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Ian Mair, Webmaster



Pictures from the recent Great Barrier Island, New Zealand trip. Write-up on page 6.

**Due date for contributions (including July previews) to June News (news@mbw.org.au):
21 May**

MEMBER OF



Members of the Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc meet on Wednesday evenings between 7:00 and 9:00 pm in the club rooms at:

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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 6 May 2019

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members:
Yiting Zheng
Arthur Barbara
Alicia Hill

CREW717FLINDERS

You don't need to be a seafarer to enjoy the facilities at the Mission to Seafarers.

As tenants at the Mission to Seafarers Victoria we enjoy a range of benefits as a club. If you would like to extend your enjoyment of the facilities with benefits for you and your friends and family then you are invited to join as a member of Crew717Flinders. For just \$1 per week (\$52 p/a) your membership helps the Mission provide services to those who work at sea.

Membership benefits include:

- Discount on alcohol at the Mission to Seafarers Bar
- A guest ticket to the Opening Evening of the ANL Maritime Art Prize and Exhibition
- Free use of the BBQ in the Spanish style courtyard
- Invitation to the annual Seafarers Service at St Paul's Cathedral in October
- Printed Copy of Ship to Shore magazine
- Enjoy regular members' promotions, discounts and events
- Members receive a 10% discount when booking private and corporate functions including:
 - Norla Dome or Celia Little Room for private dinners, parties and corporate seminars;
 - The St Peter the Mariner Chapel for weddings and other ceremonies;
 - Exclusive use of the Spanish-style courtyard to celebrate any occasion with friends, family or colleagues

For further information regarding membership or for a corporate membership please email info@missiontoseafarers.com.au

PARKING IN THE MISSION TO SEAFARERS CARPARK

Members and visitors are asked not to use the parking spaces in the Siddley Street area reserved for The Mission to Seafarers. The spaces are required by the staff and volunteers working for The Mission who are required to move in and out at all hours to transport seamen to and from their vessels.

Thank you for your cooperation.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN MAY 2019

Written by Susanne Etti; guest author Deb Shand

With the summer just passed we have experienced extreme weather and warming temperatures that has put us on track for the hottest year in human history here in Australia. We have seen heatwaves, high fire risk and blackouts. As a club we were also directly impacted. Following our risk management plan we cancelled two Sunday bushwalks due to extreme heat and fire risks.

As mentioned, the past summer has affected most of us and when you speak with locals it is often a topic that comes up. I just returned from Bruny Island in Tasmania where locals shared their stories about the devastating fires in 1967 but also the destructive bushfires Tasmania experienced this past summer. The impact of the fires are seen even 50 years later and are a constant reminder how climate change is impacting our environment, infrastructure, health and economy.

In this context I would like to share with you the following article written by Deb Shand.



WHY IS THIS THE CLIMATE ELECTION?

Bushwalkers know about climate as it is integral to our activities. Extreme heat, extreme cold, flooded rivers, droughts, bushfires, deforestation, pollution – these are the events that directly affect us, and they are not new, but they are getting worse.

Climate scientists have found that our world has already warmed one degree, and the Paris Agreement of 2016 aims to hold global warming to 1.5 degrees to limit climate damage. We can already see the effects of global warming: more intense storms, bushfires in winter and in areas not burnt before such as rainforest in Queensland and Gondwanan forests in Tasmania, rising sea levels in Pacific Islands, retreating glaciers, melting sea ice, Great Barrier Reef bleaching.

The UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report of 2018 which drew on the contribution of thousands of expert and government reviewers worldwide advised that limiting global warming to 1.5°C would require 'rapid and far-reaching' transitions in land, energy, industry, buildings, transport, and cities. Global net human-caused emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂) would need to fall by about 45 percent from 2010 levels by 2030, reaching 'net zero' around 2050. This means that any remaining emissions would need to be balanced by removing CO₂ from the air.

We have known about global warming for a long time. I learnt about the greenhouse effect at school, and that was a long time ago! But our politicians have not taken effective action to date, and the IPCC report shows that we are running out of time. Even though some people argue that Australia only contributes a very small amount to global emissions, we export a lot of coal and gas to other countries which adds to their emissions. We could take a leadership role and export renewable energy in future.

This is why environmental groups are keen to let people know that their vote counts in the upcoming election. If we can elect representatives who will take strong climate action, stop digging and burning coal, invest in renewable energy and stop the controversial mine projects in the Galilee Basin in Queensland (Adani) then we may be able to lessen climate damage. Climate change will have significant effects on our country's economy, healthcare, environment, food production, national security and daily life so we need to act on it urgently. Please vote wisely this election!

To see a track record of where our main political parties stand on climate policy, go to: https://www.acf.org.au/track_record



If you have any questions or like to leave a comment please contact president@mbw.org.au

Susanne Etti

Social Event

Wednesday 22nd May
COAST TO COAST ENGLAND HIKE
Presenter: Angela Vetsica



The Coast to Coast walk is a very popular, epic long distance walk staying in lovely English guesthouses and historic pubs. This iconic Coast to Coast walk was made famous by Alfred Wainwright, an English author. Come along and listen to my experience walking it with Fang and Brett. Find out how we navigated our way across England beginning at the Irish Sea at St Bees then rambled through three of England's best national parks – the Lakes District, Yorkshire Dales and the North Yorkshire Moors to reach the Robin Hood Bay on the North Sea.

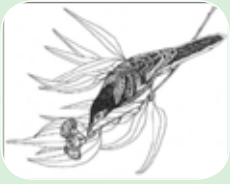


MAKING A BANK TRANSFER TO MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS ACCOUNT

A bank transfer from your account into the Melbourne Bushwalkers Club Account is straight forward, however, you must ensure that you include the necessary details so that your payment is properly accredited. When making a transfer to the club bank account it is essential that you include the purpose of the transfer (eg 'Date of Trip' or 'SUBS') and Your Name in the description/reference section of the transfer. This information will appear on the club's bank statement and will enable the Treasurer to identify who the funds are from and the reason for the payment. If you are making a Branch payment to the club's account be sure that the Teller enters the reference details. If the bank can only accept numerals in the reference then enter the leading digits from your telephone number and follow up with an email to the club advising the purpose of the transfer.

The account details for Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc. are:

Melbourne Bushwalkers
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REGENT HONEYEATER PROJECT PLANTING DATES

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Hello Everyone,

How are you? It is exciting to announce that the Regent Honeyeater Project is now well funded for the next few years and that we can now advertise the dates for the planting weekends for this season.

So, we need your help for another season of People Power in Action!

In a similar vein to last year we will be starting planting in May and June to beat the end of financial year as well as getting plants established well before the ever-unpredictable spring.

The dates are: May 4th & 5th
May 18th & 19th – Deakin Uni already booked
June 1st & 2nd
June 8th & 9th

Then there will be a break for July and we will have some opportunity again in August:

As with last year we will be providing at no cost:

- Saturday evening meal
- Sunday lunch
- Accommodation at the Scout/Guide Halls in Benalla (mattresses supplied: BYO bedding) which will be available on Friday and Saturday nights
- We will also conduct a tour of an established site, probably late on Saturday.

Despite a severe drought the plants from last year are looking surprisingly well with very few losses and good growth due to a short but fortuitous downpour in December. Below is a photo taken a month ago at Humphries Hill (the low hill in Winton Wetlands we spent a lot of time on last season) of a White Box (*Eucalyptus albens*) reaching the top of the 900 mm guard in just over 6 months – and this is not the only one. The whole site looks excellent.

Some of the sites we have planned for this season are:

- Continuing the meandering corridor that will connect north to south across Winton Wetlands (which will connect Lurg to Chesney Vale)
- More of the scattered overstory planting associated with the above corridor
- Hand, niche direct seeding of understory
- Goudie Rd, Chesney Vale, west of McGann Hill road. If you have a look on Google earth this will fill a gap between McGann Hill Rd (which connects to Lake Mokoan Rd and Winton Wetlands) and the Katatmatite Creek Reserve (which is about 7 km long) with various connections to Mt Meg Nature Conservation Reserve – so a very important gap to plant.
- Scattered overstory and understory in a newly fenced Ironbark remnant in Lurg
- Greens camp is a 20 ha low Box/Ironbark hill similar to Humphries Hill in Winton Wetlands for planting in late winter / early Spring.

Thank you for your support to date and we really hope you are able to join us again this year.

Have a lovely day,
Kind regards

Andie Guerin
Coordinator, Regent Honeyeater Project Inc



White Box in a 900mm guard and just over 6 months old. Fantastic.

GREAT BARRIER ISLAND/AOTEA – MARCH 2019

'Rugged landscape, spectacular bluffs, a maze of bays, sweeping white sandy beaches'. So states the Department of Conservation (DOC) pamphlet about Great Barrier Island (GBI) in New Zealand. It is all true. This island is a small piece of paradise. With a population of approximately 800 and only 285 square kilometres in size, it is situated just north of Auckland. GBI and the Coromandel Ranges are the eroded remnants of a line of andesitic and rhyolitic volcanoes that erupted between eighteen and three million years ago.

Led by Susan Maughan, sixteen Bushies recently confirmed the claims of the DOC pamphlet. Beginning with the ferry to Tryphena, the scenic boat trip was for me, worth the minor seasickness. With our four hire cars, Medlands Backpackers became our base for three nights and Susan's food shopping in Auckland provided us with a plentiful first night's barbeque, with lots to spare!

Short walks near Port Fitzroy and the beach graves at Tapuwai Point eased us into the island's charm and beauty. With improved weather the next day, a cross-over walk along coastal cliffs with magnificent views to Rakitu Island was achieved.

Leaving Jan and Peter to do the hard tasks of repositioning vehicles and luggage, the rest of us pack-walked to Mt Heale Hut. Through the amazing rocky outcrops of Windy Canyon, we climbed (and climbed!!!) very steeply to the highest peak on GBI, Hirakimata or Mt Hobson, at 621 metres. Lunch with a great view did compensate for the hundreds of steps. (Well, it seemed like hundreds!) Little did we know that there would be many more steps the next day on our day walk from Mt Heale Hut to Kaiarara Hut and Bush's Beach. Fantastic weather and lovely forest walking helped alleviate the pain of the final steps which did at times seem never-ending. Steps aside, this part of the trip was a special highlight for me. Just so beautiful!! En route to the cars, some walkers took the opportunity to relax in the Kaitoke Hot Springs.

Great Barrier Lodge was our home for the next few nights. Located on another picturesque bay, it provided a perfect spot to swim, relax at the bar, explore new walks and delve into the island's history.

Returning to the homely Medlands Backpackers for the last two nights, we used the time to explore the southern section of the island. Walking tracks on GBI are well-built and maintained. Some of us tried hard to visit as many as we could, but there was always another one. For such a relatively small island, it is a mecca for walkers.

Another highlight for me with my Irish Heritage, was the St Patrick's Eve Dinner and live music at the Irish Pub. Susan had requested that we acknowledge the occasion with GREEN and the response was pleasing. Susan herself won the Best-Dressed award!!!!

It was with much reluctance that I left the island. The ten seater plane trip to Auckland enabled us to view the many islands of the Hauraki Gulf but my heart was still on the beautiful GBI.

Thanks to Susan for taking this second group to GBI. Her previous experience was invaluable.

Thanks to the rest of the group: Meredith, Peter, Barbara, John, Helen, Tracey, Liz, Erin, Wendy, Jan, Fiona, Mick, Sylvia and Ian. Our drivers deserve special thanks too, as do Jan and Peter for their extra help.

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The 2020 trip to Great Barrier Island is already up and running. Three new co-leaders have put up their hands to lead another Club trip. This will be a small group of eight. Please contact me for EOI.

Susan Maughan susanmaughanoz@hotmail



**A ROCKY RIDGE AND A RIVER
LITTLE BULLER SPUR – HOWQUA RIVER – FOUR MILE SPUR
22–24 March 2019 Leader: Agajan Akbari
The rest of the team: Ian M, Jaime, Bruce S and Jopie B**



Victoria has numerous excitingly rocky places. Places that come to mind include the Grampians, The Razor and the Viking, Mt Cobbler, Devils Staircase, Cathedral Range, Hells Window, Mt Typo, Mt Buffalo and more that don't come to mind immediately. After this weekend I'd like to add Little Buller Spur to the list. The kilometre long ridge heading south from Little Mount Buller, itself a rocky knoll about 2 km south of its big brother, Mt Buller, is a ripper. But back to the beginning.

Five of us met at the Mt Buller visitors centre on Saturday morning. It was cold, windy and drizzling. We briefly thought about spending the weekend in a Mt Buller hotel reading and playing video games but decided that someone might find out and we'd never live it down so up we drove to the top car park where the wind was even

colder and stronger than where we were and it was still drizzling. Down the ski run we went and up to Little Mount Buller on a nice track for super views. Then the track stopped because nobody goes any further; except us and who knows what other silly persons.

That first kilometre was truly spectacular. The rock was fine-grained metamorphic which was very slippery in the wet conditions with lots of loose rocks so we had to proceed very carefully. There was much clambering down tricky rocky descents and some particularly scary cliffy or knife edged bits had to be bypassed by big down and ups. It was however great fun and nobody fell over any cliffs. I loved it except for the wet rock. Oh how I love dry rock.

The drizzle stopped and the rest of the descent to the Howqua, steep, loose in places and tiring, went without major incident except for minor slips, cuts and abrasions, par I guess for a M/H off track walk. But it was long and we were all weary. There were a lot of fallen trees which we had to get over, around and under wearing us out even more. At least the area had not been appreciably burnt so there was no horrible regrowth and the scrub was in fact quite benign. Then a final perilous slippery descent to the river which we were hoping to rockhop across but alas, there was too much water. Four splashed through boots and all; one optimist valiantly waded across bare footed, only to find there were two more crossings on the 1.5 km track walk to camp so I got wet shoes anyway.

We arrived at Gardiners Hut with 45 minutes of daylight left to set up camp after a long, tiring 9½-hour day. No wasted daylight for this group! Luckily the camp area was delightful. A spacious flat grassy area with a mix of eucalypts and introduced English oaks and pine trees set in a big bend of the Howqua. Gardners Hut was a locked private hut which looked well appointed when I peered in through the window. It had an outside composting loo perched up high on a platform with no walls for privacy but a fabulous view of the river and a sign saying 'For the use of guests of Gardiners Hut only' so I presume the hut is used by commercial horse and/or 4WD groups.

Sunday was a much easier day after a mostly good night's sleep. Just a 1200 m climb on a good track up delightful Four Mile Spur back to our cars. A 5-hour walk including lunch with some fabulous views as we got higher. In this case, up was much easier than down!

Thanks Agajan for leading a fabulous exploratory walk. Your only failing was organizing the good weather for the easier sections instead of when we really wanted it on those scarier bits.

Jopie



A LERDERBERG ADVENTURE, WEATHER OR NOT

As I woke to the early alarm on Saturday and heard the steady drumming of rain outside, I checked to see if there was an email from our leader, Ian, advising that the walk had been cancelled. No email, but the weather app warned of a cold, wet weekend after our long spell of warm weather. Ah well, lucky I'd remembered to pack the wet weather gear.

Fiona arrived to collect me, and as we drove towards Gisborne the weather cleared. We found our fellow walkers sampling the offerings at a local café, and before long we were sorting ourselves into fewer cars to drive to the start of the walk.

The first hill on the Lerderberg Track as we walked away from the cars got us warmed up and we strode easily along the wide 4WD track until our leader called a halt to tell us that the time had come to head off track. With GPS in hand, and muttering that he had followed a different route on the preview, he led us on a meandering path through the dry scrub, down into a deep gully, then told us we had to climb the steep hill on the other side. With some scrambling and puffing we made it to the top and Cowans Track where we enjoyed morning tea in dappled sunshine. Those weather forecasters seemed to have got it wrong again.

Although we were back on track now, the tone of the walk had been set: if we weren't walking down a hill, we were walking up one. That has to be expected when your leader has described the walk as 'a good training exercise'. Before lunch we got a brief shower of rain, but no sooner had we pulled out our jackets and put them on, than the sun came out again to tease us.

We made our way along a narrow path above the river way below, but after our hot summer the river consisted of only a few pools amongst the dry pebbles. A steep, slippery descent led to another steep climb up the Razorback North Track, aptly named for its rocky spine. After another long descent we shunned Ian's offer of an additional climb on an unpreviewed track, instead opting to follow the rocky riverbed along to our campsite.

With tent sites chosen, new tent models compared, and water collected from a nearby pool, wood was gathered from the surrounding bush and a few put their fire lighting skills to work for the benefit of all. Although we had escaped much rain, the air was chilly and down jackets and beanies were put on as we set up our stoves to make soup and eye off what our companions were having for dinner. Fotina won the envy of others with her small bottle of red wine complete with plastic wine glass.

As the evening drew in, we amiably conversed and digested our hot meals, enjoying the peaceful view of bush and gorge and the warmth of the crackling fire, until rallied to action by another shower of rain. Everyone grabbed their cooking gear and dived into their tents, only to emerge 15 minutes later when the shower had passed. Even so, when darkness fell we were glad to get into our sleeping bags and let our muscles rest after all those hills.

With more rain pattering on the tents overnight we woke to a slightly soggy, cool but fine morning. After packing up we set off up Clearwater Gully. There was no water in the creek but the overnight rain had made the rocks slippery and we proceeded with careful steps, now and then climbing the banks in search of a safe route or clambering under or over fallen trees. After a welcome pause for morning tea we continued on until we arrived at a rough 4WD track crossing the gully. Our ever democratic leader gave us another choice: take the shorter route out up one track, the longer (unpreviewed) route up the other track, or continue along the gully.

We felt that Ian had admirably met his weekend goal of giving us a good workout, so we opted for the shorter route and set about clambering up the steep track. One last stop for a brief lunch let us finish debating the relative merits of cheese and other pack carry foods, before heading off for the march back to the cars.

We finished the weekend where we had started, in the café at Gisborne treating ourselves to coffee and other delicacies of civilisation, then with thoughts of hot showers we dispersed into our cars for the drive home. As we drove towards Melbourne the rain closed around us again, and we realised that we had been the lucky ones with weather. We have to thank Ian's good standing with the weather gods, as well as his impeccable organisation, navigation skills and good humour for another enjoyable pack carry. Thanks also for the company of David, Geoff, Fotina, Tracy, Deb B, Jill, Owen, Fiona and Maciek.



Deb Shand

BASE CAMP RAWSON APRIL 5-7 2019



On Friday evening twenty members of Melbourne Bushwalkers gathered at Rawson to spend a couple of days of walking in the Walhalla area of Gippsland, thanks to the generosity of Jill Allen who organised this Base Camp. Our lodge accommodation at Mountain Rivers Tourist Park was very good value; clean rooms, hot water and a common room – kitchen/lounge – large enough to accommodate everyone comfortably.

Saturday morning was cool and cloudy and it remained that way for most of the day. We set off on our walk to Walhalla (16 km), making our way towards the Thomson River and Horseshoe Bend Tunnel. Unfortunately, we could only view the tunnel from a distance as the area was closed off for reconstruction work. Any sluggishness was soon dispelled by a climb up the steep Mormon Town Track to the Australian Alps Walking Track. This track took us through heavily forested mountain sides with some spectacular views, along pathways left by the old timber tramways. We made good time to Walhalla which was almost bustling with tourists taking in the history and locals taking in the tourists. There was plenty of time for lunch and a good look around before we set off on the 3 pm train from Walhalla back to Thomson station and the walk back to our accommodation at Rawson.

On Sunday, somewhat jaded from the sumptuous dinner our joint efforts had produced



the evening before, we walked from Rawson around the Poverty Point Circuit (15 km). The day was clear and sunny and we had the full benefit of the sun, walking along the tramway beside the Thomson River. We enjoyed outstanding mountain and river valley views and the interpretative signs along the route gave us a snapshot of the history of earlier mining and timber cutting communities in these mountains.

We stopped for a while at Poverty Point Bridge, built to facilitate the carriage of timber to the Long Tunnel mine at Walhalla. Most of us were content to lounge in the sun and lap up the atmosphere but a few were unable to resist the lure of clear water, rippling in warm sunlight. The walk continued on the other side of the river, along the Australian Alps Walking Track through to the Mormon Town Track, and then down to Thomson station. After a leisurely lunch the group broke up; some, having parked their cars nearby, left for Melbourne, the others made their way back to Rawson where their cars were parked.

Cecily Hunter



PACK CARRY 6TH AND 7TH APRIL, 2019 CASTLEMAINE DIGGINGS – VAUGHAN SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK

The group of eight were to meet at the junction of Loop Track and Porcupine Ridge Road in the Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park at 10.00 am. Two walkers coming from central Victoria (not far from walk) took the advice of Ms Google and ended up being 20 minutes late; thank goodness they were not in charge of the navigation for the walk!! However, they did manage to inform the group that they had passed an area where a large contingent of rogaining participants were gathering for an event.

On a beautiful sunny day in the low twenties the intrepid group headed off along Sebastapol Creek heading towards Vaughan Springs. The effects of the drought were very evident for the entire walk – no water in the various creeks or creek beds and the undergrowth was very dry. Despite the lack of rain the bush was still beautiful and ruins of the gold-rush era were very evident. Mr Hunt was a very busy gentleman back in the day, with water races (26 km) and a lot of the mines having his name attached to them in the area. The ruins of many a fireplace are still to be seen along the tracks and show what clever builders were capable of during the gold rush. We passed a lot of the rogainers heading towards their next waypoints and it was both interesting and pleasing to note how many young families were out and about in the bush.

After stopping for the obligatory morning tea and lunch breaks we found ourselves at the Tubal Cain mine. This once was an extensive mining complex and evidence of a Cornish flue, or hillside chimney, is found here. The engineering marvel manifest as a covered-in 'gutter' leading up to a brick chimney atop a steep hill had the group fascinated. Research since has led me to believe that the fire in a boiler at the bottom of the hill used this gutter and chimney to release the gases, after using the steam machinery, high up into the atmosphere! More evidence of ruins beside the track here. On to Italian Hill and a vantage point which again showed dams and other water storages empty. Then onto an old bridle path winding around the Loddon River bank before dropping down to cross the spillway to Vaughan Springs.

For those of us that had been here before, it was an eye opener! The vast grassy areas were bare of grass, the ground rock hard. The Loddon River was non-existent downstream and above the spillway was nothing more than a small dam. A sole fisherman was trying his luck. The trees provided the only greenery to be seen. No camping signs were noted in a few areas, but eventually our leader found us an area with no signage beside the very dry and rocky bed of the Loddon. Even though the area was been dry, it was pleasing to note that the tourists still visit, even if just for a picnic lunch or for the thrill of the big slide. Some walkers did enjoy the big slide, revisiting their childhood. After setting up the campsite, we set off for another walk up the hill into Vaughan. The Chinese Cemetery proved interesting with information about the large Chinese contingent in the gold rush. Then further down to the disused bridge that Ms Google had directed the two 'late' walkers to cross. Then back along the river bed to camp. Evidence of areas where water had only just dried up were seen and the river banks of huge rocks were seen and admired. The older spillway here looked bereft without any water.

After a reasonably chilly night the group set off along the banks of the Loddon upstream along what had been an old water race. The Loddon River was visually more appealing with many areas of water and subsequent bird life. Beautiful gum trees lined the river edge and the geological wonders on the far and very high banks were admired. A family of kangaroos had made their own path and hopped along what appeared to be a sheer cliff face!!! Cockatoos and other birds were seen around the few areas of water. Passing alongside a very old orchard it was noted that there was some fruit left on some of the trees. After the group passed by, all munching an apple, the trees appeared bare!!! We then left the water race and headed back towards the track with Mr Hunt's chimney being our next waypoint with his mine nearby. Hearsay led us to believe that this mine had an adit (a perpendicular tunnel leading to an external exit). No one volunteered to go down and check this theory out!!! Maybe next time, when no one is looking, with gentle persuasion, someone will go down and check it out.

A walk off track leading to the Goldfields Track had us back to the cars in time to manage a coffee in Daylesford. Thank you to Agajan, Arthur, Halina, Ian, Meredith, Susan and Tracey for your company on what was a very relaxing and educational walk.

Gayle Cameron



WABONGA WILDERNESS WANDERINGS PACK CARRY

6-7 APRIL 2019

LEADER: RAY THOMAS



It's always with excitement and a little trepidation that I sign to one of Ray Thomas' walks (expecting to go where no man has been before) but how could one resist a trip to a place called 'Wabonga'. Go on, say it again. I know you cant help it – 'Waaaabongaaa!!'

The group met up on the Lake Hovell Road, in the dark, on a pleasant roadside camp after the long drive from Melbourne. Quick intros and greetings, then everyone scurried to get their tents up before the rain set in. Ray had some issues with his headlamp but after 45 minutes of constantly switching the thing on and off he coaxed it to light up just in time for lights out.

The morning pack up was brisk, as constant drizzle set in. Thunder claps boomed in the distance, but by the time we had organised a car shuffle and donned our packs for the walk start, at the Lake Hovell dam wall, the sun was shining. There was no escaping the wet though. Within the first 10 minutes of the walk there was a knee high crossing of the King River.

A steady ascent up a spur, through thick bush, guided by Ray, saw us

stumbling and bumbling our way to a small rock face which we discovered was the passage to the plateaux (pleural, cos we discovered there is a series of them!). Some teamwork ensured everyone and our packs made it up safely before we stopped for morning tea atop a cliff overlooking the King Valley.

We took some time to drop down a steep bank, allowing us to explore the beautiful face of the cliff, its layers of conglomerate rock and sandstone glistening with the morning damp and small ferns and stunted plants hanging on for dear life to its rocky ledges.

Already agog at as Ray's amazing agility and navigation skills, we were then astounded at lunch watching Ray precariously balance and dress 8 Sao biscuits on his right thigh, his backcountry breadboard! All while pointing out the various trees that shaded us.

The plan for the afternoon was to follow the plateaux before dropping down to a waterfall, top up for water then proceed to a high camp. The walk undulated through thick scrub and as the afternoon sun began to fade we decided to call camp at a pretty fern gully, by a running creek. The only water we had come across on the plateaux. The night sky with no moon and no cloud was filled with stars and we had lovely evening swapping stories around a solar lamp pretending to be a campfire.

Refreshed from an extra hour's sleep due to the end of daylight saving the mood was high on Sunday morning. We continued the undulating walk across the plateaux through open forest with beautiful stands of blanket leaf, peppermint and manna gums. The dappled light from morning sun and fresh dew made the walk all the more magical. At one point we stopped and marvelled at the largest manna gum any of us had ever seen. After morning tea atop the peak planned for Saturday night's camp, we then headed down to meet the dry rocky bed of Stockyard Creek and through to join the King River. Completing a restful lunch beside the river we meandered back and forth, crossing and siding the river before reaching Andrew's Green, a lush green flat aside the river, discovered by Andrew N and so named. We dropped packs and prostrated, absorbing a few rays of sun, recharging for the final stretch, along some muddy flats, to the cars.

The walk was full of surprises and was a wonderful exploration of a surprisingly under-visited part of the Victorian High country that I think is a secret best kept. Thanks to all involved, including the VMTC members who joined us.

Ray T, Andrew N, Tony H, Anna D, Jaque P. Sal M. Wendy M.

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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.

**DEPARTURE POINT
 FOR SUNDAY WALKS**

The current departure point for Sunday walks noted on the walks program and in previews is at the bus stop on the northern corner of A'Beckett Street and William Street opposite the Royal Historical Society building.



GPS-enabled devices have become widely accepted and adopted within the club. With inbuilt maps combined with digital mapping software showing tracks and key topographic features for route planning, a GPS is a powerful navigation tool. The club and a number of members have purchased Garmin devices. By request, this session complements the earlier introduction to GPS held last year to concentrate on using the Garmin Basecamp (and other) mapping software for route planning and track record management.

The training session will cover a range of topics, including:

- (a) Mapping software to use with your Garmin GPS;
- (b) Setting a route and waypoints for GPS navigation;
- (c) Determining key route statistics for trip planning;
- (d) Editing and storing track records for future reference.

It will be assumed that participants are familiar with map coordinates and map reading. Participants should have their own GPS-enabled device.

Registration is only open to club members and will be limited to 12. All members are welcome to participate but priority will be given to active leaders.



SUNDAY BUS

LAKE ELIZABETH – WEST BARWON RESERVOIR



DATE: Sunday 2 June 2019
 RETURN TIME: 6:30 pm to city



TRAINING

WORKING WITH GPS: GARMIN BASECAMP

DATE: Saturday 1 June 2019
 VENUE: East Malvern
 STANDARD: Easy
 ORGANISER: Ian Mair
 TRANSPORT: Private
 START TIME: 9:30 am
 FINISH TIME: 3:30 pm
 BOOK WITH: Ian Mair

STANDARDS Easy and Medium
DISTANCES 12 km and 16 km
TOTAL ASCENTS 50 m rise and 200 m rise
LEADERS Halina Sarbinowski and John Oakley
TRANSPORT Bus – leaving cnr A’Beckett and William Streets at 8:45 am

ACTIVITY AREA The Otways
FIRE BAN DISTRICT South West
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE Colac

Nestled in the Otway State Forest lies the beautiful Lake Elizabeth formed when a landslide blocked the East Barwon River in 1952. The haunting quality of this flooded valley with its stark trees still visible in the lake after nearly seventy years has a serenity that soothes the soul. It is one of my favorite places and I return to it again and again. One such glorious feature on a walk would make this one of the best walks on the Sunday program but close by lies the West Barwon Reservoir. Both walks will have the opportunity to follow the trail around Lake Elizabeth and then wander along the reservoir to our waiting bus.

I hope that you will join us on this most delightful walk.



PACK CARRY

VANUATU SOUTH SEA ADVENTURE

DATE 5–22 June 2019
LEADER Susan Maughan

This is the Club’s inaugural trip to Vanuatu. All activities are on Malekula Island, a 45 minutes’ flight from Port Vila. First of all we have a 5 day mountain hike, staying in local villages, then after a rest day, we have a 3 day traverse down river to the coast. We follow this up with a 4 day outrigger trip to outlying islands.

THIS TRIP IS FULLY BOOKED.

HOPEFULLY WE WILL SEE THIS ON THE CLUB ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME ANOTHER TIME.



TOFS WALK

WILLIAMSTOWN – LOWER YARRA RIVER

DATE Thursday 6 June 2019
RETURN TIME Flinders Street Station 3–4 pm
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE 10 km approximately
TOTAL ASCENT Flat
LEADER Bill Metzenthien
TRANSPORT Train
ACTIVITY AREA Melbourne western suburbs
MAP REFERENCE Melway maps 56, 42

This walk is from Williamstown to Yarraville. We walk through Williamstown and along the lower reaches of the Yarra River, then under the West Gate Freeway with its memorial to the 35 workers who died when the bridge collapsed on 15 October 1970. After lunch we walk through parks and streets to Yarraville Station.

According to the Journey Planner, the Werribee train leaves Flinders Street Station platform 10 at 9:51 am and arrives at Williamstown at 10:16 am.

Be warned – there’s not a lot of shelter on the walk.



PACK CARRY

HATTAH-KULKYNE NATIONAL PARK

DATE Friday 7 to Monday 10 June 2019
STANDARD Easy/Medium
DISTANCE 50 km
TOTAL ASCENT Pretty flat
LEADER Ian Mair
TRANSPORT Private
ACTIVITY AREA North west Victoria
MAP REFERENCE Hattah Lakes 1:25,000 (Outdoor Leisure Map)

Hattah-Kulkyne National Park lies in typical flat mallee country with extensive low scrub and open native pine woodland. Superbly adapted birds, animals and vegetation thrive in the poor, sandy soils and searing summers. My last two trips to this area followed a similar route, due east from the Visitors’ Center across to the Murray River. This walk will be through similar country but head further north to explore other areas of the NP. One night will be spent on the banks of the Murray River and one near one of the many lakes in the NP. A water-drop will be made to ensure we have good water for the second night. Our walk will take us along a mixture of 4WD vehicle tracks and open scrubland, passing by a number of lakes along the way.

Situated about 450 km from Melbourne the 48,000 hectare Hattah–Kulkyne National Park is one of only three Biosphere Reserves in Victoria. During flood periods, the lakes are recognised as some of Australia’s significant wetlands under an international agreement (the Ramsar Convention) for the protection of Wetlands. The area is regarded as particularly special because of the large flow of permanent water in the nearby Murray River and a number of freshwater lakes seasonally filled by creeks connected to the Murray. This habitat provides food and shelter for a large number of waterbirds, animals and fish.

Contact Ian Mair or see him in the club rooms for further information.



SUNDAY CAR POOL

SARDINE AND CLEARWATER CREEKS

DATE Sunday 9 June 2019
RETURN TIME 6:00 pm, cnr A’Beckett and William Streets
STANDARD Medium
DISTANCE 11 km
TOTAL ASCENT 520 metres of ascent
LEADER Christopher Collett
TRANSPORT Carpool – leaving cnr A’Beckett and William Streets (opposite old clubrooms) at 8:45 am
ACTIVITY AREA Lerderderg Gorge
MAP REFERENCE Meridian Maps – Lerderderg and Werribee Gorges
TRANSPORT COST \$15 per person

This walk commences from O’Brien’s Crossing on the Lerderderg River, and visits two nearby streams, Sardine Creek and Clearwater Creek. It includes several relics of the gold mining era such as mine shafts, water races, and the Tunnel, which was dug by miners to divert a bend of the Lerderderg River to enable easier access to the dry river bed.

Although the route is predominantly on tracks, there are some sections where we will walk along the river bed and an old water race which adds interest to the trip. Typical of the

Lerderderg State Park, there are several steep ascents and descents, and hence a walking pole or two would be very advantageous.

This is an opportunity to appreciate the Lerderderg River environment away from the usual walking paths.



WEDNESDAY WALK

PLENTY GORGE

DATE	Wednesday 12 June 2019
RETURN TIME	3 pm
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	12 km
TOTAL ASCENT	64 metres
LEADER	Helen Dobbyn
TRANSPORT	Private
MAP REFERENCE	Melway maps 183/184

Meet at the gates to Carome Homestead, 10 Hathfelde Blvd, Mernda (Melway 183 J2), at 10 am for 10:15 start. Park in Hathfelde Street. The historic homestead houses the 2 Beans and a Farm Café/Restaurant.

The walk will proceed south along the Plenty River through remnant red gum forest to the Hawkestone area and the Le Page historic homestead, returning via the Morang wetlands to Carome for afternoon tea. Some narrow dirt tracks, paved paths and the edges of suburban development. There is a substantial area of bush and we will have views of the steep Plenty River Gorge and view historic farming areas. Expect to see mobs of kangaroos, water birds and other bird life. The Plenty River parkland is being actively regenerated by Parks Victoria and local groups and is one of Melbourne's hidden gems.



SUNDAY BUS

WONGA PARK, WARRANDYTE

DATE	Sunday 16 June 2019
STANDARDS	Easy and Easy/Medium
DISTANCES	16 and 18 km
LEADERS	Jenny Andrewes and Denise Charman
TRANSPORT	Bus – leaving cnr A'Beckett and William Streets (opposite old clubrooms) at 8:45 am
ACTIVITY AREA	Between Warrandyte and Wonga Park
MAP REFERENCE	Melway maps 23, 24 and 279

This is a delightful walk along the Yarra River, traversing the Warrandyte State Park. The walk commences at Mount Lofty with excellent views of the river and nearby ranges. We follow the river past a series of rapids and sharp bends, notably the Bend of Isles and Blue Tongue Bend, and we pass the remote outposts of Stane Brae and Yarra Brae. Kangaroos are plentiful in this park.

Please be aware there is no formed track for part of the walk, and we have to make our way through light bush.



MOFS WALK

SUGARLOAF RESERVOIR

DATE	Monday 17 June 2019
RETURN TIME	5:30 pm
STANDARD	Easy/Medium

DISTANCE	12 km
TOTAL ASCENT	100 metres
LEADER	Michael Murray
TRANSPORT	Car pool
ACTIVITY AREA	Sugarloaf Reservoir
MAP REFERENCE	Melway map 273, Gregory's UBD 170, 171

The Sugarloaf and Christmas Hills Circuit is a relatively easy hike around Sugarloaf Reservoir. We will not be walking the entire circuit, but begin at Ridge Picnic Area and end at Saddle Dam Picnic Area. Therefore a car shuffle will be required. There are two modest climbs but the views are worth it. The route is fairly well defined with plenty of kangaroos and the occasional deer. Along the route the terrain and vegetation is varied. You will pass Mount Graham, Rosella Spur, Eagle Point and Cockatoo Point. At most times the water is within view. Let us hope for good weather.



SATURDAY WALK

FERNY CREEK/TREMONT

DATE	Saturday 22 June 2019
RETURN TIME	3:30 pm Ferny Creek
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	14 km
ELEVATION	Hills
LEADER	Elizabeth (Liz) Gwynn
TRANSPORT	Private
ACTIVITY AREA	Dandenong Ranges National Park
MAP REFERENCE	Melway map 75 D1

A reasonable level of fitness is required for this walk.

We will meet at Ferny Creek Reserve in Clarkmont Road at 9:45 am to commence walking at 10:00 am.

The first part of the walk takes in the Tan and Loop Tracks surrounding Ferny Creek and then we move onto One Tree Hill Road which takes us to the picnic ground for morning tea.

We then descend the fairly steep Lyrebird Track to the heart of the busy Dandenong Ranges National Park for lunch.

After lunch the medium part of the walk takes hold when we ascend the Belview Terrace Track which is a slow steady incline, leading us back to One Tree Hill picnic ground and then onto Mount Erin Road finishing with the Alpine Track back to Ferny Creek Reserve.

Coffee at the end of the walk most likely in Sassafra.

Please ring Liz by Thursday evening if you are coming on the walk.



TRAINING

MBW TRAINING DAY – UNITS 1–5

DATE	Saturday 22 June 2019
VENUE	Mission to Seafarers Victoria, 717 Flinders Street
ORGANISERS	Angela Vetsicas and Ian Mair
TRANSPORT	Private
START TIME	10:00 am
FINISH TIME	3:30 pm
BOOK WITH	Angela, training@mbw.org.au

Are you an aspiring leader who has been meaning to attend our training days or are you a member who wants to develop your bushwalking skills? Then you may attend all day or select the units which interest you from the MBW Training Day.

10:00–10:45 Unit 1 – ‘So You Want to Become a Leader?’

- The concept of leadership
- Different styles of leadership

10:45–11:45 Unit 2 – ‘Research, Planning and Previewing’

- Why, Who, Where, When and How to organise a walk from the stages of research and planning.
- Conducting a preview, what to do before, during and after a preview.
- Resources to access when selecting a walk, especially our extensive data base.

11:45–12:00 Morning Tea

12:00–12:45 Unit 3 – ‘Paper Work’

- Walk description and grading, walker registration
- Map and walk notes, transport plans, emergency details, incident reports

12:45–1:45 Unit 4 – ‘Risk Management and Safety’

- Understand that Risk management (RM) is involved in most decisions we make;
- Identify actual and potential risks;
- Evaluate the risks;
- Use strategies to manage risk;
- Be aware of legal responsibilities.

1:45–2:15 – LUNCH

2:15–3:15 Unit 5 – ‘Conducting the Walk’

- Tasks which need to be completed week prior to the walk;
- perform on the day of your walk prior to arriving at the actual start of the walk;
- tasks you are advised to perform after you arrive at the actual start point for the walk but before you start walking;
- how to conduct your walk in a safe manner so that all participants enjoy the walk;
- tasks you are advised to perform at the completion of the walk;

To book contact Angela at training@mbw.org.au



SUNDAY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

MIDDLE PARK – SANDRINGHAM

DATE Sunday 23 June 2019
LEADER Susanne Etti

This is a continuation of our bayside walks that are interesting and leisurely walks through the streets, parks and suburbs. This time we are starting in Middle Park and finishing in Sandringham with a coffee before getting on the train that takes us back to the city.

This walk allows you to see a quieter part of the bay trailing through the Bayside suburbs of Hampton, Brighton and Sandringham. There are various lookouts along the way.

We will follow the dedicated foot/bike track along most of this route. Please note the path will be predominantly on concrete. There will be several places en route to stop for refreshments.

Please note this walk starts at Flinders Street Station. The meeting point is on the steps underneath the clocks at 8:45. Please bring a Myki card with you.



SOCIAL WALK

WILLIAMSTOWN – POINT GELLIBRAND, BOTANIC GARDENS

DATE Thursday 27 June 2019
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE 5 km
TOTAL ASCENT Flat

LEADER Alister Rowe
TRANSPORT Private
ACTIVITY AREA Williamstown
MAP REFERENCE Melway map 56

Meet at Williamstown station at 10:30 am – Melway map 56 E11.

We will walk about 5 km around the Williamstown area including Point Gellibrand and the esplanade, ending in the Botanic Gardens. Suggest we take a cut lunch.

Return via Williamstown Beach station.



BASE CAMP

MT FRANKLIN

DATE 28–30 June 2019
STANDARD Medium and Easy/Medium
DISTANCE 14.1 km and 11.0 km
TOTAL ASCENT 350 m rise and 200 m rise
LEADER Halina Sarbinowski
TRANSPORT Private
ACTIVITY AREA Hepburn Springs

Mt Franklin is a small volcanic crater that offers an ideal place for a picnic or basic camping set amongst plantings of huge conifers and deciduous trees that create an exotic atmosphere. Also known as Lalgambook by the Djadja Wurrung people, Mt Franklin offers fine views on the approach to the summit.

Mount Franklin is a fine example of a breached scoria cone. The breach, through which the road now enters the crater, is thought to have been caused by a flow of lava breaking through the crater rim. Lava from Mount Franklin and other volcanoes in the area filled valleys and buried the goldbearing streams that became the renowned ‘deep leads’ of the gold mining era.

Camping at Mt Franklin, suitable for short stays, is on a first come first served basis. No fees apply. Toilets, fireplaces (bring some firewood) and washing water are provided.

Mt Franklin will be our base. However, we will need to travel to the start of each walk. Walks have been chosen from The Federation Walks weekend in 2015. Our first walk, on Saturday, will follow Tarilta Creek, with 16 creek crossings (fortunately all dry), extensive off-track sections with visits to relics of the mining era of the 1800s. On Sunday, after packing up we will travel close to the Chocolate Mill before leaving cars and following various tracks, including the Great Dividing Trail towards Hepburn Springs before returning to our cars.

Our reward after a weekend of walking will be a special treat at the Chocolate Mill.

You can either join me on Friday night or travel up on Saturday.



PACK CARRY

BLACKWOOD – LERDERDERG GORGE

DATE 29–30 June 2019
STANDARD Easy/Medium
DISTANCE 27 km
LEADER Agajan Akbari
TRANSPORT Private
ACTIVITY AREA Lerderderg Gorge State Park
MAP REFERENCE Lerderderg and Werribee Gorge Meridian Production 2001, 1:35,000

Rugged, beautiful and scenic, this is one of the easy good walks close to Melbourne that Lerderderg Gorge provides.

We travel on Saturday morning and meet at Blackwood (details later).

After doing the car shuffle, we will begin the walk on Whisky Track (intersection of Whisky Track with O'Briens Rd) later on walking on to Vodka Track. After approximately a 12 km walk we camp at Lerderderg Gorge campsite with the opportunity to have a campfire.

On Sunday we will be walking along the Lerderderg River and Byres Back Track for total of 15 km (we may have some off track and river walks if river water level permits).

It is expected to be cold at this time of the year participants are required to be equipped with all types of weather gear and carry their own personal first aid kit. If you are interested in the walk or would like more information please contact me via email.



TRAINING

NAVIGATION TRAINING – CAR POOL – WERRIBEE GORGE

DATE	Saturday 29 June 2019
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	5–6 km
ELEVATION	120 m fluctuation
LEADER	Roger Wyett 0409 902 536, rwyett1@gmail.com
TRANSPORT	Car pool
AREA	Werribee Gorge
MAP REFERENCE	Melway Key Map 7 B5
TRANSPORT COSTS	Approx. \$15 per person
TIME OF RETURN	By 5 pm

Commencing from the top car park at the entrance to Werribee Gorge at approx 0945. After a short 1.5km 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 6 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!

Car-pooling to be co-ordinated the Wednesday prior.



SUNDAY BUS

CHUM CREEK – DIXON CREEK

DATE	Sunday 30 June 2019
STANDARDS	Easy and Easy/Medium
LEADERS	Nik Dow and Deb Shand
TRANSPORT	Bus – leaving cnr A'Beckett and William Streets (opposite old clubrooms) at 8:45 am

No preview received as yet. Check the Club's web site mbw.org.au, wait for next month's News, or contact Nik or Deb.



CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

**ROVER CHALET, BOGONG HIGH PLAINS
10-17 AUGUST 2019**

Once again we have been offered the use of the Rover Chalet for a week's X-C skiing. The chalet is an 11 km ski in from Falls Creek so is well away from the crowds. The chalet is well fitted out with a commercial grade kitchen, mattresses for sleeping on in the loft, internal toilets and hot showers. There is a washing machine and a drying room. 240v power so you can charge your phones even if reception is restricted.

We run the week with a voluntary roster covering all the chores that need to be done, cooking, cleaning, wood chopping, bread baking etc. We try to organize full day trips every day taking lunch with us, usually at least two standards, an easier and a harder. If the weather is lousy we often play around on sheltered slopes near the chalet, perfecting (in my case trying) telemark turns.

The week includes Tawonga hall to sleep in on Friday night and a bus up and down to Falls Creek. To ski in we have to carry our fresh meat and vegetables; all the other food is stored in the large pantry in the chalet.

To go in you need to have had experience on skis and to be able to carry a pack. The pack can be kept fairly light as you don't need many clothes because you can wash and dry them up there.

If you are interested talk to me or Marilyn.

Doug Pocock

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
PATAGONIA, DECEMBER–JANUARY 2019–2020**

The trip, organised by Willis's Walkabouts, will begin in the city of Coyhaique in southern Chile and will cross the border into Argentina. This is Chile's frontier territory. We will travel in four wheel drives so that we can get to places that would otherwise be inaccessible. The cost for the trip is approx. \$1895 plus airfares and additional accommodation. For more information contact Meredith Quick.

Bus transport meets at cnr A'Beckett and William Streets, Melbourne, before 8:45 am. Leader or deputy will be there rain, hail or shine!

June 2019				
Sat 1	TRG: Working with GPS: Garmin Basecamp	Pvt	Easy	Ian Mair
Sun 2	DAY: Lake Elizabeth – West Barwon Reservoir	Bus	E&E/M	Halina Sarbinowski and John Oakley
4–22	PC : Vanuatu South Sea Adventure	Pvt	var	Susan Maughan
Thu 6	TOF: Williamstown, lower Yarra River	Pvt	Easy	Bill Metzenthen
7–10	PC : Hattah–Kulkyne National Park	Pvt	E/M	Ian Mair
Sun 9	DAY: Sardine and Clearwater Creeks	Car	Med	Chris Collett
Wed 12	DAY: Plenty Gorge Park	Pvt	E/M	Helen Dobbyn
Sun 16	DAY: Wonga Park – Warrandyte	Bus	E&E/M	Jenny Andrewes and Denise Charman
Mon 17	MOF: Sugarloaf Reservoir	Pvt	E/M	Michael Murray
Sat 22	DAY: Ferny Creek / Tremont	Pvt	E/M	Elizabeth Gwynn
22–24	TRG: Full Day Leader Training – Units 1–5			Angela Vetsicas and Ian Mair
Sun 23	DAY: Middle Park – Sandringham	Car	Easy	Susanne Etti
Thu 27	SOC: Williamstown, Pt. Gellibrand, Botanic Gardens	Pvt	Easy	Alister Rowe
28–30	BC : Mt Franklin and surrounds	Pvt	E/M	Halina Sarbinowski
29–30	PC : Lerderderg Gorge State Park	Pvt	E/M	Agajan Akbari
Sat 29	TRG: Navigation Training, Werribee Gorge	Pvt	Easy	Roger Wyett
Sun 30	DAY: Chum Creek – Dixon Creek	Bus	E&E/M	Nik Dow and Deb Shand

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL SLIP

Payment to the Treasurer, together with completed form by one of the following methods:

- Cash or cheque on Club night (cheques payable to Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.)
- Cheque and Renewal Slip posted to Treasurer, Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc, P.O. Box 1751, Melbourne 3001
- EFT to the Club account. (Account Name: Melbourne Bushwalkers, A/c No. 0058-46013, BSB: 013-006).
Please ensure your full name and 'SUBS' appear on the transfer.

Fees: **Single member:** \$45* **Concession:** \$34* (Proof required**)
 (Please circle your **Couple/Family:** \$72* **Concession:** \$50* (Proof required**)
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