February 2013
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE 5 km
ELEVATION Some steps
LEADER Jean Giese
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Hawthorn, Abbotsford, Kew
MAP REF Melway 2H
FIRE BAN DISTRICT Central
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE Melbourne

Summer is the time to be walking in the shade beside the Yarra. There is a foot track on the east side from Burwood Road to Barkers Road which we will take before crossing to the west and following the river upstream.

Lunch will be in a café overlooking the river, but if anyone would rather bring their own, there is a river reserve just outside.

Meet by 10:30 in the carpark in Yarra Bank Reserve (Melway 2H H6) – enter from Denham Street. Also accessible from Bridge Road and Church Street trams.

If the weather forecast is for 30° or over, the walk will be cancelled.



ADVANCE NOTICE

BASE CAMP: 'KINGLAKE REDISCOVERY'

LEADERS Paul and Val Beers
DATES Labour Day Weekend March 9, 10, 11
CAMP LOCATION 144 Kestrel Lane, Kinglake West
RATING Easy – Easy/Medium
MAPS: Kinglake National Park Map (parkweb.vic.gov.au), 1:50,000
 Glenburn 7923-S, Yarra Glen 7922-N

This will be a fairly easy 3-day Base Camp but will re-introduce some of the club's past Sunday Bus walk favorites which have been closed since the 2009 bushfires – particularly Mason's Falls and Jehosopht Gully area.

Saturday March 9 at 10 am
 Sugarloaf Lookout and Mason's Falls
 Distance approx 13–14 km

Meet at 9 am, 144 Kestrel Lane, Kinglake West. Car pool to Blackwood Picnic area car park (not lower car park at Mason's Falls) at the end of National Park Road, Pheasant Creek. Circuit walk takes in Mt Sugarloaf lookout, then across to Running Creek Track. Lunch mid-track. Finish walk via Lyrebird Circuit – Boundary Track and return to cars. Return to 144 Kestrel Lane and set up camp. NOTE: Bring food/drinks for BBQ Sat night. Refrigerator for same will be available to store.

Sunday March 10 at 9 am
 Mt. Jerusalem circuit
 Distance approx 13–14 km

9 am car pool and drive east to Kinglake township – go through Kinglake township and turn right at roundabout – go approx 2.5 km down Heidelberg-Kinglake Road to start of Old Kinglake Road parking area. Clockwise circuit walk via Cookson Track then Mt Jerusalem Track down to Steele's Creek Picnic Ground for lunch. Return via Old Kinglake Road to cars.

Casual dinner at 6:30 pm Royal Mail Hotel Whittlesea or optionally cook your own at tents.

Monday March 11 at 10 am
 Wombelano Circuit
 Distance approx 11 km

After packing up tents and gear, drive east to Kinglake township, left at K/L Hotel then 8.2 km along Glenburn-Eucalyptus Road, turn left at Captains Creek Road, over bridge 300 m and right into Burgan Road, go to end and park. Circuit walk follows Burgan Track, Perimeter Track, Candlebark Track and return to cars. Optional return to Flying Tarts Bakery for coffee then return Melbourne, etc.

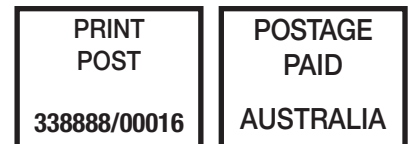
Camping Notes

Contact Paul Beers for info/bookings. No limitation on numbers but as we are on tank water and small septic system, a small fee (+/- \$5) may apply to hire a portaloos if numbers require. Showers may also be available again depending on numbers. This Base Camp subject to cancellation if Total Fire Ban is in place.

Bus transport meets at Southbank Boulevard, south side of the Arts Centre, before 8:45 am. Leader or deputy will be there rain, hail or shine!

February 2013					
Sun 3	Mt St Leonards – Maroondah Reservoir	Bus	E/M & M	CN:yg	John Fritze and Carol Ward
Thu 7	TOF: Cliff Top Walk – Sorrento–Portsea	Pvt	Easy	CN:fr	Alistair Rowe
Sun 10	Rawson, Hotel Creek, Erica Circuit	Car	Medium	WG:lv	Mick Noonan
Wed 13	Mount Macedon	Pvt	E/M	NC:be	Max Casley
15–17	Base Camp: Aireys Inlet	Pvt	E/M	CN:ge	Del Franks
Sat 16	Cycling: Kororoit Creek – Hillside to Sea 2	Pvt	Med	CN:me	Ross Berner
Sun 17	Phantom Falls – The Canyon – Sheoak Falls	Bus	E & E/M	CN:ge	Richard Hanson and Richard Long
Mon 18	MOF: Wattle Park – Gardiners Creek	Pvt	Easy	CN:me	Alister Rowe/Jean Giese
Sun 24	Studley Park – Merri Creek – Fairfield Park	Car	E/M	CN:me	Diane Woodcroft
Thu 28	SOC: River Walk – Hawthorn–Kew	Car	Easy	CN:me	Jean Giese

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- Please ensure your full name and 'SUBS' appear on the transfer.

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