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THE NEWS OF THE Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.

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MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS BUSH DANCE

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY WITH BUSHWAHZEE

Saturday 7 September
St Oswalds Hall
96 High Street, Glen Iris
7:00pm (band starts 7:30pm) until 11:00pm

Tickets \$20 per person
BYO Plate (to share) & Drinks
Tea & Coffee available

Tickets are on sale NOW:

- in the MBW club rooms on Wednesday evenings; OR
- on the Sunday Bus Walks; OR
- EFT payments to Melbourne Bushwalkers account ANZ 013006 005846013 and advise bushdance@mbw.org.au (Please note "DB" before your name on the EFT payment. Once payment confirmed you will be issued by email with a ticket number and your ticket can be collected on the night) OR
- at the door of St Oswald's on the evening.

For further information or booking:

- contact Susan Maughan or
- email bushdance@mbw.org.au



Due date for contributions to October News: 21 September.

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

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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 2 September 2013

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the Club:

Jamie Brawn
Jill Allen
Patrick Morahan
Leslie Stanger
Daina Smyth



Walkers relaxing on Saturday evening – Tarra Bulga walk.
See page 7 for story.
Photo by Ken McMahon

Hello – advance notice for you.....

Friday, 8th November

Sunset Walk in South Melbourne followed by dinner.

Details to follow, but can confirm it includes the famous Quiz.

Susan Maughan

CHRISTMAS PACK CARRY ADVANCE NOTICE.

To enable walkers to plan ahead I would like to advise that I will be leading a Medium grade pack carry in East Gippsland from 26 December 2013 until 1 January 2014. This will be to Reedy Creek Chasm in the Buchan Headwaters Wilderness Zone of the Alpine NP.

There is also the Expressions of interest from Ian Mair of the very interesting NZ walks from January 4–19 2014 and any other walks that may be on the program at Christmas.

Bob Oxlade.

2013 Social Calendar

September 7: Bush Dance

Kick off your hiking boots and put on your blue suede shoes – the Melbourne Bushies will be hosting another Bush Dance on 7 September 2013. The dance will be held in St Oswald's Hall, High Street Asburton. The start time is 7:00 pm for a 7:30 pm start to the music, and dancing will continue until 11:00 pm. Please bring-a-plate, drinks and your dancing shoes. Tea and coffee will be available.

September 25: Wild Magazine

Come along for Wine and Cheese, and at 8 pm a presentation from a member of Wild Magazine. The Website will have the details shortly.

Susan's Social Corner

Lunches – Susan will continue to play social host for lunches throughout the year. Keep an eye on the News and the website for details of upcoming events.

Other Fun Events

Join us for the occasional casual evening stroll to visit restaurants. Details will be posted here in the newsletter and on our website.

Bushies' Christmas Party

The Bushies' Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday 10 December at the City of Melbourne Bowls Club in Flagstaff Gardens opposite the clubrooms. It will start at 7:00 pm and drinks can be purchased from the bar. Please bring a plate to share.



FEDERATION DAY – 13th OCTOBER 2013 LERDERDERG and WESTERN GORGES

Well club members, that time of the year is fast approaching – Federation Day. The 2013 Federation Walks are being coordinated by Boroondara Bushwalking Club. I can only say that the organisers have put together a fantastic list of walks.

The walks are being held in the western gorges area north west of Melbourne. This includes Lerderderg State Park which is a favourite of many bushwalkers, Brisbane Ranges National Park, Wombat State Forest and Werribee Gorge State Park

A variety of walks will be available with gradings from easy to medium/hard, including those interested in geocache and photography. All up there are 23 walks. In the past walk booklets have been provided but due to costs walk information will be provided on the internet.

Registrations open on 1st August and close on 13th September 2013. The registration fee for the event is \$20. I strongly advise that registering early will ensure that you will get the walk that you want.

When selecting walks, look through the list of walks available and number 1 to 4 in order of preference. I strongly suggest that you register well before the close off date. This event is taking the place of the Sunday Bus so booking one week before the event will bring grief.

Please note that information regarding Federation Day can be found on www.boroondarabushwalkers.org.au. (Click 'Federation Day Walk 2013' on left hand side of home page). All bookings are to be made to Michael Murray (Coordinator MBW). Cheques are to be made out to Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.

*Michael Murray
MBW Coordinator*

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

At the **August Committee Meeting** we discussed Stuart Hanham's report on our possible use of Walk Intention Forms; discussed the venue, invitations and agenda for the training weekend being coordinated by Roger Wyett on November 23–24; we set a date for the meeting to consider our new Club Rules (see separate News item); conducted a debrief on the successful August First Aid Course arranged by Gill Wainwright; confirmed the Melbourne Bowls Club will again be our Christmas Party venue; progressed work on a vision for the Club as part of our Future Directions; and reviewed an Incident Report. It was quite a busy night!

Our application for funding under the Federal Government's 'Volunteer Grants 2013' was successful. We applied for 2 GPS units and for training funds valued at \$3000 to assist our volunteers in their activities. Thanks and congratulations to Cathy Merrick who developed the application.

Work has progressed on **our rules changes** to comply with the new Consumer Affairs Victoria requirements. The proposed rules will be available for review and comment on the Club website in early September. The Extraordinary General Meeting to approve the rule changes has been set for Wednesday the 13th of November – more information in the News.

While we are developing a new **Emergency Contact System** and considering the benefits of using a **Walk Intentions Form** for some of our activities we need to continue to use the current system as well as taking advantage of mobile technology. So if you are a leader, make sure the group has a mobile phone and if the party is going to be late back call one of our dedicated Emergency Contacts as soon as possible.

Graham and Sue Errey;

Jim and Libby Marsden

Activity participants should remember to tell anyone who may become concerned if you are late back the above contact numbers to ring. Walkers should also consider taking their own mobile so that if there is a delay they can contact anyone who may become concerned as early as possible. The current Emergency Contact System is described on the back of each Quarterly Program that we send out to members.

Reminders for this month:

- 1 **Tickets are now on sale for the Bush Dance!** Please pre-book to guarantee your place – See News notice.
- 2 **Membership fees are now well overdue!** Expect a call to remind you, so why not pay first...!
- 3 The **Training Weekend is on 23–24 November.** So if you have thought about leading, are a new leader, want to share your experiences, or a member who wants to improve your skills read Roger's article in the News!
- 4 We recommend you **carry a Green Health Card** containing your personal health information on club outdoor activities, so please remember to take it just in case it's needed! If you don't have one, have lost it or need to update it then pick one up at the Auction, Bush Dance, on the Bus, or in the Clubrooms anytime.
- 5 **Registration for the October 13th Federation Day closes on 13th September.** The theme is 'Lerderberg and beyond'. We will not have a Sunday walk on that day– See News notice.

Hope to see lots of you at the Bush Dance. Maybe you will win a door prize!

Mick Noonan

NEW RULES FOR THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

The incorporated Associations Reform Act 2012 and Incorporated Association Reform Regulations 2012 came into effect in Victoria on 26 November 2012. As a consequence, **all** Incorporated Associations are required to:

- adopt the generic Consumer Affairs **New Model Rules** contained in the regulations; or
- modify their existing rules to include various aspects mandated by the new Act; or
- modify the new model rules to suit their particular situation.

New items which are required to be included in our rules are:

- the association's name and purposes
- procedures for resignation and cessation of membership

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NEW RULES FOR THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

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- the process and appointment of the secretary
- preparing and keeping minutes of general and committee meetings
- enabling members to access minutes of general meetings, including financial statements submitted at a general meeting
- right of member's access (if any is specified in the rules) to committee meeting minutes.

The New Model Rules are more comprehensive than the previous model rules, on which our rules are based.

We considered the three options above and elected to modify the New Model Rules. Our proposed new rules incorporate:

- the legislated changes; and
- the changes we need to make to accommodate the Code of Conduct Policy; and
- current leading best practice as listed in the New Model Rules
- sections from our existing rules which are specific to our Association and which we wish to retain, e.g. Life Members, qualifying for membership, etc.

There will be three documents added to our Club Website downloads page in early September:

- 1 The Consumer Affairs Victoria's **New Model Rules**
- 2 **Explanatory Notes** that describe the changes we have made to the New Model Rules
- 3 The **Proposed New Rules** for the Melbourne Bushies

You can either briefly look at the new Model Rules to see the new structure and then read the Explanatory Notes in conjunction with the two other documents or just read the Proposed New Rules and where you want more information go to the Explanatory Notes.

Please provide any feedback and suggestions to either Michael Noonan or Howard Friend by the 28th of September.

The final version of the rules to be put to the members will be sent to all members in mid October after the Committee Meeting.

It is important to get new rules approved for our club as our current rules will be fully replaced by the generic Consumer Affairs New Model Rules on November 26th unless we comply with the legislation.

***Please try and get along to the
Extraordinary General Meeting, 8pm Wednesday November 13th
to approve the New Rules!***

TRAINING WEEKEND 23-24 NOVEMBER 2013 NIOKA BUSH CAMP, PLENTY GORGE STATE PARK

This weekend is for both current and future leaders, **and** for members who:

- may want to improve specific skills
- aspire to leading a walk, and need to practise
- want to understand how to use a GPS
- explore 'what if' scenarios in a 'tame or safe' environment
- understand club requirements and support that is available for you
- are willing to share their experiences or get those 'nagging' questions answered.

This weekend is close to Melbourne (Melways 183 K8) to allow members to attend sessions that are of value to them or to attend the whole weekend. The Nioka Bush Camp is a Parks Vic facility with:

- a large hall area for 'classroom' style presentations and open forum discussions and a wood heater
- toilet and kitchen facilities including:
 - microwave
 - gas cook tops
 - hot showers
- easy 2WD access off Plenty Rd South Morang

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TRAINING WEEKEND

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We will finalise the weekend schedule in September. The current plan is set out below.

Saturday 23rd November	Sunday 24th November
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and preparing to lead a walk • What-if scenarios in break out groups • Dealing with people situations using role plays • What's new for members and leader • Club resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open forum • GPS overview, key functions and hands on • A day walk with actual walkers, practice navigation, GPS use, experienced leader to mentor, also role play incidents with walkers such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Walkers cannot continue – Walker is aggressive (sun stroke) – Walker not following requirements – Walker missing – Minor fall (first aid only) – River or creek crossing

For those staying on the Saturday night we will have a BBQ/evening meal, camp fire, social time, a GPS training video in background, and maybe a night walk.

It should be a great fun weekend so register your interest and advise which day and activity you are interested in.

Roger Wyett

Willis's Walkabouts

The wet season is SPECTACULAR!!

Don't believe what you see on TV weather reports. Weather symbols designed for temperate climates don't work for the tropics.

January, our wettest month, is far from the hottest. Most rain comes in short, sharp bursts. We average sunny skies 45% of the time compared to Melbourne's 54%. Melbourne gets far more 35° days than Darwin.

Don't believe it? The met bureau links on our wet season information page will let you judge for yourself. www.bushwalkingholidays.com.au/wet.shtml

Our **What to Expect** page tells you even more. www.bushwalkingholidays.com.au/wet2.shtml

Once you know the truth, think about coming along and finding out why many local people think this is the best time to go bushwalking. **Easy, hard and everything in between**, we offer trips to suit every bushwalker.



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TARRA-BULGA NATIONAL PARK

The Bushies usually head north for a mid-winter weekend. Not so this year. A trip to Tarra-Bulga NP in South Gippsland was the choice of our beloved president, Mick Noonan, this July.

Surely this would have to be one of the wettest, chilliest, leechiest places on the map! So is Mick crazy? Perhaps he likes taking big gambles? Or does he just love this place so much that bleak weather goes unnoticed? Well, as it turned out the weather was close to perfect, with warm sunshine on both Saturday and Sunday.

After spending Friday night in cosy cabins, sixteen of us set off on Saturday morning for a warm-up walk around the jewels of the park, including towering mountain ash, ancient myrtle beech and a dense tree fern gully spanned by a suspension bridge.

This little ramble was also a way of filling in time until the nearby tearooms opened. Indeed the leader had already done a deal with them to open an hour earlier than normal. Three local ladies busied themselves serving tea, coffee, scones and cream to our group until all were satisfied. I remember when weekend walks were all about toughness and independence. It seems we are becoming a bunch of cream puffs, but that's fine by me.

The rest of the day was spent wandering along tracks through delightfully pristine forests as well as swathes of devastated landscapes where pine plantations have recently been harvested. One consolation of the cleared forests was that we had the best views of the Northern Prom and perhaps twenty Bass Strait islands including the Hogan Group, more than 100 km away.

On Saturday night we gathered at the caravan park in a cosy shelter with a roaring fire. As usual there was plenty of good food and drink for sharing and this was a great opportunity for the visitors to get to know the regulars. Many members will remember Diana Gomez. She hasn't been seen on walks much lately because she is rather busy looking after two babies. However, Diana, along with her husband, Dave and their two youngsters, Emily and Jamie, used the base camp as an opportunity for a catch-up. It is unusual having children on Bushies trips, but they were a big hit. When some music was put on, two year old Emily sensed the party atmosphere and delighted us with some dancing.

On Sunday we drove back up to the Grand Ridge Road and picked up the newly created Grand Strzelecki Walking Track. This took us along seldom walked paths that were delightfully mossy in places. We then descended steeply through a pristine mountain ash forest to emerge at a picnic area where, lo and behold, there was a shelter for us to enjoy our morning tea (which we didn't really need because the sun was shining, but the leader had it covered anyway).

Just as a group photo was being organised under a rustic Tarra Valley sign, along the road came Ross Berner on his bike, quite by chance and perfectly timed to take our picture. Ross then continued on his way towards Yarram, while we took the short circuit walk into Cyathea Falls. The trees here are beautifully decorated with lichens and mosses. Emerging from the forest, we walked down the narrow, winding bitumen road (more like a path really) to the 25 metre high Tarra Falls. From here, it was a short distance along the road back to camp, but that would be too easy, wouldn't it? So into the forest we disappeared again and along another tree fern lined section of the Grand Strzelecki Track, which eventually led us back to camp. Amazingly, virtually no leeches were seen for the whole weekend.

After collecting our stuff, our group were last seen tucking in to the coffee and cakes again at the little teashop high on the Grand Ridge at Tarra-Bulga NP.

Thank you Mick for a very well organised and enjoyable trip. You even managed a leech-free weekend somehow!

Participants were: Mick, Carol, Jill, Kellie, Ken, Joan, Diana, David, Emily, Jamie, Angela, Fang, Rod, Robert, Ian, John, Ericco, Saeed, Judith, Susanna, Stuart.

Ken McMahon



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.



TOFS WALK

YOU YANGS

DATE Thursday 3 October 2013
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE 10 km (approximately)
LEADER Alister Rowe
TRANSPORT Private/Public
AREA You Yangs
MAP REFERENCE Melways Key Map 11

Meet in the main car park at 10:30 am. Turn off the Princes Freeway at Little River and proceed to the main entrance off Branch Road.

Alternatively, if you could be at Little River station around 10:00 am I could arrange pickup. You will need a rail timetable.

We will walk from the car park to the base of Flinders Peak, have morning tea, climb the peak and then lunch. Return to car park by a different route.

Flinders Peak is not a difficult climb if taken slowly.



WORK PARTY

REGENT HONEYEATER PLANTING

DATE 5-6 October 2013
STANDARD Easy
LEADER Ray Thomas
TRANSPORT Private

For details of this weekend, please see page 5, June News.



SUNDAY BUS

WERRIBEE GORGE

DATE Sunday 6 October 2013
STANDARDS Easy/Medium and Medium
DISTANCES 13 km and 16 km
ELEVATIONS 200 m fluctuation
LEADERS Leila Karimi and Roger Wyett
TRANSPORT Bus – Leaving Southbank Blvd at 8:45 am
AREA Werribee Gorge State Park
MAP REFERENCE Melways 7 B5 and 1:20,000 Werribee Gorge Map

This may sound like it is a short walk, but there will be a lot of undulations for both groups, as both will start at 250 m, slowly ascending to 300 m to then drop to 180 m at the Junction pools from which the Medium group will do a 170 m ascent of The Island to panoramic views of the gorge. Both groups are planned to follow the same route back from the Junction Pools, with a short sharp off track ascent to The Eastern Viewpoint, before continuing on to 330 m and the descent to Blackwood Pool.

Then it is a 3.3 km downstream path that follows the river closely, across small secluded beaches, along the base of the main cliff with significant geological formations until we gain an old aqueduct that was once the water supply for Bacchus Marsh, to reach Miekles Point. There is one area where we will have to scramble over rocks with the aid of a cable, so it is best if you bring some gloves with you, and it will require a little exertion.

Then it will be a circuit climbing back 150m along the Short Circuit Track with a short detour to a 60-year-old picnic shelter, from post WWII when the area was walked after pony carts took walkers from the Bacchus Marsh railway to the area.

As this area is used by the club for navigation training, we will have extra maps available for those wanting to practice their skills or just check the leaders are not lost!





WEDNESDAY WALK

OLINDA VALLEY

DATE Wednesday 9 October 2013
STANDARD Easy/medium
DISTANCE 16 km
LEADER Debra Berner
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Olinda Forest, Dandenong Ranges National Park
MAP REFERENCE Melways 122

Meet at 10 am at Woolrich Lookout, Melways 122, B9
 Join me on a walk through the arboretum and Olinda falls.
 Along well defined tracks, some undulations, boots required
 as may be slippery. Picturesque walk with many bird sightings



PACK CARRY

MT SAMARIA STATE PARK

DATE 11–13 October 2013
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE 31 km. Includes 9 km with Day Packs
LEADER Bob Oxlade
TRANSPORT Private
AREA North of Mansfield
MAP REFERENCE Vicmap Whitfield 8124-S 1:50,000



Mount Samaria State Park is a steep-sided undulating plateau with a variety of scenery, very pretty, and in a surprisingly remote area approx 200 km from Melbourne. This will be a nice time of the year to visit.

If travelling Friday night, camp will be at Samaria Well Picnic Area at the northern entrance to the Park.

On Saturday morning we have a 12 km drive to leave the cars and begin our walk to an old sawmill site, then 150 m climb over Mount Samaria at 953 metres and descend to the nice spacious Wild Dog Creek Falls camp site with a good fire place. We will do a side trip to the Falls today or in the morning.

On Sunday we will walk the Wileman Track to Back Creek Falls and Rocky Point Lookout before returning to the cars about 3 pm and be home at a reasonable time. We will probably return via Mansfield.

Come along and visit this interesting Park. If interested see me in the club rooms or ring or email for further details.



SUNDAY FEDERATION WALKS

DATE Sunday 13 October 2013
STANDARD Easy/Medium
DISTANCE Various
CO-ORDINATOR Michael Murray
TRANSPORT

Details are on page 3 of this month's News.



BASE CAMP

JOHANNA BEACH (GREAT OCEAN WALK)

DATE 18–20 October 2013
STANDARD Easy and Easy/Medium
DISTANCE Sat. 12 km and 22 km, Sun 14 km
LEADER Judith Shaw
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Cape Otway
MAP REFERENCE <http://www.greatoceanwalk.info/>

Liberate your inner beachcomber and join me for a weekend exploring the cliffs and beaches west of Cape Otway! We will camp next to the broad expanses of sand and mighty breakers of the magnificent but remote and little-known Johanna surf beach. After a car shuffle on Saturday morning we will walk 12.4 km eastwards along the Great Ocean Trail through manna gum forest, spring wildflowers and grass trees, giving way to coastal heathland and sweeping views of the coastline as we follow the cliff top above Castle Cove before heading down to Aire River. We have the option of leaving cars at Aire River for those who wish to finish the day's walk at this point. The rest of us will keep going another 10 km to the Cape Otway Lighthouse. A highlight of this section is Rainbow Falls, a spectacular waterfall which cascades down a limestone cliff into the ocean. If time and tide conditions permit we will explore the rock platform at the base of the falls before heading for afternoon tea at the lighthouse.

On Sunday we follow the trail 14 km westwards to Ryan's Den. This section is more challenging than the previous day's walk and some may choose to spend the morning in a more relaxed way exploring rock pools and the estuary in the pristine seclusion of Johanna Beach. The walk to Ryan's Den rises at first through rolling hills and farmland as it cuts inland before returning to the coast and the isolated, rugged and hidden Milanesia Beach. From here we continue along the high sea cliffs to Ryans Den and its breathtaking views east to Cape Otway and west to Cape Volley. For an experience of Victoria's glorious west coast at the best time of the year, this is a walk not to be missed.

Call or email the leader for bookings and further information.



PACK CARRY

BIBBULMUN TRACK (WA) – WALPOLE TO DENMARK

DATE 18–27 October 2013
STANDARD Medium
DISTANCE 120 km
LEADER(S) Ian Mair and Halina Sarbinowski
TRANSPORT Private
AREA South West Western Australia
MAP REF Bibbulmun Track, Map 7, Walpole

The 970 km Bibbulmun Track in the south-eastern corner of Western Australia ranks amongst Australia's top long distance walking tracks. The 127 km section from Walpole to Denmark is regarded by many as one of the highlights of the track, passing through stunning forests of karri and tingle trees, with place names as captivating as the 'Valley of the Giants', before entering into the rolling hills of the coastal zone beside the Southern Ocean. As if the scenery and natural beauty were not enough at any time of the year, the month of October is a special time with the wildflowers close to their best. This section gives walkers the best mix of forest and coast as well as, after Peaceful Bay, some of the most challenging days on the entire Track.

Proposed Schedule

(arrive early or stay longer at your choice):

Fri. 18 Oct – Fly to Perth, overnight Perth.

Sat. 19 Oct – Train and Bus to Walpole, overnight Walpole

Sun. 20 to Sat. 26 Oct – 6 nights on track, camping; Sat. night in Denmark

Sun. 27 Oct – Bus, Train and Flight to Melbourne.

Contact Ian up until end-August. Contact Halina after end-August.

CYCLING

CAULFIELD, MORDIALLOC, DINGLEY LOOP

DATE	Saturday 19 October 2013
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	65 km
LEADER	Ed Neff
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Souther suburbs
MAP REF	Melway Maps 68, 67, 76, 85–87, 78, 69

We will meet at Caulfield station, northern entrance (Sir John Monash Drive), at 9:30 am. We will connect with the Rosstown Rail Trail to Elsternwick and then join the Beach Road trail (not Beach Road) to Mordialloc. We can stop for a coffee at Sandringham. Lunch will be at Braeside Park. We will navigate quiet back roads through Dingley Village and Clayton South to Westall. From there we will follow the rail trail back to Murrumbeena and on to Caulfield.

We will maintain an easy pace, so come and enjoy this interesting and relatively flat ride. Bring your lunch, a repair kit with spare tube and a water bottle. Ring me to register for this ride, or for any questions.

SUNDAY BUS

MOORABOOL RIVER – MAUDE TO SHEOKS

DATE	Sunday 20 October 2013
STANDARDS	Easy/Medium and Medium
LEADERS	Christina Hughes and Matt Jones
TRANSPORT	Bus – Leaving Southbank Blvd at 8:45am

Hopefully, details of this walk will be in next month's News.



MOFS WALK

PRINCES PARK AND ROYAL PARK

DATE	Monday, 21 October 2013
STANDARD	Easy
DISTANCE	10 km
LEADER	Peter Green
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Parkville
MAP REF	Melways Page 29

Come and see the western end of the proposed 'East West Link'.

Meet at a small car park just to the south of the Princes Park Bowling Club – the north end of Princes Park. Entrance off Bowen Crescent (Melway 29G11) at 10:30. Stroll through the new wetlands of Royal Park. Walk around the great circle of Royal Park, return via Melbourne University, Melbourne General Cemetery and Optus Oval. Contact Peter or Susan Green for more information and booking.

SOCIAL WALK

BEACON COVE – WHITE RESERVE

DATE	Thursday 24 October 2013
STANDARD	Easy
DISTANCE	5 km
ELEVATION	Flat
LEADER	Jean Giese
TRANSPORT	Public Transport
AREA	Port Melbourne
MAP REF	Melway 56



The plan is to travel to the start of this walk by tram. I will catch the 109 Port Melbourne tram leaving Box Hill at 9:14 am. Its route is Whitehorse Rd, Kew Junction, High St, Victoria St, McArthur St, Collins St, Spencer St (becomes Clarendon St) before turning SW into the old train reserve, arriving at old Port Melbourne Railway Station at 10:30. If train is easier, you could pick up our tram opposite Southern Cross Station (cnr. Collins St and Spencer St) at about 10:10, or meet at the Port Melbourne Railway Station, Melways 2J A6.

Our walk will take us around Beacon Cove and Sandridge Beach to White Reserve and on beside the Bay at the back of

Webb Dock East, where we may disturb a hopeful angler or two. Lunch to follow before boarding the tram which departs every 8 minutes.



BEGINNERS' PACK CARRY

SNAKE ISLAND, GIPPSLAND



DATE Sat 26– Sun 27 October 2013
STANDARD Easy/Medium
DISTANCE 22 km
ELEVATION Sea-level
LEADER Susan Maughan
TRANSPORT Private, plus charter boat
AREA Corner Inlet, Port Welshpool
MAP REF Nooramunga Marine and Coastal Park
TRANSPORT COST 8c per km (180 km from Melbourne)
 \$50 for return boat trip

Snake Island is part of the traditional territory of the Brataualung clan of the Gunai people, who named it 'Negima'. As well as being a place of refuge, it was used as a nuptial island for young couples. Since the 1880s the island has been used by South Gippsland farmers to agist cattle in winter, swimming their stock over a narrow channel at low tide.

We will depart from Port Welshpool at 10:30, landing at Swashway jetty, on the NW corner of the island. The tracks are

clearly marked, wide and sandy. The first part of the walking will be exposed, only later reaching some shelter under some scrub. We will camp at the cattlemen's huts – you can either use their dorms or erect tents. The only drinking water on the island is located here. We will have the use of their facilities in the roomy kitchen for our Saturday night dinner. Bring a little something to share.

On Sunday we depart at 8, giving us a steady walk to the end of Lighthouse Point Track at the eastern corner of the island. Expect to get your feet wet as we cross sand spits to reach our boat's mooring. Pick up is at 3 o'clock.

The island is home to the threatened Ground Parrot and Swamp Antechinus, and the freshwater swamps, mangroves, and salt marshes host migratory wading birds, as well as eastern grey kangaroos and swamp wallabies. Koalas have also been introduced.

Phone Susan for more information, to book in, and payment.



DANDENONGS EXPLORER

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DATE Saturday 26 October 2013
STANDARD Easy/Medium
LEADER Jerry Grandage

Hopefully, details of this walk will be in next month's News.



SUNDAY BUS

LABERTOUCHE WILDFLOWER WALK

DATE Sunday 27 October 2013
STANDARDS Easy and Easy/Medium
LEADERS David Laing and Theo Mertzandis
TRANSPORT Bus – Leaving Southbank Blvd at 8:45am

Details of this walk should be in next month's News.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CAR TRIP

I am planning a car tour of some South Australian National Parks this October.

I'm planning on leaving about 9th October and be back in Melbourne about mid November.

My plan is to drive down to Portland and Mt Gambier, then on to the Coorong. From there I intend visiting Goolwa and the Murray Mouth. Then up to Port Augusta and down the Eyre Peninsula to Lincoln and Coffin Bay National Parks. We'll go look for Murphy's Haystacks on the way. Then along the coast to Ceduna, before returning east to visit the Gawler Ranges NP on the way home.

There won't be all that much walking, but I want to bush camp as much as possible. There are some great beaches on the Eyre Peninsula, and the Coorong is well worth visiting.

Please contact me if you are interested in accompanying us on this tour for all or part of the time. We will stop at some caravan parks for showers and washing etc. You would need to be self-sufficient re transport and camping gear. If you have a 4WD, even a soft-roader, so much the better, but this is NOT a 4WD trip. I could take one extra passenger in my Troopy, but you would still need your own tent etc.

Bob Steel,

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!

October 2013				
Thu 3	You Yangs	Pvt	Easy	Alister Rowe
5-6	Regent Honeyeater planting	Pvt	Easy	Ray Thomas
Sun 6	Werribee Gorge	Bus	E/M & M	Roger Wyatt and Leila Karimi
Wed 9	Olinda Falls – Dandnongs	Pvt	Easy	Debbie Berner
11-13	Pack Carry: Mt Samaria State Park	Pvt	Easy	Bob Oxlade
Sun 13	FEDERATION WALKS	Car	E/M	Michael Murray (Co-ordinator)
18-20	Base Camp: Johanna Beach (Great Ocean Walk)	Pvt	E/M	Judith Shaw
18-26	PC: Bibbulman Track (WA): Walpole to Denmark	Pvt	Med	Ian Mair and Halina Sarbinowski
Sat 19	Cycling: Caulfield, Mordialloc, Dingley Loop	Pvt	E/M	Ed Neff
Sun 20	Moorabool River – Maude to Sheoaks	Bus	E/M & M	Christina Hughes and Matt Jones
Mon 21	Princes and Royal Parks	Pvt	Easy	Peter Green
Thu 24	Beacon Cove – White Reserve	Car	Easy	Jean Giese
25-27	Pack Carry: Snake Island	Pvt	E/M	Susan Maughan
Sat 26	Dandenongs Explorer	Pvt	E/M	Maureen Hurley
Sun 27	Labertouche Wildflower Walk	Bus	E & E/M	David Laing and Theo Mertzandis

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