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**Melbourne Bushwalkers
2015 Christmas Party**

Monday 14th December, 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Venue - Melbourne City Bowls Club
Dudley Street
West Melbourne
(Opposite the clubrooms)

BYO Plate to Share
Drinks can be purchased
from the bar.




WALK, CYCLE, TRAIN OR DRIVE TO THE NEXT
BUSHIES' WEDNESDAY LUNCH

Two Seeds

Thank you
Two Seeds

You are invited to lunch on Wednesday 21 October

12:00
186 High Street Ashburton

RSVP Susan on
0478 504 441 or susanmaughanoz@hotmail.com
by Monday 19th Oct., please.

BAW BAW SNOW SHOE WALK, 15-16 AUGUST 2015

Photos taken by Stephen Ingrouille. See article on page 8.



Pre-walk briefing for our group of seven



After packing up our camp we headed back towards Mt St Gwinear.

Due date for contributions (including December previews) to November News: 21 October

MEMBER OF



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 21st of the month.

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 6 October 2015

Hello Members.

Your Bushwalking Victoria Member Cards for 2015–2016 are now available. Please pick up your card when you are next in the clubrooms.

If it is not possible to call in to the clubrooms and you would like one, please send a stamped, self addressed envelope to the club, in order to save postage costs, and we will send one out.

Club address:

Membership
Melbourne Bushwalkers
GPO Box 1751,
Melbourne, 3001.

Members who currently pay extra to receive the hard copy newsletters will receive their BWV card with their next newsletter.

These cards will enable you to obtain a discount when buying equipment from outdoor shops. You can find the current list of BWV Membership Card Benefits available at:
http://mbw.org.au/mbw_activities/BWV_affiliate_card.php

*Gill Wainwright
Membership Secretary*



ITEMS FOR SALE IN CLUBROOMS

The club holds selected items for sale to Members. These can be collected any Wednesday night in the clubrooms. Simply speak to one of the Members on duty.

- Whistles \$2
- First Aid Kits \$7
- MBW Badges
 - cloth \$5
 - metal \$5
- MBW 50-year History \$5



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN – OCTOBER 2015

Our Activity Leaders are the heart of the club and without their dedicated effort we would cease to survive. A simple statement of fact you have all heard before. So why have I decided to make this a topic of the President's Column? Our Activity Program is packed each month with a diverse number of options to choose from, a program to be proud of thanks to the efforts of the Coordinators and Leaders who put each of the segments together, with activities ranging from easy Social Walks to multi-day pack-carries that push the physical limits. Plainly put, we need to make sure we have a succession of Leaders trained and willing to take on the responsibility well into the future.

We, as a club, are not alone in meeting the challenge of ensuring a vital stream of new leaders. An obvious response is to ensure we have appropriate training and mentoring activities in place. Bushwalking Victoria, with input from Affiliated Clubs, has prepared a suite of Walk Leader Training Modules that can complement individual club training preferences. As we prepare for our next round of Leader Training the input from other clubs will enrich our own content and approach. But technical content is not the only factor to take into account. As a club the profile of our Membership has changed over time and our training needs to address contemporary composition and interests.

For instance, in 1980 the ratio of female to male members was 38%. Since 2010 it has hovered between 56–59%, whilst the ratio for new member commencements since the start of 2014 has been 70%. Couple this with research from a 2015 survey of more than 3000 readers from the online magazine *Backpacker* that 'women of any outdoor experience level were, on average, less confident in their skills and less likely to see themselves as leaders than men with the equivalent experience' (<http://www.backpacker.com/skills/4-reasons-we-need-more-female-outdoors-leaders/>) and our preparations need to be aware of the shift in gender balance and ask whether there is a real issue to be addressed. I will be the first to point out that this says nothing about competence, but as a volunteer club we rely on members making themselves available if we are to have enough leaders for the future.

Whether you agree or disagree that there is an issue to be addressed I would welcome your views. Drop me a note to president@mbw.org.au or trip me up on a walk and bend my ear. It is your club and your perspective is important in defining the future Leader Training programs we provide.

Also making news this month:

- Congratulations are due to Bob Oxlade. Now in his 80th year Bob has just completed his 4th End-to-End walk of the 1000 km Bibbulmun Track in Western Australia. Bob is well known to many members as a regular leader of multi-day walks and an inspiration to those who mistakenly think too early that age is a barrier to participation.
- Bushwalking Victoria Member Cards for 2015–2016 are now available. See the note on page 2 from the Membership Secretary on how to obtain one. As a member of Melbourne Bushwalkers you are automatically a member of Bushwalking Victoria and qualify for the insurance cover, buying discounts and other benefits that apply.
- In early October I will be hosting the first Quarterly Meeting of Club Presidents. The proposed meeting is an initiative that arose during the most recent annual Bushwalking Victoria Leadership Forum and aims to provide a semi-formal opportunity for bushwalking club Presidents to get together and discuss matters of common interest to the future of their clubs.
- It is pleasing to see the steady growth in Members registering for access to the online Members' Area of the website. Once registered you can readily update your personal details at any time or locate the contact details of Leaders, Committee Members and other club Members. Activity Leaders can also use this avenue for convenient access to the Leaders' Database with its repository of walk reports and other documents to support the planning and conduct of walks.

Ian Mair

2015 Social Calendar

Wednesday 28 October in the clubrooms, starting at 8 pm
DANCING OVER THE HIMALAYAS: A TREKKING ADVENTURE IN LADAKH
Presenter: Deb Shand

In July this year Deb Shand traveled to Nepal. Her tale will let you share in her journey and inspire you to go where your own spirit beckons.

‘Twelve days of trekking in the Indian Himalayas with the Ladakhi Women’s Travel Company is an unforgettable experience. From treeless rocky mountainsides to lush green villages, from breathtaking high passes to rushing rivers, from ornate monasteries to simple home-stays, this is a land of spectacular scenery, friendly people and multiple trekking opportunities.’

Join us for an evening of social catch-up and an unforgettable experience of your own.



Wine and cheese also available.



Wednesday, 25 November in the clubrooms starting at 8 pm
LIGHTWEIGHT GEAR AND PACKING
Presenter: John Fritze, Melbourne Bushwalkers Equipment Officer

Gear selection can be a daunting exercise, no matter whether you are a well-seasoned bushwalker or just starting out on a new adventure. The balance between weight and functionality can make a big difference to your comfort and enjoyment on a multi-day hike. Our presenter, John Fritze, is passionate about gear selection and, by popular request, will share his experience and answer questions in a way that will leave you with a list of ideas on how you might reduce weight and still walk in comfort.



ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS

4 OCTOBER – TRACK CLEARING AT SILVAN DAM

Bushwalking Victoria is looking for volunteers to help with work on the tracks near Silvan Dam: cutting back the scrub, removing fallen trees, and cleaning up the cut vegetation from the tracks.

This will be an enjoyable day and we hope to have a picnic for lunch (BYO Food) and if all work is done then we will look at a walk in the area.

If interested please email Charlie Ablitt, Track and Conservation Projects Coordinator, at conservation@bushwalkingvictoria.org.au

21–22 NOVEMBER – FRIENDS OF BOGONG WORK PARTY

Working with Friends of Bogong and Parks Victoria in the Mt Beauty/Bogong High Plains area. More details to come.

POSSUMS NOT PAPER

Victoria's precious Central Highlands native forest is being logged at an alarming rate to produce Reflex paper. This has pushed the Leadbeater's Possum to be declared critically endangered. With only 1,500 possums thought to now exist, they need our help! To find out more and see how you can help, including supporting the creation of the Great Forest National Park, visit www.possumsnotpaper.org.au



BUSHWALKERS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

As bushwalkers, indeed as residents of the world, we all need to be concerned about climate change and how it will affect our natural environment and the bush we love. The results of climate change are becoming obvious in all parts of the planet. With the upcoming United Nations Conference on Climate Change in Paris commencing on 30 November, this topic will be increasingly in the news. No matter your political persuasion, consider what you can do to minimize damage to the climate and bring about positive change – perhaps get involved in conservation activities?

One way to get involved is to attend the Melbourne People's Climate March on 27 November – over that weekend, People's Climate marches will take place in hundreds of cities around the world. Also watch out for the release of Naomi Klein's new film *This changes everything* in October. She gave an excellent talk in Sydney recently that can be watched on YouTube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a5LulAJEFUc>

Deb Shand

GERRY HARANT

Rod Mattingley found the Melbourne Bushwalkers mentioned in *The Age* obituaries, Saturday 29 August.

Gerry Harant, (1923–2015) engineer and community radio presenter, was evacuated at the age of 15, along with other Jewish children, from Austria in 1938.

'He met his future wife Vilma through the Melbourne Bushwalkers Club in 1944.'

If you'd like to read the whole interesting obituary, you might try googling his name, or ask Rod or me as Rod attached the whole article to an email forwarded to me.

Merilyn Whimpey, News Editor

THE RAMBLERS BIG PATHWATCH PROJECT.



Susan Maughan on a Ramblers walk on Chillerton Down, the Isle Of Wight, with the chalk cliffs Tennyson Down in the background.

Many Bushies have enjoyed the walking paths of Britain and no doubt marvelled at their provenance and this remarkable attribute available to all. Our friends, The Ramblers Association, are currently running a six month review of the condition of the paths throughout the UK, encouraging walkers to fill in a report and attach photos.

<http://www.iwhistory.org.uk/HeritageStatements/WestWightHistoricEnvironment.pdf>

Willis's Walkabouts

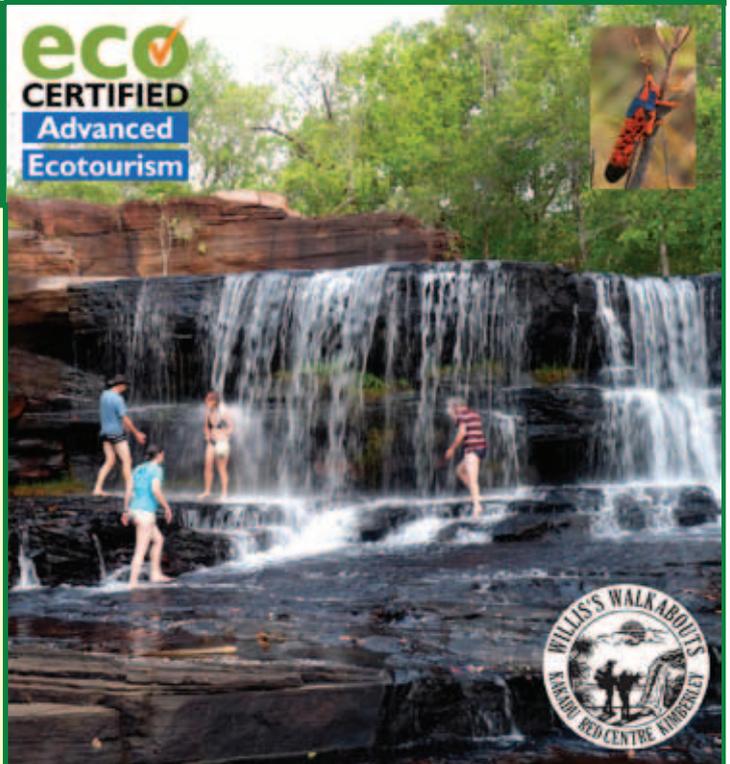
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ROVERS SKI TRIP, FALLS CREEK 8-14 AUGUST 2015

After a 10 year break, I found myself skiing into the Rovers Lodge, approx. 5 km from Falls Creek into the Bogong High Plains. It turned out I was the lone female with 12 fellas, how lucky can a girl be? Especially when our gallant leader, Doug Pocock gave me a room all to myself! No manly snores to contend with.

We had brilliant weather, both skiing in and skiing out. During the week a change of weather brought an extra fall of great snow on top of an already excellent cover. Whiteout conditions made it impossible to find Wilkinson's Plaque until later in the week. The bad weather brought about a couple of short days of skiing which allowed some of us to retire to her sleeping bag and catch up on some much needed rest. I also saw the remains of the Bushies lodge Wilky for the first time since it burnt down. A sad sight in the snow.

Bill and Doug led two groups of skiers out each day, Bill's group usually skiing further afield including Mt Jim and The Niggerheads. The excellent skiers probably covered twice as much mileage as the rest of us by constantly taking side trips up and down various skiable slopes, entertaining us with their various mishaps, whilst the others plodded along until it was time to put down day packs and have a bit of practice. I was envious of those who could expertly execute Telemark turns.

Naturally dinner time was a high point of the day with all the cooks producing excellent 3-course meals. No wonder I found I had added a kilo or two on my return, regardless of all that exercise.

Thanks again to Bill and Doug for your work and attention in the smooth running of the lodge and a great week of skiing, eating and comradery.

Sylvia Harris



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- 1 The Wilky lounge room chimney.
- 2 The group out in fine weather
- 3 Son and father – Gareth and Doug – outside Wallace's Hut

BAW BAW SNOWSHOE – 15TH AND 16TH AUGUST 2015

I first met Ralph fourteen years ago when we drove to Mountain Creek to camp before a High Plains Trip. Kerry I met some years later when we went on a trip to Wilson's Promontory. I later heard that Ralph and Kerry had 'become an item'. In doing so, Ralph followed family tradition. His parents met in a bushwalking club, the Victorian Mountain Tramping Club.

The couple run a snowshoe trip annually. It has become something of a Club tradition. Because they have been there so often, their knowledge of the Mt St Gwinear area is intimate and extensive. This was not a trip when the party location was to be declared unknown at any stage.

This was a Saturday morning start, my pet hate, leaving home at a gruesome hour. My lift took a short-cut somewhere before Warragul. In the grand tradition of short cuts, this was way longer than the long way around. We went north, through a number of places, all called 'Neerim', then drove south to Willow Grove and thence to Erica. On arrival at Erica, I said to Claire, 'We went off route'. She replied, 'What, already!' The nice thing about this diversion was the drive on Willow Grove Road, through a valley full of mountain ash and tree ferns.

We left St Gwinear Car Park at 10:50 on show shoes and walked up a good track that skirted round the base of Mt St Gwinear. The forecast was minimum -1, maximum 4, possible showers or snow. We crossed North Cascade Creek and went straight ahead up a side creek to a saddle where we camped. There was water in a pool in the creek, just below the tents, so we didn't have to melt snow. At 3:15 we crossed the saddle and descended to Mustering Flat at 3:50. The snow was softening, so that when walking over the top of scrub we sometimes went through. The Flat is quite a wide one, free of trees of course, where the cold air flows down and stops trees growing. My navigation log book entry reads, 'A treeless flat, picturesque in the snow'. We returned to camp at 5:12 to find the temperature dropping.

We settled in to prepare for dinner. I dug a large pit for people to sit around the edge with their legs on the bottom and stoves in the middle of the pit. This caused a stir because some people had not seen such a thing. We had a nice time going through our courses, lit by a solar lantern of the Japanese type. But without a fire, it was hard to stay warm, even with down jackets on. By 7 pm everyone was in bed.

The night was fine with a light wind and the snow had frozen. A thermometer in a tent read, I believe, -5 degrees. I had two foam mats to sleep on, a thick one 10 mm and a thin one 6 mm. This should be two thick ones. The Melbourne Nordic Ski Club recommends two foam mats or one Thermarest Ridge Rest 20 mm foam mat. Of course you can use a down-filled air mat, they are the latest fashion craze, but what if it deflates! I am taking a foam mat because I plan to keep on living. Actually Claire found that her down mat was not warm enough. She needed a foam mat underneath.

This being a walk-in base camp, we left the tents at 9:15 and set off for a day walk. The going was fast and easy on the frozen snow. I was in this area last summer and going off track was very difficult. Here, in winter, we could walk anywhere, right over the top of the most impenetrable scrub! Such are the delights of snow shoeing. At 10:20 we were at Mt St Phillack, 1565 metres elevation. We followed the Australian Alps walking track for a while then turned left down the track towards Mt Baw Baw, up West Tanjil Creek, over a pass and then down Tullicoutty Glen, where we had lunch at 12:30.

Most of the party had Yowie snow shoes hired at Erica. I had MSR Evo snowshoes and swapped with another person to see what Yowies are like. They worked all right, but metal grips on the bottom trapped snow, making them heavy to lift. This is a design fault. MSR snowshoes don't clog up. They have a single blade under the ball of the foot. At lunch I changed back.

We returned to camp via Camp Saddle and the rock shelter, arriving at 2 pm. We had travelled 3.36 km in 3 hours 16 minutes walking time, excluding breaks. By this time some people were casting envious eyes at the many skiers gliding by, seemingly effortlessly, and vowing to come on skis next time.

At 3 pm we left camp for the cars. Dinner was at an hotel and what a pleasant time it was. We reminisced about past Presidents. Pearson Cresswell, who was a keen skier and Doug Pocock who was keen about the Club Hut, Wilkinson Lodge, and used to take us there to learn how to use it and to maintain it on work parties. I painted the bathroom once. After that someone lit a hiking stove in the hut and Wilkie was no more. Now, when we go past, down the track from Wallace's hut, we always visit the site of the hut and with a heavy heart.

Thank you Ralph and Kerry. Long may you lead snow shoe trips!

Ian Langford

GRAMPIANS PEAKS TRAIL STAGE 1



On Friday night we set up camp at Borough Huts Campsite approximately 10 km from Halls Gap. Our leader Judith made it clear we were having an early start, wake-up call 6:30 am for a 7:30 start. After a car shuffle to Halls gap seven Melbourne Bushies and two visitors (Shelley and Keith) commenced walking at 8:00 am with Judith setting a sizzling pace. The first section of the trail was well graded, and the track conditions excellent due to the placement of large smooth rocks. Passing Venus' Baths we crossed a new bridge which connected the Pinnacles track. Being early spring, there were plenty of wattles in flower which made the walk even more pleasant. Just before we reached Silent Street we paused to look down the valley we had just left admiring the grandeur of the region and the rugged terrain. On reaching Silent Street we readied ourselves for the arduous climb. It sure lived up to its name and no-one spoke till we got to the top. I guess it was because we were in awe of the chasm and the steepness of the climb. After regrouping we continued the climb to the Pinnacles Lookout which provided breathtaking views of Halls Gap and Lake Bellfield to the east and distant ranges in the west.

After leaving the Pinnacles we headed towards Mt. Rosea carpark, admiring the rugged terrain and rock formations as we descended to the carpark for morning tea. The track to the Mt. Rosea summit proved to be fairly challenging, with some steep climbs and many changes in direction as we wound our way through some very interesting rock formations which left you wondering if you were on the right track.

I think it would not be unfair to say that all of us were glad to reach the summit of Mt. Rosea for some respite. We enjoyed the views from the lookout almost as much as our lunch as it was around 1:30 pm.

After lunch we commenced the steep descent from the mount which proved to be more difficult than the ascent. It was very hard on the knees and the steepness of the path required a lot of concentration. However, once off the Mount the last 10 kms to camp site was along a well graded track as it zig-zagged down to the camp site. It was interesting to note the constant changes in the vegetation along the way – in shady sections a lot of bracken ferns, strands of pulteneas (not in flower) and other native shrubs in the more lightly wooded areas. At around 5:00 pm we crossed another newly constructed bridge into our campsite.

We were all looking forward to refreshments and some snacks and pretty soon a lavish feast was laid out on the camp table for the 'happy hour', including a couple bottles of 'red' which helped the dinner conversation move along very nicely. We continued chatting around the camp fire until it was time to turn in.

On Sunday, we broke camp and left our gear in the cars to complete the second section of the walk around the eastern side of Lake Bellfield. At the start of the walk not far the campground we came across a wildflower wonderland, a natural botanic garden with many species including grevillea, wattles, tetraheca, thriptomene and astroloma in either full bloom or coming into bloom. At the end of this

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Along the Track

GRAMPIANS PEAKS TRAIL STAGE 1 *(continued from page 9)*

section the track followed the road which gave glimpses of the Lake on occasions but it was mostly out of view. The unmade road provided easy walking at first but we soon found out it was going to be more challenging than it looked on the map. A series of steep rises and descents had us gasping, which made a mockery of the 70 metre ascent shown on the map. After passing through some pleasant eucalypt forest we came across a very open grassy valley where the track markers were painted on the ground and made for difficult navigation. The valley was being grazed by large numbers of kangaroo, wallabies, deer and ducks which quickly dispersed on our arrival. This valley is used as a fire break to protect Halls Gap from bushfires but it was surprising to see such a large number of animals so close to civilisation as the visitors centre was only 300 metres away. At the Centre Judith signed the group off and we enjoyed a coffee and sweets before completing the final 2 kms to Halls Gap. A car shuffle followed to pick up the cars at the camping ground and more coffee was consumed in the village before our journey home.

Thanks to our leader Judith Shaw for planning a very enjoyable walk and thanks to my fellow walkers Steve, Susan, Sylvia, Deb, Ian, Shelley and Keith for their company and good humour which make the Club's walks very satisfying.

Ray Spooner

CAMPERDOWN VOLCANIC HILLS BASE CAMP 11-13 SEPTEMBER 2015



Nine keen walkers enjoyed this weekend which was very well organised by Jan Colquhoun. We were also blessed with the most magnificent spring weather.

Day 1 – We completed various walks through the Tower Hill Reserve where we saw three very large emus, very quiet and looking for food donations. We then spent some time exploring Mt Noorat.

We then drove to and climbed Red Rock, followed by a wine tasting at the Red Rock Winery, most of us purchasing some very nice wine to take home.

Dinner was enjoyed by all at Maddens Hotel in Camperdown.

Day 2 – From the camping ground we walked around Lake Gnotuk (an inland salt lake) and Lake Bullen Merri.

We then drove towards Melbourne and walked up Mt Leura and Mt Sugarloaf (this was a conical mountain and we walked in a spiral – something different!)

The next stop was to climb Mt Elephant. It was so windy we were almost blown away! From there it was homeward bound.

The scenery featuring volcanic craters and scoria cones and lush green pastures was magnificent, our cameras/phones were working overtime capturing these amazing views.

Wendy Davis

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.



WEDNESDAY WALK

GREENS BUSH, MORNINGTON PENINSULA NATIONAL PARK

DATE Wednesday 28 October 2015
RETURN TIME 3:00 pm
STANDARD Easy/Medium
DISTANCE 13 km
ELEVATION 300 m total ascent
LEADER Ed Neff
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Mornington Peninsula
MAP REFERENCE Baldry Crossing, Melway 254 G6

Please note the change of leader as Michael Quinn is unavailable.

The meeting point is Baldry Crossing, with parking available in the picnic area on the east side of Baldrys Road (Melway 254 G6). Baldry Crossing is tricky to get to, with roads in this area going in all directions. My suggestion is to use the Mornington Flinders Road C787 and pick up Baldrys Road at its southern end. Meeting time is 10:15 am for a 10:30 start.

The walk will head west and pick up the Two Bays Walking Track, north, to Limestone Road and then head south to rejoin the Two Bays Walking Track, south, as far as the Lightwood Creek Camping Ground for lunch. We then retrace 2.3 km of our track before diverting north east back to Baldry Crossing. This is a beautiful walk with eucalypt forest and good stands of grass trees. Eastern grey kangaroos were spotted on the preview.



SUNDAY BUS

DOM DOM SADDLE – DONNELLY WEIR

DATE Sunday 1 November 2015
RETURN TIME 6:30 pm to City
STANDARDS Easy/Medium and Medium
DISTANCES 16 km and 20 km
LEADERS Halina Sarbinowski and Cathy Merrick
TRANSPORT Bus – Leaving Southbank Blvd at 8:45 am
AREA Yarra Ranges National Park
MAP REFERENCE Juliet North and Juliet South 1:25,000

FIRE BAN DISTRICT Central
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE Yarra Glen

Established in 1995, the Yarra Ranges National Park protects wonderful treasures of landscapes and ecology as it stretches from mountain tops to rivers. The park’s most significant features are its tall mountain ash forests, with their understorey of tree ferns, and adjacent gullies of cool temperate rainforest. Large pristine areas of these and other vegetation types within the catchment are of national and state significance.

The Maroondah Reservoir Park, where the medium group will finish, is set amid gardens and historic specimen trees and is an excellent picnic and recreation venue.

The Easy/Medium group will follow the marked track from Dom Dom Saddle to Fernshaw Picnic Area, where the bus will pick them up and take them to Maroondah Dam Reservoir to pick up the Medium group.

The Medium group will head west, crossing the road, following the route to Archer Lookout, then along the Bicentennial Trail to Mt Monda then down Condon’s Track till finishing at Maroondah Dam Reservoir.

Both walks are challenging. They involve a number of steep climbs and descents (especially Condon’s Track) but both walks reward the participant. They are both beautiful walks with beautiful views, exceptional flora and provide the participants with walking challenges that not only meet one’s love of nature but stretch the comfort zone.



TOFS WALK

DATE Thursday 5 November 2015
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE 10 km approx.
ELEVATION Some steep ups and downs
LEADER Marilyn Whimpey
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Croydon–Ringwood–Mitcham–Donvale
MAP REFERENCE Melway Maps 36, 50, 49
FIRE BAN DISTRICT Central
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE Melbourne

The walk follows the Mullum Mullum Creek path and will take in Mullum Mullum and Yarran Dheran Parks. The latter boasts sightings of all sorts of native animals and birds, including koalas. There’s also the historic Schwerkolt Cottage and surrounds. The cottage won’t be open on the day we go there, but we can walk around and read the interpretive signs.

We will need to do a car shuttle, but I haven't worked out the start yet, so please contact me before the walk.



BASE CAMP

KENNETT RIVER AND SURROUNDS

DATE	6–8 November 2015
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
DISTANCES	11.1 km/18.6 km and 11.5 km/14.2 km
ELEVATIONS	460 m and 420 m
LEADERS	Halina Sarbinowski and Ian Mair
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Otway Ranges
MAP REFERENCE	Lorne South and Beech Forest South 1:25,000
FIRE BAN DISTRICT	South West
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE	Colac

Earlier this year the Geelong Bushwalking Club in conjunction with John Chapman brought out the latest edition of *Walking the Otways*. Two new walks in the Kennett River area were included in this publication. No greater incentive was needed to arrange a base camp to explore these new walks.

Although the walks have the Kennett River as the central point we will camp at Skenes Creek Camping Ground. Five unpowered camp sites have been booked for 10 people (sites 24–29) but I have been assured that the sites measuring 6 m × 12 m will easily accommodate 2 × 2 man tents so numbers are flexible. Each site for two people is \$30 per night with a charge of \$12 per each additional person per night. A camp kitchen is available including BBQ so Saturday night will be a communal meal ... own protein (meat or fish) for the BBQ but everyone can contribute to an entrée, salad or dessert.

The walks, the most important part of the weekend, both initially explore inland, away from the coast which accounts for the elevations. Each reaches ridge lines that afford lovely coastal views and both finish with beach walks. Tidal conditions on both days allow for beach walking mid-late afternoon. We will ensure that cars are left at the start of these beach walking sections for those who prefer a swim to a walk along the beach.

On Saturday we will explore from Wye River to Kennett River while Sunday's walk will be based around Skenes Creek.

Please ensure that you book with the leaders by 30 October so that we may still be able to book additional campsites if required.



SUNDAY CAR POOL

LERDERDERG SCENIC RIM

DATE	Sunday 8 November 2015
STANDARD	Medium
DISTANCE	15.5 km
ELEVATION	200–500 m
LEADER	Judith Shaw
TRANSPORT	Carpool – Leaving Southbank Blvd at 8:45 am
AREA	Lerderderg Gorge
MAP REFERENCE	Lerderderg Gorge, Meridian Maps, 1:35,000
FIRE BAN DISTRICT	Central
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE	Ballarat

The beautiful Lerderderg Gorge is one of Victoria's most unappreciated natural attractions. Although it is just an hour's drive from Melbourne, it has a surprisingly remote feel, with a maze of ravines, spurs and forested gullies. The scenic rim

circuit starts from the southern end of the gorge and follows the river before climbing to the top of a ridge, then dips back down to the river and up the other side. This walk has a bit of everything: good swimming spots, magnificent views and exciting scrambles up and down narrow rocky spurs. There are some steep but not extended ascents and descents and a few non-challenging river crossings.



WEDNESDAY WALK

LYONVILLE SPRINGS–BABBINGTON HILL–BULLARTO RESERVOIR

DATE	Wednesday 11 November 2015
RETURN TIME	Back to the cars around 4:00 pm
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	13.5 km
ELEVATION	From 650 to 822 m
LEADER	Sandra Mutimer
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Wombat Forest, north-west of Trentham
MAP REFERENCE	Meridian Maps : Wombat State Forest 1:50,000; Vicmap 1:25,000 series: Daylesford North, Daylesford South, Trentham North, Trentham South
FIRE BAN DISTRICT	North Central
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE	Ballarat

We will meet at Lyonville Springs at 10:15 am for a 10:30 start. This can be reached by a sign-posted turn-off from the Trentham–Daylesford Rd.

If you like going on a walk that takes you from A to B by the quickest and most direct route this walk is not for you. We will be meandering through a part of the Wombat State Forest on a route that connects interesting places along the way. You might be able to help me find out more about these, such as ... the falling down hut, ... why the Orde's/Ogden Brothers Mill site is on the Victorian Heritage Data Base, ... where are the Coliban Springs and ... where is the summit of Babbington Hill? There are koalas to be spotted as well.

The Wombat State Forest is slowly recovering and regenerating after being heavily logged since 1850s when timber was required during the Gold Rush diggings in this area. It is an area of volcanic uplifts and the mineral water springs as well.

We will mostly be walking on some of the many tracks, named and unnamed, and will be taking a slow and gentle climb up Babbington Hill [822 m] that is kinder on your leader. There will also be a Loddon River crossing at a section where it is more creek-like. You may get wet feet but that depends on how nimble you are or whether another challenge to build a better crossing is taken up.



PACK CARRY

BUNGALOW SPUR–MT FEATHERTOP– BON ACCORD SPUR

DATE	12, 13 and 14 November 2015
RETURN TIME	Late afternoon Sunday 14 November
STANDARD	Medium
DISTANCE	22 km
ELEVATION	1200 m
LEADER	Helen Geddes
TRANSPORT	Private car
TRANSP. COSTS	\$55.20 per person

AREA Bogong Alpine area
MAP REFERENCE Bogong Alpine Area 1:50,000
FIRE BAN DISTRICT North Eastern
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE Mt Hotham

The plan is to stay overnight at the Bright Caravan Park in preparation for a gathering of participants at the foot of the Bungalow Spur at around 8 am Saturday morning. We can then ascend this especially lovely mountain.

The track ascends through stately Alpine Ash. Continues up and on through snow gum forest to a treeless alpine environment. Once on the Razorback we can drop packs for an ascent of Mt Feathertop (1922 m) to enjoy some of the best views the country has to offer, weather permitting. We will then need to collect water and head out to a campsite atop the Diamantina Spur.

Sunday will be an early start, to proceed further along the Razorback before descending via the Bon Accord Spur followed by a short stroll back into Harrietville.

This is alpine country and we can and do experience snow at any time of year in these regions.

Due to recent bushfire activity conditions have changed and re-growth could have an impact on progress. All participants are required to be equipped with all seasons' camping equipment, weather gear and carrying personal first aid kit, have some hiking experience and fitness. If interested contact Helen Geddes.



SUNDAY BUS

NEW: GRAND RIDGE RAIL TRAIL AND BREWERY

DATE Sunday 15 November 2015
RETURN TIME 6:30 pm to City
STANDARDS Easy and Easy/Medium
DISTANCES 15 km and 19 km
ELEVATIONS 140 m and 280 m
LEADERS Halina Sarbinowski and Ian Mair
TRANSPORT Bus – Leaving Southbank Blvd at 8:45 am
AREA West Gippsland
MAP REFERENCE Boolarra, Mirboo, Thorpdales 1:25,000
FIRE BAN DISTRICT West Gippsland
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE Latrobe Valley

Changing the name of the rail trail between Boolarra and Mirboo North from the Strzelecki Rail Trail to the Grand Ridge Rail Trail has managed to confuse the Sunday Walks Secretary who put this walk on the program as a 'NEW' walk. However, with the name change, although we will still walk the iconic rail trail and visit Grand Ridge Brewery at the end of the trail, it is the add-ons that are NEW. The rail trail is an easy walking trail with minimal elevation that has its variation in the built up ridges, the cuttings, bridges that we travel over and the change of landscape that is traversed. We pass farm lands which rise above the trail, or are viewed from above on built up ridges. We pass natural forest and cross bridges that traverse wetlands, all travelled along a trail that allows for easy walking and a social chat.

The Easy group will visit the Old Mill Site in Boolarra before commencing the trail. The Old Mill Site includes some lovely walking along tracks that have returned to nature, however, were once the site of a timber mill in the area. We will then pass houses originally built from timber from the mill before starting the rail trail.

The Easy/Medium Group will commence the walk with the rail trail from Boolarra but will have a side trip to the Lyrebird Forest Bushland Reserve and traverse the Warriors' Circuit Track before returning to the rail trail. The Lyrebird Forest is a

haven for native fauna. On the preview we saw a very skittish lyrebird. The forest also provides some elevation for a bit of a work-out for the Easy/Medium group.

This easy walk is great for walking novices so if you have a friend who has considered walking with the club this is a great introductory walk. Remember, club members can vouch for friends if they feel they are capable of completing the walk. Contact busbookings@mbw.org.au if you have any queries.

And for those who are not keen beer drinkers, the Grand Ridge Brewery is now also the home of Twisted Sisters Ciders, a new addition to their products. For those who enjoy an occasional beer this brewery has won over 250 Australian and International beer awards.



MOFS WALK

DAREBIN CREEK/DAREBIN PARKLANDS

DATE Monday 16 November 2015
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE 10 km
ELEVATION Mostly flat
LEADER Bernadette O'Connell
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Darebin Creek/Darebin Parklands
MAP REFERENCE Melway Maps 31 and 19
FIRE BAN DISTRICT Central
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE Melbourne

The walk begins and ends at Darebin Parklands entrance near the end of Separation Street, Melway 31 D8. The walk follows Darebin Creek north. The beginning is close to the water's edge and shaded by trees. Further north it becomes more open but still has the charm of a river walk. On our return, we walk through the green wedges – parks and reserves in Ivanhoe (with some connecting streets).

Book with leader.



CYCLING

BALLARAT-SKIPTON RAIL TRAIL AND ROADS

DATE 21–22 November 2015
RETURN TIME Sunday evening
STANDARD Medium
LEADER Jopie Bodegraven
AREA Ballarat
MAP REFERENCE Vicroads Country Directory
FIRE BAN DISTRICT Central
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE Ballarat

This weekend will be two day rides in lovely rural and forest country and the nicest part of suburban Ballarat. We will travel up on Saturday morning, camp at Smythesdale Saturday night and have dinner at the local pub. We will cover almost all of the Ballarat to Skipton Rail Trail

Saturday's ride will follow the rail trail from Newtown to Skipton, then the rail trail back as far as Linton from where we take an interesting road route back to Newtown. The base ride will be about 65 km with 590m of ups but there will be an optional side trip up Mt Bute for panoramic views which would add on about 4 km and 75 m up. In addition for the toughies you could start the ride from Scarsdale which adds on a further fairly flat 7 km return

Sunday's ride starts with a 11 km loop from Smythesdale by rail trail to Scarsdale and back by road then by quiet roads to Lake Wendouree in Ballarat where after a charming circuit

of the lake to work up an appetite we will have lunch. Return to Smythesdale is along the rail trail. Distance is about 64 km with only about 340 m of ups, which is a pretty flattish ride!

We will **meet at Scarsdale** which is about 24 km south-west of Ballarat. Google says it takes 1 hour 41 minutes to get there from central Melbourne. Park at the rail trail carpark 50 m east of the highway where there is a loo. **Meeting time is 10 am.** Leave your bikes on the cars unless you are sure you want to do the extra 7 km return to Newtown. Unfortunately the Courthouse Hotel in Smythesdale, the only pub in town, doesn't provide accommodation, so if you want accommodation, Ballarat would be your best option. There may however be a B&B closer.

On Saturday I hope to find a coffee shop in Linton for morning tea and Skipton has a store if you want a pie for lunch. On Sunday there should be some coffee option at Lake Wendouree, but I'm not sure about lunch.

Everyone is of course welcome to join us for just one of the days if that suits you better. We expect to be ready to start riding on Sunday morning by 9 am.

So come along and join us for a delightful weekend of country riding.



TRACK MAINTENANCE

FRIENDS OF BOGONG WORK PARTY

DATE 21–22 November 2015
STANDARD Various
TRANSPORT Private

Details to come later.



NAVIGATION TRAINING

WERRIBEE GORGE

DATE 21 November 2015
RETURN TIME By 5 pm
STANDARD Easy/Medium
DISTANCE 5–6 km
ELEVATION 120 m fluctuation
LEADER Roger Wyett
TRANSPORT Car pool
AREA Werribee Gorge
MAP REFERENCE Melway Key Map 7 Br
TRANSP COSTS Approx \$15 per person

We will car pool from Club Rooms, departing at 0845 and meeting in the top car park at the entrance to Werribee Gorge at approx 0945. After a short 1.5 km walk we will undertake the theory aspects in a shed (in case of rain) and then a number of group navigation tasks across country to gain experience navigating on a bearing. As well as a few tips and tricks to make navigation easy.

The group will be limited to six participants, so all participants will have a chance to navigate in a small group, without any pressure, as this is all about learning. Please bring a compass (borrow one from another club member) and standard day pack, as we will be away from the cars all day, but likely to be an early finish, as long as no one gets lost!



SUNDAY CAR POOL

NEW: LAKE EILDON, ESTATE SPUR

DATE Sunday 22 November 2015
RETURN TIME 7:30 pm, Southbank
STANDARD Medium
DISTANCE 15 km approx.
ELEVATION 485 m
LEADER Stuart Hanham
TRANSPORT Carpool – Leaving Southbank Blvd at 8:45 am
TRANSP. COSTS \$24 per person
AREA Lake Eildon, Fraser area
MAP REFERENCE Victoria Park Notes: Lake Eildon NP, Walking Tracks (Fraser area)

FIRE BAN DISTRICT North Central
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE Mt Buller

After a long but beautiful drive over the Black Spur, past the Cathedrals and through Alexandra, we will start walking from the Candlebark Camping Area on Collier Bay at Lake Eildon. The route follows the attractive Candlebark Gully Nature Walk, then cuts through the camping area to a shoreline track above Collier Bay. At the Parks Victoria office, we will start the long, steep climb to Estate Spur, with big views of the lake starting to appear.

Once on the Spur, the track follows the ridgeline, steeply up and down from hill to hill. The reward is some of the best views in Victoria, of lake and mountain country. Near the end of the Spur, we'll descend very sharply on loose gravel, to the shore of the lake, then trek around Point Mead, while learning about Elwood Mead who worked on the famous Hoover Dam in the US (which has Lake Mead behind it), as well as Lake Eildon.

Good low level lake views will be had from Point Mibus, then the track becomes more lush, but also more slippery, above Bolte Bay. After following Bedrock Creek inland for a few hundred metres, we will tackle the long and very steep climb up the other side of Estate Spur. More great views await at the top. A long and winding descent through attractive bush, will take us to a short section of road and a bush shortcut back to the cars. Along the way, we are very likely to see kangaroos. Time permitting, we'll stop in Alexandra for drinks.

Due to several long, steep climbs and descents, a good level of fitness is recommended for this walk. Footwear with good grip is essential, and hiking sticks would be very useful. Plenty of water is another must.



WEDNESDAY WALK

COLIBAN AQUEDUCT

DATE Wednesday 25 November 2015
RETURN TIME Back at the cars about 3:30 pm
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE 13 km
ELEVATION Mostly flat
LEADER Lesley Hale
TRANSPORT Private
AREA 100 km NW of Melbourne, south of Castlemaine
MAP REFERENCE Vicmap 17723-1-3-1 Taradale
FIRE BAN DISTRICT North Central
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE Bendigo

The Coliban Water Works System opened in 1877 with 70 kilometres of open water channels, aqueducts, syphons, and tunnels to carry water (by gravity) from the Coliban River at Malmsbury, north to Castlemaine and Bendigo. Inspired originally by the need to supply water to end the annual summer drought on the goldfields region, it now services farms and agricultural industries in the area. The awe-inspiring stone and brickwork, built by workers without today's machinery, has stood the test of time.

The walk follows the section of the Coliban water channel to the west of the small town of Taradale (on the Calder Highway). It passes through forested areas with tall trees for shade, and more open sections with views over nearby farmland.

We meet near the Taradale Wine and Produce Store (120 High Street) at 10:15 am for a short car shuffle north and south of the town. Afternoon tea arrangements will be clarified when you phone leader to book on the walk.



SOCIAL WALK

FAIRFIELD AND YARRA BEND PARKS

DATE Thursday 26 November 2015
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE 5 km
ELEVATION Small hills
LEADER Jean Giese
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Fairfield
MAP REFERENCE Melway 30 and 44
FIRE BAN DISTRICT Central
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE Melbourne

Starting from the northern end of Yarra Bend Park, we will go down to Fairfield Park, cross the Yarra on the Pipeline Footbridge and explore a little of the east side.

Crossing back on the bridge, we will make our way upstream on a foot track on the west side and proceed to the lookout over the Merri Creek.

Lunch at the North Melbourne Institute of TAFE Café nearby. There will be a short walk back to the cars after lunch.

Meet in the car park on Yarra Bend Road, Melway 30 H12, to commence walking at 10:30 am.

Book with leader.

NB: There will not be a social walk in December as the 4th Thursday is Christmas Eve.



PACK CARRY

GREAT OCEAN WALK, EASTERN END

DATE 27–29 November 2015
RETURN TIME 9 pm Sunday 29 November
STANDARD Easy/Medium
DISTANCE 39 km
ELEVATION 200 m
LEADER Judith Shaw
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Otway Ranges
MAP REFERENCE Meridian Maps Great Ocean Walk Map, 1:25,000
MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE 12
FIRE BAN DISTRICT South West
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE Colac

A weekend exploring the magnificent Otway coast. We follow the Great Ocean Walk from Apollo Bay to Aire River, along sandy beaches and rock platforms, through shady manna gum forests and fern gullies, past the historic Cape Otway lighthouse and along rugged cliff tops with some of Victoria's most spectacular ocean views. We camp by a sheltered beach at Blanket Bay on Saturday (good for swimming) and finish on Sunday afternoon at Aire River, where there is the option for another swim in the river before the drive home. Car shuffles between campsites on Saturday and Sunday morning will enable us to do the walk with day-packs.

As campsites must be reserved in advance, please contact the leader before October 31.



SATURDAY EXPLORER

MAROONDAH DAM, DONNELLYS WEIR

DATE Saturday 28 November 2015
STANDARD Easy/Medium
DISTANCE 14 km
LEADER Debra Berner
TRANSPORT Private car
AREA Healesville
MAP REFERENCE Melway 270, Vic. Map Juliet South
FIRE BAN DISTRICT Central
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE Yarra Glen

Meet at 10:15 am for 10:30 start. Main car park at Maroondah Reservoir below Ranger's Office. Toilets nearby. Ref. Melway 270 J5.

Join me for a relaxing walk to Donnelly's Weir within the Yarra Ranges National Park. Some climbing involved with a few steep hills.

Book with leader.

As this is the last Saturday walk for year, please bring a small plate to share for afternoon tea in the park.



SUNDAY BUS

PHANTOM FALLS – THE CANYON – SHEOAK FALLS

DATE Sunday 29 November 2015
RETURN TIME 6:30 pm to City
STANDARDS Easy/Medium and Medium
DISTANCES 12 km and 15 km
LEADERS Frank and Marilia Cipolloni
TRANSPORT Bus – Leaving Southbank Blvd at 8:45 am
AREA Great Otway National Park, Lorne
MAP REFERENCE Outdoor Leisure Series: The Otways & Shipwreck Coast
FIRE BAN DISTRICT South Western
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE Colac

A great walk to celebrate spring with breathtaking views of the coastline, waterfalls (hopefully still with water), rainforest gullies, wet forests, dry forest, and with plenty of ups and downs to keep you working.

The Medium group will start at from Great Ocean Road and follow the Saint George River trail to the Allen Vale Car Park where the Easy/Medium group will start.

Both groups will continue from the car park along this track to Phantom Falls. From Phantom Falls, the walk will pass through the Canyon and then on to Henderson Falls. From here the walk will continue onto Sheoak Picnic Area.

We will then continue along the Castle Rock Track to Castle Rock and then onto Sheoak Falls, and the bus waiting for us the the Sheoak Falls Carpark.

Wet or fine, this should be an enjoyable walk for walk for all.

Hello fellow Bushies,

THURSDAY 24 TO MONDAY 28 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS BASE CAMP

Camp Eureka is located at 100 Tarrango Road, Yarra Junction. It was constructed by the Eureka Youth League, the Communist Party and the trade union movement after the Second World War as a holiday camp for the Eureka Youth League. Today it is an environmental bush camp owned by a voluntary group, the Camp Eureka Working Collective, who have kindly leased us the whole camp for the Bushies Christmas base camp.



HOW DOES IT WORK? You can stay for as many nights as you wish, and just pay as you go. Or come along for a day walk only.

THE COST? It is \$250 per day, so each day's payment will be divided by the number of participants. (Maximum 32)

THE FACILITIES There are two campgrounds, the best one being right next to the Little Yarra River. There are half a dozen cottages, sleeping two per cottage (first in best dressed). However, if it is extremely hot, these won't be so attractive, as there is obviously no air conditioning. There is a huge barn that would offer shelter and shade if you want to park a campervan.

There is a fully operational industrial kitchen with several fridges and a cool room, plus pots, cutlery, everything.

There is a lounge and dining room attached to the kitchen and a second, separate rec room. Also, some lovely outdoor dining areas are adjacent to the kitchen. We have toilet blocks and showers, although you'll need to stoke up the fire if you want warm water.

THE WALKS There will be an afternoon walk on Christmas Eve. The Christmas Day walk will be to McMahons Creek, Warburton East.

If you would like to lead a walk on Boxing Day or 27th, I'd love to hear from you. The base camp finishes on 28th.

Needless to say, the more the merrier! If you are staying Christmas Day please bring an 'Op Shop Special' wrapped up for the lucky dip. Make it as wacky or bonkers as possible.

Call me, let's talk:

Susan Maughan

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!

November 2015				
Sun 1	Day: Dom Dom Saddle – Donnelly Weir	Bus	E/M & M	Christina Hughes and Cathy Merrick
Thu 5	TOF: Mullum Mullum Creek	Pvt	Easy	Merilyn Whimpey
6–8	Base camp: Kennett River and surrounds	Pvt	E/M	Halina Sarbinowski and Ian Mair
Sun 8	Day: Lerderderg Scenic Rim	Car	Med	Judith Shaw
Wed 11	Day: Lyonville Springs–Babbington Hill–Bullarto Reservoir	Pvt	E/M	Sandra Mutimer
13–15	Pack carry: Bungalow Spur–Mt Feathertop–Bon Accord Spur	Pvt	Medium	Helen Geddes
Sun 15	Day: NEW: Grand Ridge Rail Trail	Bus	E & E/M	Halina Sarbinowski and Ian Mair
Mon 16	MOF: Darebin Parklands	Pvt	Easy	Bernadette O’Connell
21–22	Cycling: Ballarat–Skipton Rail Trail and road	Pvt	Med	Jopie Bodegraven
21–22	Track Maintenance: Friends of Bogong Work Party	Pvt	var	Deb Shand
Sat 21	Training: Werribee Gorge	Pvt		Roger Wyett
Sun 22	Day: NEW: Lake Eildon, Estate Spur	Car	Med	Stuart Hanham
Wed 25	Day: Coliban Aqueduct	Pvt	E/M	Lesley Hale
Thu 26	Social: Yarra Bend Parks, Fairfield	Pvt	Easy	Jean Giese
27–29	Pack carry: Great Ocean Walk: Apollo Bay–Aire River	Pvt	E/M	Judith Shaw
Sat 28	Day: Saturday Explorer: Maroondah Dam, Donnellys Weir	Pvt	E/M	Debbie Berner
Sun 29	DAY: Phantom Falls–The Canyon–Cora Lynn Cascades	Bus	E/M & M	Del Franks and Marilia Cipolloni

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