



# THE NEWS OF THE Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.

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## New Committee 2007

Last Wednesday at the AGM the composition of the Committee changed, as happens annually at the February MBW AGM

Those that we said goodbye to were our President, Jan Palich, who has managed the supervision of all the Club's complex operations with outstanding dedication and skill over the last two years. Farewell, also, to Treasurer Doug Langton, Secretary Paul Logsdon, Walks Secretary Jopie Bodegraven, Assistant Walks Secretary Peter McGrath and Social Secretary Charlotte Brady.

I would like to sincerely thank the outgoing Committee for all their hard work and most valuable contributions during their time in office, as it is no small commitment to attend meetings, take on portfolios, Wednesday roster duty plus the many other tasks covered by Committee.

The new Committee is:

President	Lynda Larkin
Vice President	David Iaing
Vice president	Carol Criddle
Secretary	Fay Dunn
Treasurer	Ray Spooner
Walks Secretary	John Brister
Sunday Walks Secretary	Halina Sarbinowski
Membership Secretary	Peter Havlicek
Social Secretary	Liz Moore
Wilkinson Lodge Manager	David Iaing
General Committee	John Fritze
	Mark Heath
	John McCall
	Carol Sisson
	Del Franks

Committee Meetings are open and democratic, so if you are interested in what goes on at our Committee meetings you are welcome to sit in and observe. The meetings are held the first Monday night of the month commencing at 7.00 pm.

*Lynda Larkin - President*  
[president@melbournebushwalkers.org.au](mailto:president@melbournebushwalkers.org.au)

### SUBS DUE BEFORE END OF MAY

Ordinary membership: Single \$45, Couple/family \$70

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### URGENTLY NEEDED AND WANTED Weekend Walks Coordinators

There are still vacancies for **pack carry coordinator** and **base camp/lodge coordinator**.

These roles involve inviting suggestions and offers of leadership for trips and then calling a planning meeting where interested people design the next three month's overnights program. The coordinators then find leaders to fill any gaps and presents the completed list of trips and leaders to John Brister, our General Walks Secretary, for inclusion in the overall program. They also deal with any issues that may arise with leaders and trips such as a leader becoming unavailable. They do not have to deal with the ongoing administration duties of emailing information out to leaders, collecting stats or filing reports. Our General Walks Secretary does that.

The winter pack carry trips have already been organised. We are still looking for a leader for a Hattah Lakes Base Camp on the Queens Birthday weekend (or another suggestion) and if anyone is interested, there is a gap for a base camp or lodge trip in July or August. Let us know asap if you can fill any of these. The deadline for the winter program is the end of March. *continued ..2..*



### URGENTLY NEEDED AND WANTED Website Administrator (Webmaster)

The club's internet presence has been greatly enhanced over the past two years by Ian Mair, whose extensive redevelopment of the site has included features such as the highly popular photogallery, newsletter archive, and generally improved site navigation and layout.

The club is now seeking a volunteer who would like to continue the maintenance and development of the site, now that Ian has decided to move on to new challenges. The role involves some routine work such as updating previews and other content each month, as well as creating new albums in the photogallery with input received from members. There is also scope for creative and/or site development work that the new webmaster may wish to undertake.

The club website is currently maintained using Microsoft FrontPage. Assistance will be given to the new webmaster in the maintenance of the site while the handover is completed.

This is a great opportunity to learn or improve your skills in website development, while maintaining a vital service for the club and prospective members. If you are interested, please contact Lynda Larkin or Ian Mair using contact details in club membership list.

Members of the Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc meet on Wednesday evenings between 7.00 and 9.00 pm in the club rooms at:

**Victorian Horticultural Society Hall  
48 MacKenzie Street  
Melbourne**

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, etcetera 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.** Contributions to The News may be sent to the Editor by:

- Placing diskette or hand written material in the editor's pigeon hole in the club rooms
- Posting a diskette or hand written material to The Editor at 16 Carinya Road, East Bentleigh 3165.
- **The most preferred method is emailing an unformatted text file to [news@melbournebushwalkers.org.au](mailto:news@melbournebushwalkers.org.au)**

Closing date for receipt of material for The News is without fail the last Wednesday of the month.

Only advertisements that directly relate to bushwalking (eg gear, maps, trips, tours etc) can be accepted. Advertising rates commencing with edition 674 | April 2007 are the following:

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#### Club rooms Duty Roster:

Wednesday 14 March - Ray Spooner, Lynda Larkin  
Wednesday 21 March - David Laing, John McCall  
Wednesday 28 March - Liz Moore, Halina Sarbinowski  
Wednesday 4 April - Fay Dunn, John Fritze

#### Next Committee Meeting:

Monday 2 April 2007



## URGENTLY NEEDED AND WANTED Weekend Walks Coordinators

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If we cannot find coordinators, Jopie, as immediate past walks secretary, is prepared to act as a passive coordinator. This means no planning meetings and no active looking for leaders. He will send out one general email and insert a notice in the appropriate News advising of the program deadline and inviting leaders to advise him of the trips they would like to lead. He will endeavour to sort out any date clashes and put the offered trips into a suitable program and pass it onto our General Walks Secretary for inclusion in the overall program. Only offered trips will appear on the program, although additional trips could be advertised at a later time in News.

This is only a skeleton default arrangement to enable some sort of weekend program to operate until such time as we do find a pack carry and a base camp/lodge coordinator.

Please contact Jopie Bodegraven or Lynda Larkin to discuss your interest.

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### HOUSE-SITTER REQUIRED



Susan Maughan and Stuart Hodgson are looking for house-sitter/s during May and June 2007, (exact dates negotiable). We live in Selby, five minutes out of Belgrave and right on the edge of Sherbrooke Forest. Lots of lovely walks start from the bottom of the garden! No rent and no pets to look after (although you can feed the kookaburras). Just a few plants to water and you can have this cosy three bedroom cottage all to yourself. Come and go as you please. If you are interested please contact Stuart or Susan.



## Cheese and Wine Evening

28 March 2007  
in the Clubrooms

Abusive packs

For those who have suffered abuse at the straps of an obese overbearing pack, now is the time to make the break. Find yourself a more caring 12kg model. They are easy to assemble even if you are on a tight budget. Better still, why not hang out for a slim 10kg model. You are worth it! Contact your Equipment Officer for counselling if in doubt.

New pack for hire

The Equipment Store has just purchased an Aarn Featherlite Freedom pack for you to try. At 1.2kg (small size new model without waterproof liner (115g) and balance pockets (400g)) this 50L pack is probably the lightest in its class yet comes with an extremely adjustable harness that accommodates every movement of your body while remaining snug against your back. Add the 10L front balance pockets and you have a 60L pack capable of substantially reducing the strain on your back, shoulders and neck by transferring the load uniformly to your hips. It could even improve your walking efficiency by permitting a better posture than you might otherwise achieve.

Consider using it without balance pockets on short trips with light loads and with them on extended trips with heavier loads. You might even end up leaving them on all the time if you find that the comfort and convenient storage they offer offsets their tendency to get in the way occasionally and make taking the pack on and off and handling it more of a chore.

Check it out on the Aarn web site (there is a link on our web site), visit Backpacking Light (the Melbourne stockist) or, better still, attend our equipment demonstration evening then borrow one to try. You can hire the old model for two nights for \$10 or as part of a complete set of light weight gear for \$40.



EQUIPMENT DEMONSTRATION EVENING

Packing for an Overnight Walk

Wednesday 14 March 2007 at 8:30pm in the Clubrooms

Like to know what's inside an experts pack, or in one of those tiny super light numbers you have been lusting over? Here's an opportunity to find out! Jenny Flood will show you how she has distilled years of professional and recreational walking experience into the contents of her 65L Macpac "Ravine"

John Fritze will show you how he manages to fit everything he needs into a 40L day pack and will introduce his new Aarn" Featherlite Freedom" body pack.

Gas burner faults

We have been recommending the Kovea "Titanium" gas burner for some time now and feel we should draw your attention to a couple of design faults. You need to keep an eye on the pot supports as they are inclined to rotate and could destabilize the pot. It would also be a good idea to tighten the screw at the top of the burner from time to time as it can work loose and fall out.

Toothpaste update

You can buy a rather nice folding toothbrush complete with a small refillable tube of toothpaste at some chemists. I got mine from the one on the corner of Elizabeth and Little Collins Streets for \$3.00.

John Fritze

WILLIS'S WALKABOUTS



Beehive Bliss!

An EXTRAORDINARY walking destination

Piccaniny Gorge, by far the largest gorge in the Bungles. Sheer red cliffs silhouetted against clear blue skies. We walk to a base camp and spend three or four days there as we explore the fascinating side gorges. Every gorge is different. Some are palm filled, some are very narrow and require swimming, all are stunning!

Piccaniny East, a landscape amazingly different from Piccaniny Gorge. Here we find a distinct vegetation, magnificent pools you'd never find on your own, gorges, open areas, great sunrise and sunset views of the domes for which this World Heritage Wander is famous.



See our website...

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## President's Report (Retiring)

### Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc - Annual General Meeting, 28 February 2007

2007 was another good year for Melbourne Bushwalkers.

- Access to the website is still increasing the numbers of our temporary members (visitors) and new members.
- Sunday bus trips are still popular with many visitors enjoying Australian bushwalking.
- Although skiing and snow activities were covered by our insurance again during 2006, the lack of snow made skiing difficult. Hopefully this year may be better for our snow activities.

I would like to say "Thank you"

- To leaders who are the core substance of the club – a very big "thank you". Without you, there wouldn't be a club.
- To those of you who write reviews of the walks you have participated in. It is always great to share these experiences via the written word.
- To the club contacts – Graham and Sue Errey, Geoff and Jenny Kenafacke, Jim and Libby Marsden – thank you.
- To the Co-ordinators of walks:
  - » Margaret Curry, our new Wednesday Walks Coordinator – for the ongoing profusion of interesting walks.
  - » Jean Geasie, our Thursday Walks Coordinator – continuing to organise all the "TOFS".
  - » Liz Telford and Maureen Hurley our Saturday Walks Co-ordinators. It is great to have this alternative for a regular Saturday walk in the Dandenongs.
- To Ian Mair for maintaining the club website and David Arnold who has fielded all the email queries.
- To the Auditors, John Boyd and Phil Wood who have undertaken this task for the last two years.
- To our Public Officer - Pearson Creswell for his assistance over the last two years.
- To Susan McInnes for again working quietly behind the scenes and keeping our clubroom sparkling.
- To the Departing Committee Members:
  - » Secretary - Paul Logsdon. Paul has been a Committee member for a numbers of years and has been a great asset with his professional approach and input. He has become an extremely good leader, stepping in many times when an emergency leader was required. We will certainly miss Paul as he moves onto other adventures.
  - » Treasurer - Doug Langton. Doug came onto the Committee shortly after joining the club as he immediately wanted to give something back. He took on the role of Treasurer with gusto and has been a rock of support to the Committee with his quiet and confident financial decision making. Doug is responsible for choosing the wine that we have been enjoying each month. Usually a great buy (ie good price), but with immense flavour and style. He has led many walks and been in the clubrooms every Wednesday evening to look after the finances for the Sunday leaders - a great effort.

- » Walks Co-ordinator - Jopie Bodegraven. I cannot say enough about Jopie and will probably embarrass him. From someone who has been on his pack carries, his cycling trips, has skied with him, Jopie has undoubtedly made any trip he has been associated with, the most enjoyable experience we have known. In his current involvement on the Committee (yes Jopie had been on Committee before) Jopie has reorganised our filing system, ensured that everything is labelled correctly to make for easy access, redesigned the walks portfolio roles to facilitate the change in the club's needs, and he his first-rate counsel will be missed.
- » Sunday Walks Co-ordinator - Peter McGrath. Peter has been our Sunday Walks Co-ordinator for a number of years and has sorted out leaders and stepped in many times over the years when an emergency leader was required. Peter is a regular on Sunday trips usually sitting at the back of the bus. Peter was also Treasurer for two years in the mid 1990's and on Committee in-between. Well done Peter.
- » Social Secretary - Charlotte Bradly - well! Have we been spoilt with Charlotte as our Social Secretary! Not only did she organise some great Friday night dinners, but has totally spoilt us with all her delectable, scrumptious treats at each of our wine and cheese nights. Charlotte confidently took over her role and right from the start gave new enthusiasm to the social side of the club. Charlotte, your new committees and ventures are lucky to have you.
- » General Committee: Lance Mobbs thank you for your involvement and contribution during your time on the Committee. You were in the club most Wednesday evenings putting time in and organising your overnight walks.

Melbourne Bushies, I have appreciated your trust in me during my various roles on the Committee over the past 12 years and in particular, your confidence in me over the last 2 years as President. I need to advise that I am unable to continue as Club President due to family reasons and have now withdrawn my nomination.

To all the Committee members - thank you for giving your extra time and commitment to the club and to all members for being part of an absolutely unique bushwalking club.

Safe walking.

*Jan Palich - President*





## Sunday Bus

### WIRILDA TRACK - NOW ... BARWON HEADS TO QUEENSCLIFF

DATE	Sunday, 11 March 2007
STANDARD	Easy and Medium
DISTANCE	14 and 18 km
LEADERS	Peter and Jacky McGrath
TRANSPORT	Bus - Southbank Blvd - 9 am
AREA	Surf Coast
DISTANCE	14 & 18 km

Wirilda Track was burnt in the recent fires and is closed. Given the time of year, and pleasant country side around the west coast, we have relocated the walk to Barwon Heads to Queenscliff. There is now no necessity for a 8:30 start, so the start is now 9:00 from Southbank.

The longer walk starts at Barwon Heads (famous for its use in SeaChange) with a look around Barwon heads and the spectacular views around to Pt Lonsdale & Pt Nepean. From there it's off to Ocean Grove where the easier groups starts up at the Lookout.

Then its off the Pt Lonsdale for a look at the Lighthouse and lunch (yes! there are café's and coffee shops!). William Buckley lived in a cave near here on and off between 1803 and 1835.

Then there's more waves, seabirds, people and their dogs, and sand till be get to Queenscliff where there should be plenty of time for another coffee or a visit to the local historical sites before heading back to Melbourne.



## Sunday Bus

### MT ROBERTSON - GUM CREEK

DATE	Sunday, 18 March 2007
STANDARD	Easy and Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	15 km, both walks
LEADERS	Phil Geschke (9570 5903) and David Laing
TRANSPORT	Bus - Southbank Blvd
RETURN TIME	6.30 pm
AREA	Kinglake
MAP REF	Melway 510 P1

Although starting at different locations along Mt Robertson Rd, both walks end at the Baptist convention centre after travelling a similar distance.

The more challenging walk will take walkers through a 200m drop to cross Gum Creek (feet should remain dry unless the drought breaks!) before rising 100m to join the other walkers path. This walk through ferns in Tall treed forests has previously been enjoyed by MBW walkers in 2000 and 2003.



## Wednesday Walk

### LORNE WATERFALLS

DATE	Wednesday 21 March 2007
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	16 km
LEADER	Margaret Curry
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Angahook Lorne State Park
MAP REF	VicMap Lorne 1:25,000

This walk is through beautiful rainforest close to Lorne. It involves several fairly easy river crossings, one quite steep hill and several waterfalls. We pass through Sheoak Picnic Area, visit Swallow Cave and have some stunning ocean views from the boardwalk before reaching the cars.

(This Wednesday walk will coincide with the 3 day mid week beach-house get together at Fairhaven organized by Susan Maughan. Refer separate write-up in The News. Everyone is invited to attend a local pub for a bistro meal (perhaps after a swim) before either returning to Melbourne or staying overnight at the beach-house accommodation.



## Cycle

### CAPITOL CITY TRAIL PLUS JAN'S EXTRAS

DATE	Saturday, 24 March 2007 (was 17 March)
STANDARD	Easy
LEADER	Jan Palich

Hi Everyone! Care for cycling, then come and join me for a lovely cycle around Melbourne. We will meet at the bike hire place, beside Princes Bridge Melbourne. The distance is approximately 35 kms of very easy riding on bike paths. We basically go around the city in a big circle about 6 kms out of Melbourne.

We will depart from the city in an easterly direction, past the boat clubs, through the agapanthus and to Dights Falls. Then we will call in to the Bakery (this is our first coffee stop or just a rest) at the Convent in Collingwood then up Merri Creek to North Fitzroy. We follow the old railway line past Carlton and the men playing "boules", under Royal Parade, past the zoo and over the freeway. For those who are interested, we can check out what has happened to the Commonwealth Games village. We then follow the bike path surrounded by graceful Greek pillars reaching for the sky (or should I say the freeway), past water ducks and grasses. This time we will deviate up Macauley Road to Kensington for the next coffee stop or to buy lunch. Then we leave and head back to the bike path and south till we end up at Docklands and maybe an ice-cream stop and then over the cycle bridge and back to Southbank.

If by any chance anyone wishes to go further afield, we can detour (20 mins each way) down the bike path to Port Melbourne then return back to Yarra Bank, another lovely meandering path. We can make that decision then, depending on interest, weather and time.

Which brings me to weather. If at 8.00am on Saturday morning it is pelting down with rain, this ride will be postponed to an alternate date. If raining where you live, call me at 8.00 am on the Saturday morning and I will let you know if it is raining in Melbourne too.

Anyway, hope I have aroused your interest to join me for a lovely cycle. To register your interest, find out timing and my mobile number, call me by the Thursday before the ride and let me know you are coming; otherwise the ride will be cancelled.



## Sunday Bus

### CATHEDRAL RANGE - \*\* 8.30 am start \*\*

DATE	Sunday, 25 March 2007
STANDARD	Medium and Medium/Hard
DISTANCE	16-17km and 20-22km
LEADERS	Paul Logsdon and Lesley Hale
TRANSPORT	Bus - Southbank Blvd - 8.30 am!!!
AREA	Buxton

A challenging walk for those who like something different, sensational views and are not afraid of hill climbing or heights! The bus will leave at 8.30am sharp due to the long day ahead (NB The end of daylight savings occurs the night before this walk, so check and re-set your clocks and watches).

The bus will take us as far as the bridge below the car park at Ned's Gully. After approximately a 1.5 km walk to Ned's Gully, both groups walk uphill to Ned's Lookout via a tree fern forest track. The Medium group will then proceed on a circuit route at this level via Farmyard and South Jawbone back to Ned's Gully, approximately 16 to 17km.

The Medium-Hard group will proceed up to the Cathedrals (NB due to time/ light constraints we will not go to Little Cathedral first as this will add approx 45 mins to 1 hour to the walk). Spectacular views await at the Cathedrals, followed by a challenging and most interesting walk along the Cathedrals ridge before descending down towards the North Jawbone via a forest track. The track leads on to the Farmyard clearing at the lowest level of the walk, then follows the creek back to Ned's Gully and the bus awaiting at the bridge.

A reminder that the weather can change dramatically on this walk, so please bring a lightweight waterproof jacket, a thermal top and a hat. You may also consider gloves if it is looking coolish. Also we strongly recommend bringing 2 litres of water as there are no fresh water supplies along the track and a descent packed lunch.



## TOFS

### BIRDLAND RESERVE (early due to Easter)

DATE	Thursday, 29 March 2007
STANDARD	Easy
DISTANCE	
LEADERS	Bernadette O'Connell
TRANSPORT	Private

No preview available at time of newsletter production, please contact Bernadette.



## Training

### NAVIGATION TRAINING DAY

DATE	Theory evening, Thursday 29 March 2007 Practical training, Saturday, 31 March 2007
STANDARD	Easy
LEADER	Jopie Bodegraven

This is a reminder about the navigation course I will be running at the end of March. There will be a theory evening in the clubrooms on Thursday 29 March at 8pm followed by a practical day around Kinglake National Park on Saturday 31 March. If there are enough participants, we may divide the group up into a Saturday and Sunday group for the practical day.

You must book for this course by Wednesday 21 March either in the clubrooms or telephoning Jopie.

See the February News for full details.



## Dandenongs Explorer

### EMERALD - COCKATOO - EMERALD

DATE	Saturday, 31 March 2007
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	About 12 km
LEADER	Stuart
RETURN TIME	3.30 pm
MAP	Melway pages 127 and 311

This will be a trip around an area not often covered by the Dandenongs Explorer's walks. Part of the way will follow a track developed by the Emerald community which will eventually run all the way to Gembrook. We'll explore the *Wright Forest* and maybe wave to passengers on Puffing Billy when our paths cross. There are a couple of steep but mercifully brief climbs and some very attractive views across the surrounding hills and dales. At the time of writing I haven't finished previewing this walk, so for final details and to book in, call Stuart, but please don't leave it till the last minute. I shall be out on the Friday evening preceding the walk!



## Sunday Bus \*\* Pick-up at clubrooms \*\*

### MT BLACKWOOD - BLACKWOOD RANGES TRACK

DATE	Sunday, 1 April 2007
STANDARD	Easy/Medium & Medium
DISTANCE	13 and 15 km
LEADERS	Tom Wilanowski & David Elias
TRANSPORT	Bus - Clubrooms, 48 Mackenzie St. at 9 am
AREA	Lerderderg State Park
MAP REF	Meridian Lerderderg & Werribee Gorges 1:35,000

This is a new walk for the club. The distances seem somewhat short, but this walk will involve a considerable effort, so a reasonable level of fitness is essential. The reason is that we will be walking mostly uphill, with a net altitude gain of approximately 600 m for the Medium walk and about 400 m for the Easy/Medium group, not including numerous ups and downs along the way! The Medium group will start from the Mackenzies Flat picnic area and follow the Lerderderg River upstream to the Grahams Dam. Several river crossings will be required, but this should pose no challenge as the river was completely dry during the preview. From the dam the Medium walkers will climb about 260 m over the distance of less than 1 km - a very demanding section, on which one of the leaders really struggled during the preview (but we're not going to disclose which leader it was). The Easy/Medium group will have an easier task, starting at the end of Swans Rd and ascending only about 60 m to join the same track. From there both groups will follow the same route, along the Blackwood Ranges Track and Foxy Gully Track, which form a part of the Great Dividing Trail. We will finish by climbing the slopes of Mt. Blackwood, with the bus waiting for us on the other side of the mountain.

Most of the time we will follow the top of the ridge, so the views should be truly spectacular, weather permitting. Also, there will be plenty of exercise for the energetic, especially on the Medium walk.

PLEASE REMEMBER: the Run For The Kids 2007 is scheduled for 1 April, and the course will include St. Kilda Rd. and Linlithgow Ave., which will result in extensive road closures in our usual departure area. Therefore on this Sunday only our bus will depart from in front of our clubrooms at 48 Mackenzie St. at 9 am.



## Wednesday Walk - Social Occasion THANK YOU GET-TOGETHER FOR SANDRA

DATE Tuesday, 3 April  
LOCATION Rostraw Field, Parkville West  
MAP REF Melway 29 C11

Let's get together for a BBQ to say "THANK-YOU" to Sandra for being a terrific Wednesday Walks Coordinator for the last five years.

Bring a small contribution for the table, please.

For further information call Susan, or just turn up on the day.



## Sunday Bus LADY TALBOT DRIVE – KEPPEL FALLS

DATE Sunday, 8 April 2007  
STANDARD Easy and Easy Medium  
DISTANCE 13 and 18 km  
LEADERS Roger Browne and Mark Heath  
RETURN TIME 7.00 pm  
AREA Marysville

The Easy / Medium group walk starts on Sands Road. Both groups walk to Keppell Falls on the way to the Beech Picnic Grounds. Dark forest areas and a small loop track under 400 year old beeches are worth seeing. Lyrebirds can be seen amongst the beautiful rainforest. This picturesque green forest is a splendid place at this time of the year.



## Cycling BELGRAVE TO CARRUM, AND MAYBE BEYOND

DATE Saturday, 14 April 2007  
TIME 9.30 am  
STANDARD Easy  
DISTANCE 53 km (to Carrum)  
LEADERS Del Franks  
TRANSPORT Train to Belgrave (Zone 3) leaving Flinders St at 8.10am arriving Belgrave at 9.27. Return from Carrum (Frankston line Zone 2)

Meeting time is at 9.30 am at Belgrave Station (or later if the train is late).

This ride starts of at Belgrave station and follows that train line down to Ferntree Gully. This part of the ride can be a thrill ride (if you choose to take it as fast as you can) or just an easy ride down hill. The ride then follows the Blind Creek Path to Knox City and on to Jells Park where will be have a break, a late morning tea or early lunch depending on time. After Jells Park we ride on to Dandenong where we can have another break. The distance to Dandenong is 36 km and can be an ending for people who would like to do a shorter rider.

After this we follow the Dandenong Creek to reach the Patterson River. Depending on time and interest, the ride can either end at Carrum or we can continue through to Mordialloc and beyond.

Although quite long, the ride is easier than you might think as the first section is mainly downhill and after that the terrain is mainly flat. The first part of the ride is sealed, where as the second part of the ride is hard packed gravel.

I will be in the club rooms on the Wednesday night before the ride (11 April).



## Sunday bus FOREST CAVES - PYRAMID ROCK

DATE Sunday, 15 April 2007  
STANDARD Easy/Medium and Medium  
LEADERS Halina Sarbinowski and David Laing  
TRANSPORT Bus – Southbank Blvd

Details available April edition of the newsletter.



## Wednesday Walk BUNYIP STATE FOREST (Mortimer Picnic Ground)

DATE Wednesday, 18 April 2007  
STANDARD Easy/medium.  
DISTANCE Approx 14 kms  
LEADERS Gina Hopkins 9853 3788  
(Replacing John & Judy Reddoch)  
DEPART TIME Arrive 9.45am for 10.00am start. Travel time approx 1 to 1hr 15mins.  
MAP REF Melway, page 14

Getting there: take Burwood Hwy. to Belgrave to Gembrook. From Gembrook drive towards Beenak East Rd. then along Gembrook-Tonimbuk Rd for 7 km to Mortimer Picnic Ground on left. Alternatively take Princess Hwy through Pakenham to Tynong North Rd. Turn left. Turn left again into Gembrook-Tonimbuk Rd with Mortimer Picnic Ground on right.

Walk description: A very pretty walk through fern gullies and drier forest on a combination of walking tracks and management tracks. There is one steep ascent/descent of 270 m over 1.7 kms. Great scenic views from Four Brothers Rocks. Lyrebirds seen in fern gullies. If time permits after our walk coffee on Main St. Gembrook.



## Sunday bus ANDERSONS PG - SUNDAY CREEK

DATE Sunday, 22 April 2007  
STANDARD Easy and Easy/Medium  
LEADERS Doug Langton and Marilyn Lock  
TRANSPORT Bus – Southbank Blvd

Details available April edition of the newsletter.



## Dandenongs Explorer BELGRAVE TO SASSAFRAS CIRCUIT

DATE Saturday, 28 April 2007  
STANDARD Easy/Medium  
DISTANCE Approx 14km  
LEADERS Fay Dunn  
RETURN TIME Approx 3.30 pm  
MAP REF Melway 75 10F

The walk commences from the Belgrave Station car park at 10.30 and we will meet there 15 minutes earlier. The first part of the walk features some short steep up and down sections and then leads on to a long steady climb up the Hillclimb Track. The track flattens out shortly after Sherbrooke Falls and remains fairly flat until we begin the downhill return at the Clematis Track. The walk has sections of narrow track with tall trees and tree ferns, a short section on a back road and some open forest on wide tracks. The falls had very little water in them at the time of preview. Lunch is planned at the Ferny Creek Reserve and we should be back in Belgrave in time for a coffee.



## Sunday Bus MOUNT WORTH STATE PARK

DATE Sunday, 29 April 2007  
 STANDARD Easy & Easy/Medium  
 DISTANCE 13 and 16 km  
 LEADERS Max Casley & Lance Mobbs  
 TRANSPORT Bus – Southbank Blvd  
 RETURN TIME 7pm approx  
 AREA Western Strzelecki Ranges, south-east of War-ragul  
 MAP REF Mt Worth and Allambee 1:25,000,  
 1:30,000 maps T8021211 & T8121344

This Park has tall forest with some huge mountain ash, tree ferns in the gullies and reclaimed farmland which is slowly regenerating. From high lookout points there are views of the Latrobe Valley, Great Dividing Range and on a clear day Westernport Bay.

The Easy walk will follow a road and a grassy track downhill to Moonlight Creek and then go along a track downstream through the forest to the Picnic Area for lunch. Then we will explore the tracks which go past the historic timber mill sites and see many giant trees including one 7 metres in girth and 300 years old before returning to the picnic area. Make sure that you still have some energy left for a steady 150 metre climb through open regenerating farmland to the finish with good views on the way.

The Easy/medium group will follow a different route to the picnic area and see the giant tree and Trevorrow's mill site. Then we will try out a new track along Larkin Creek which (to be confirmed) should enable us to reach Moonlight Creek track and then go along this to the picnic area again. Then we will climb 150 metres steadily through the open area back to the bus.



## TOFS MT ELIZA REGIONAL PARK

DATE Thursday, 3 May 2007  
 STANDARD Easy  
 DISTANCE  
 LEADERS Alister Rowe  
 TRANSPORT Private  
 Preview not yet available.



## Cycling BALLAN TO BACCHUS MARSH (LONG WAY)

DATE Saturday, 5 May 2007  
 STANDARD Easy/Medium  
 DISTANCE  
 LEADERS Jopie Bodegraven  
 TRANSPORT Private  
 Preview not yet available.



## Sunday Bus MOUNT WORTH STATE PARK

DATE Sunday, 6 May 2007  
 STANDARD Easy/Medium and Medium  
 DISTANCE  
 LEADERS Graeme Walkden and Cameron Durrant  
 TRANSPORT Bus – Southbank Blvd  
 Preview not yet available.

### MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

#### MEMBERSHIP STATS:

Life Members	13
Honorary Members	11
Single memberships	354
Family memberships	114 (= 2x 57)
<b>Total membership</b>	<b>492</b>
<i>This time last year</i>	<i>489</i>



## Bushwalking Victoria

### TRACK MAINTENANCE NOTES

The following work days have been scheduled.

- 22 April 2007 **Powelltown** - Dave Rimmer
- TBA **Riggall's Spur** - Jim Harker
- 26-27 May **Boronia Peak, Grampians** - Rod Novak
- 31 May – 3 June **Otways** - Jim Harker





## Base camp AIRE RIVER (OTWAYS)

DATE	9-12 March 2007
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
LEADER	Sylvia Ford
DISTANCE	12 and 14km
RETURN TIME	Monday, early evening
AREA	Otways
MAP REF	Glenaire 1:25,000, The Otway and Shipwreck Coast Outdoor Leisure map

The Aire River camping ground lies to the west of Cape Otway. It has a long drop, no water so b.y.o., and I can't remember about a fireplace, I'll find out. We shall gather here on the Friday night where some good person going early has bagged us a good spot. Saturday's walk goes SE towards Cape Otway along the beach and visiting Rainbow Falls. We return via the top path. On Sunday we'll go NW along the cliff to Castle Cove and Dinosaur Cove, and return. On the Monday we'll pack up, maybe drive round to Johanna Beach as it is lovely, and then check out Triplet Falls. Now we have options: close by is the Otway Fly which is a tree top walk. If you haven't done it I really recommend you do, it's almost other worldly. On our way back to Colac is the Gellibrand Blueberry farm. At 18 different varieties this is a great pick-your-own place. Colac has at least one good coffee and cake place, - oops, this is a walk report, nearly forgot. Do come, should be good. To book contact Sylvia.



## Base camp PROM IN A DAY

DATE	16-18 March 2007
STANDARD	Hard (possibly also Medium/Hard)
DISTANCE	About 45 km
LEADER	Bill Metzenthien
AREA	Wilsons Promontory
MAP REF	Wilsons Prom Nat Park Outdoor Leisure Map

A walk of the southern circuit of the Prom in one day can be claimed to be a tradition of the club. The walk has been on our summer or autumn programme for about 20 years.

The aim is to walk from Tidal River to Sealers Cove, to Waterloo Bay, to Oberon Bay, and finish back at Tidal River. The walk has been programmed later than usual this year so we will need set off at 7 am on Saturday morning to ensure that we have enough time to swim (swim suits are not compulsory on this walk) at several of the beaches and make it back to camp before dark.

If there is enough interest, it might be possible to also run a shorter version of the walk. There is no pressure on the Sunday. A late start is in order, perhaps with a short walk and/or swim to follow and then a relaxed drive home.



## Wednesday walk MID-WEEK FAIRHAVEN SOJOURNE

DATE	20-22 March 2007
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Join Susan and Stuart down at Fairhaven at the same beach house as last year. This will be tagged on to Margaret's Wednesday Walk. Tuesday night we will have a BBQ so please bring something to share. On Wednesday, after the walk we will have a pub meal. As we got such a great report card last year the rates are reduced and it should be work out to be approximately \$15 per person, per night.

Contact Susan for details.



## Lodge Weekend MT HOTHAM LODGE WEEKEND Replacing scheduled Mt Buller

DATE	23rd to 25th March
STANDARD	Medium
DISTANCE	22k (Sat) and 15k approx (Sun)
LEADER	Dianne McKinley
TRANSPORT	Private
RETURN TIME	Late Sunday
AREA	Mt Hotham and Feathertop
MAP REF	Bogong Alpine Area 1:50,000. Dargo Plains - Cobungra

This is the trip to replace the previously planned Mt Buller weekend which is not possible due to the current closure of the Park and unsuitability of walks on Mt Buller following the summer fires.

Friday we will travel the 390k to Mt Hotham and stay at a comfortable lodge from which the 2 days of walks will be based. The walks planned are:

1. Saturday - Mt Feathertop. This will be a 22k return medium grade walk starting at Diamantina Hut, to the second highest peak in Victoria. Climbing 730m to the summit, along the Razorback Ridge, will give us a day of spectacular views over the High Plains and into the fantastic distant mountain ranges. The walk starts at 0830 on Saturday morning and we should be prepared for unpredictable changes in weather (wet weather and sun screening gear essential).
2. Sunday - Cobungra River. Starting at 0800 this approx 15k medium walk will be via Mt Loch to Derrick & then Dibbins Huts in the Cobungra & Swindlers Gaps. Initially we will be walking part of the Australian Alps Walking Track, and then be in the Cobungra Valley. The walk will be tuned to bring us back to the lodge at Mt Hotham mid afternoon for a reasonable departure time back to Melbourne.
3. Option 3. Camping at Little Mt Feathertop. Staying at the lodge Friday and then camping out on Saturday night and returning on Sunday may be possible, if there is a suitable leader and interested walkers. This requires a leader who wishes to facilitate this. If you are interested please let me know asap.

Accommodation will be at the Royal Children's Hospital Lodge. The cost is \$60 for the weekend. You need to bring a towel and sleeping sheet. No sleeping bags - doonas are provided. This is a 22 bed lodge with all cooking facilities and a comfortable lounge, open fireplace, and great views of the High Plains. The accommodation is bunk-style rooms. Everybody will assist in tidying the lodge prior to departure. Please ring Dianne or see me in the clubrooms if you want to come along.

## EASTER BREAK - 5/9 April 2007



### Pack carry

#### SPION KOPJE - GREY HILLS - MT BOGONG

DATE	5-9 April 2007
STANDARD	Medium
DISTANCE	23-29km
LEADERS	John Fritze
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Bogong High Plains
MAP REF	Bogong Alpine Area Outdoor Leisure Map 1:50,000

This walk provides an opportunity to explore some of Victoria's most scenic alpine areas.

We will drive up early on Friday morning, meet at picturesque Bogong Village for morning tea, arrange a short car shuffle then continue on to Howmans Gap where we will leave the rest of the cars. From here we will climb over Spion Kopje to a lovely campsite amongst the snow gums near Crowsnest. On Saturday we will do an off track side trip to Whiterock Falls before following a rocky track over the Grey Hills to our Saturday and Sunday night campsite near the Helipad. On Sunday we may split into two groups for a side trip to Mt Bogong, the easy group climbing up and down the track along Quartz Ridge while the more adventurous group climbs Granny Spur and Horse Ridge off track then descends via Quartz Ridge. On Monday we will follow a fire track back to our cars at Clover Dam.

The walk is aimed at those with some experience but not necessarily fast. Participants will need to be equipped for all weather conditions.



### Pack Carry

#### MARIA ISLAND (TASMANIA)

DATE	5-9 April 2007
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
LEADER	Bob Oxlade
AREA	East coast
MAP REF	TasMap 1:50,000 Maria Island N P (has all info required)

In response to comments on the September 2006 trip to Maria Island and Freycinet National Parks, of which much detail can be viewed on our website, an excellent walk has been arranged on Maria Island, which I consider the best option with its peak's, coastal features and history.

Depart Melbourne Thursday April 5 or prior, and return Monday pm April 9.

Our ETA at Hobart Airport on Monday is 3pm. Also, early flights probably available for Tuesday.

The trip was fully booked but due to some persons becoming unavailable there is limited room for more.

Everything is arranged except your travel to Hobart and return.

If interested please contact Bob Oxlade on 9887 8701 for further details.



### Base Camp

#### COBBERAS - NATIVE DOG FLAT

DATE	5 - 9 April 2007
STANDARD	Easy , Medium, Medium/Hard
DISTANCE	Various
LEADER	Geoff Mattingley
TRANSPORT	Private
RETURN TIME	Monday evening
AREA	Melway edition 29 and above: map 623 C10/ D10; VicRoads: map 52 C8/D8
MAP REF	NSW 1:50,000 Suggan Buggan 8524-II & III

Is this a popular trip or just one that many people liked so much that they have been on it more than once? This will be the sixth year in a row that we have run this great base camp to Victoria's Alpine National Park, close to the NSW border and Kosciuszko National Park. It offers a beautiful alpine campsite at 1200m altitude, only 15 km from the source of the Murray River, with plenty of camping space, fireplaces & tables, a Parks Victoria toilet, and superb views from the nearby peaks. The Buchan River runs through the campsite - hopefully there will be plenty of water in it this year. There will be walks of various standards, which may include Mt Cobberas No.1, Mt Cobberas No. 2, Mt Stradbroke, Ram's Horn (Buchan Rock), or to the source of the Murray to have a look at the recently restored cairn that marks the start of the straight-line part of the Vic-NSW border. If you prefer you can just enjoy the mountain air from the campsite - since you don't have to carry anything you can take luxuries such as a folding chair, gas lamp, extra food etc. You can arrive at the campsite any time from the Thursday onwards and stay for as long or short a time as you wish.

It's a fair distance to get there, including some gravel roads, but on previous trips they have been quite OK for ordinary cars. For those who haven't been camping before this is a good opportunity to try it without having to carry a heavy pack. As always, the club has tents and a wide range of other equipment for hire from the clubrooms.

Bob Steel will deputise for the leader in the clubrooms on Wednesdays 28th March and 4th April to provide the latest information on road conditions, as well as details of how to get there and what to take.



### Pack Carry

#### BAW BAW-STRONACHS CAMP-MT ST GWINEAR

DATE	20-22 April 2007
STANDARD	Easy (possibly with medium options)
DISTANCE	25 km
LEADERS	Max Casley
AREA	Baw Baw Plateau north of Moe
MAP REF	Baw Baw National Park (VMTC) 1:50,000

Note that this walk was originally set as medium standard but I plan to do an easy walk with possibly more challenging optional extras depending on who else comes along. This is an excellent introductory walk for anyone considering trying out weekend pack carrying. For Friday night there is a pleasant grassy campsite at Stronachs Camp. On Saturday we will walk along the Alps Walking Track up to the beautiful Baw Baw plateau and camp near the site of a hut ruin near Mt Whitelaw. On Sunday we go over Mt St Phillack and finish at Mt St Gwinear car park. Options are side trips to Mt Whitelaw and Baw Baw village and continuing past Mushroom Rocks to Mt Erica car park. No camp fires are allowed in this park so bring or share a stove - the Club has some for hire.

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# Member reviews

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## The Buffalo Base Camp

9-11 February 2007, Led by Jan Colquhoun

On Saturday morning most of us woke to the sounds of Lyrebirds and children and were refreshed from sleeping in their well set-up campsites. But some, who, after pitching a tent at 12 o'clock in the morning, were just grateful they found the spot and managed to put something up that resembled a tent. If you like roughing it, forget about going to the Buffalo campsite. With hot and cold showers, taps at convenient locations this is a very comfortable place to camp. Saturday morning the late risers got sorted out and re-pitched their tent and were ready with the rest of the group of 10 to start walking.

We drove to the Cathedral picnic area where we climbed up the Cathedral, then up to The Hump summit from which we enjoyed nice views of Cresta Valley and The Horn.

Mahomets Tomb was next and from the pictures you might get the impression we were crawling in and out of a giant set of marbles. We had morning tea close by before exploring the Corral and surrounding areas. It was dry work walking as the weather was warm with many patches of bright sunlight which was an incentive (for some) to drink more that evening.

Returning to the campsite some of the organized ones had lunch by the lake, others preferred to lie in their tents recuperating from a late night and the hot walking. In the afternoon we walked from Lake Catani to The Chalet with the incentive of proper coffee at the Café, however unfortunately the café had closed but one of us came to the rescue. While the views were stunning from Bents Lookout, Echo Point and Mushroom Rock, the coffee was definitely a hit at afternoon tea; brewed (proper coffee, brewed in the shelter) by a fellow caffeine addict.

On our return we followed the View Point Nature Trail to a lookout with views of Lake Catani and Corral Peak. The rock formation looked like a giant can on top of one of the peaks and if it was not for the ladder, could (it seemed) topple. The lake was a glistening oasis in a parched and scorched landscape.

The plan then was to have a swim in the lake and late afternoon at dusk to go to the top of The Horn. The water in the lake was a weak tea colour and was a welcome relief from the heat of the day. The cool water slowly etched the sweaty film on our skin and soon even chilled us to the point of wanting to warm up again. After some time relaxing, swimming, and showering it was a short drive to the start of The Horn Track.

Climbing the track we were not aware of what was waiting for us that night. The festivities began well and there was good wine and some good enough wine, also cheeses, crackers, and dips. By the time dusk arrived many were salubrious enough to not worry about being silly. The sun began to set and the wind was biting at our limbs, surprising a few unprepared bushwalkers as the temperature dropped just as quickly as the sun. Red light washed over the clouds and mist hovered above narrow valleys, which were draped in a combination of mist and smoke as we waited in the Lookout. The sunset was absolutely spectacular.

On Sunday we walked the Chalwell Galleries Track starting from near the campground. This track passed through the galleries which are a jumble of large granite rocks forming impressive passages.

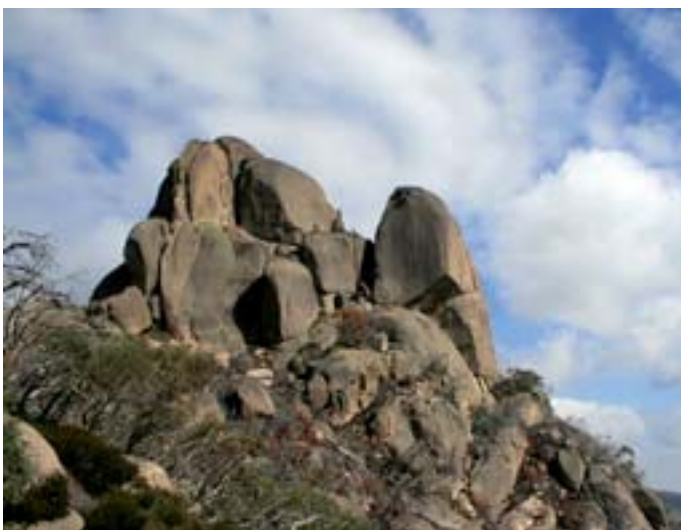
We then drove to The Chalet and walked to The Underground River via Billsons and Haunted Gorge Lookouts. The underground river must have been a lot further under ground than we were prepared to go as there was no river flowing that we could see.

After morning tea we did part of the Gorge Heritage walk including Falls (falls? well I guess there were a few drips) Lookout and Pulpit Rock where we had lunch before returning to Melbourne.

While there was a shortage of flowing rivers etc it was a most enjoyable time and well worth doing again. The fires that had been in the area recently had not damaged a lot of the 2003 fire areas so small trees were tenaciously growing in many areas.

Thanks to Jan for keeping us busy and having a consultative approach which gave us some flexibility in what we did.

*Peter Leech*



# Member reviews

## Wilsons Prom, Intro to Pack Carrying

15-16 February 2007, led by John Fritze

A large group of initially 16 (later 20 in total) adventurers met on the Saturday morning in a very crowded Tidal River campground . It seems that half of Melbourne had decided it was going to be too hot to stay in town, and all had descended on Wilsons Prom at the last minute, to the dismay of some of us latecomers who were turned away at the Ranger station at 11pm on the Friday evening due to Tidal River being completely booked up! Thankfully though the group was reassured in the knowledge that at least our camp at Refuge Cove for Saturday night was guaranteed. After catching the shuttle bus to the top of Mt Oberon we set off via the Telegraph Track to Waterloo Bay. It was a hot, humid and quite exposed trek through open country, because the 2005 bushfires have dramatically removed any tall trees that may have offered some shade along the way.



Reaching the pristine white sands and crystalline turquoise water of Waterloo Bay was well worth the heat though, and we were excited to get to Little Waterloo Bay for a swim. How exhilarating and rather magical was that cool frolic in the frothy waves and crystal water! After generously carrying 3kg worth of lilo, John inflated it for us to playfully surf the waves! After lunch we put our boots and hats back on and walked on to Refuge Cove via Kersop Peak. During a brief rest at the end of North Waterloo Bay some people encountered a friendly pair of large copper skinks who were grateful for being hand-fed some tasty flies.

Shades of aqua to violet sea and sky, hills clad with deep green foliage, orange lichen-tinged spherical granite boulders, and beaches and coves just as early explorers must have found them, it was a landscape made in heaven - and huge compensation for the sweltering heat through which we trudged. A swim amongst seaweed and boats at Refuge Cove, though not as enchanting as Waterloo, relieved us after a hot day.

The campground quickly filled with a variety of other walkers. We created a gorgeous "dining room" circle on the cool white sand and shared a lovely evening of stories, equipment and food comparisons, and un-cooked or pre-cooked meals. (Expecting a total fire ban most of us had left our stoves behind.) Everyone must have been very tired as the campground was so peaceful that night, except for the distant woo-hoo of a Boobook Owl. On Sunday morning we walked up, over and around hills to Sealers Cove, with lovely views along the way. Sunday was even hotter than the day before (forecast high of 35 degrees, it may well have been hotter than that), so several swims at Sealers were simply delightful. Many of us, myself included, couldn't help but exclaim ecstatically over and over again that it truly felt like being in paradise, as we romped and swam in the clear shallow waters of Sealers Cove.

After a wonderful couple of hours of play we donned gear and walked along Sealers Beach and into the fairly dry swamp and beautiful shady rainforest on the way up to Ferny Glade. Some of us stopped to sample some delicious red berries on the way. Ferny Glade was true to its name and provided a refreshing lunch stop next to a cool stream where we drank lots and cooled down. Phil and Ralph took great pleasure in dowsing each other's heads with water from the stream. The climb up to Mt Oberon was really hot but we all managed to catch the 3.15 shuttle bus that took us to our cars, the ice cream shop and the beach for refreshment.

For the many walkers for whom this was their first, or one of their first, pack carries, it was a great introduction, with a nice blend of challenge as well as time to enjoy the stunning scenery and play in the sea. The excessive heat reminded us all of the need to be prepared for all conditions on a pack carry. John and Garis were able to test and demonstrate to us their brand new ultra-light packs. On behalf of my wonderful walking companions I give a sincere and hearty thanks to John our generous and considerate leader, for giving us all the opportunity to have this exciting Wilsons Prom adventure!

*Kerry Tabor*

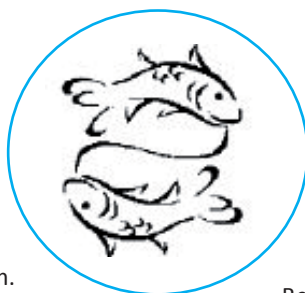
## Bushwalking by the Stars ... by Geoff Crapper

### PISCES

20th February to 20th March

Pisces men are an interesting lot. They are usually of an introverted nature and only make a contribution to a conversation when they have something definite to say. They have a secretive, complex, romantic nature and require the presence of a strong woman to love and guide them.

Best match .. Cancer and Scorpio.



Pisces women like the male, are romantics, they are kind and gentle with vivid imaginations.

They are very sensitive with changeable moods that tend to baffle their male companions.

They never enter into a relationship lightly, sex and love are inseparable to them and they make excellent wives.

Best matches .. Scorpio and Cancer.



Looking for an adventure, try typing “top 10 treks” into Google and see what comes up.

It seems everyone has a different opinion. Perhaps opinions vary because of the writer’s personal experiences, or I cautiously suggest that there may be some commercial incentive to pick a particular destination as a “top 10’er”.

Whatever the reason any person has for choosing a “top 10 trek” destination, take it as an opinion and make up your own mind. Do your research, ask around, and choose. For me, the first one off my list was The Kokoda Track, why, it was there and it was close. Now I have the next 50 years to cross off another nine, or maybe I’ll do a few more than that .....

### From an Australian perspective:

#### Australian Financial Review

##### The 10 greatest treks in the world

1. The Kokoda Track, Papua New Guinea
2. Everest Base Camp and Gokyo Lakes, Nepal
3. The Paine Circuit, Patagonia, Chile
4. The Way of St James, France and Spain
5. The Snowman Trek, Bhutan
6. Kilimanjaro, Tanzania
7. Huayhuash Trek, Peru
8. The Red Centre of Australia
9. The Routeburn Track, New Zealand
10. The Karakoram Trek, Pakistan

#### Top Ten Treks

##### [www.toptentreks.com.au](http://www.toptentreks.com.au)

1. Auxerre to Avallon, Burgundy, France
2. Milford Track Guided Walk, New Zealand
3. Kilimanjaro (Machame Route), Tanzania
4. Everest Base Camp, Nepal
5. Provence – Verdon Gorge, GR4, France
6. Cradle Mountain Overland Track, Tasmania, Australia
7. Abel Tasman Coastal Track, New Zealand
8. Madeira, Portugal
9. North Island Safari, New Zealand
10. Flinders Ranges Heysen Trail, Australia

### From a US perspective:

#### Gorps

##### [http://gorp.away.com/gorp/activity/hiking/features/topten\\_treks.htm](http://gorp.away.com/gorp/activity/hiking/features/topten_treks.htm)

1. Nepal’s Himalaya
2. Gunung Tahan, Malaysia
3. Ladakh Range, India
4. California’s High Sierra
5. Yukon-Charley Rivers, Alaska
6. Patagonia
7. Inca Trail, Peru
8. Mount Kenya, Kenya
9. South Coast Track, Tasmania
10. Swiss Alps

...another US perspective

#### iExplore

##### [http://www.iexplore.com/activities/hike\\_top10.jhtml?activity=Hiking+%2F+Trekking+%2F+Walking](http://www.iexplore.com/activities/hike_top10.jhtml?activity=Hiking+%2F+Trekking+%2F+Walking)

1. Annapurna Circuit, Nepal
2. Wildkirchli Trail Hiking, Switzerland
3. Havasu Canyon Trail, Arizona, U.S.A.
4. Darién Gap, Panama
5. Crow Pass Trail, Alaska, U.S.A.
6. K2 Base Camp, Pakistan
7. Inca Trail, Peru
8. Appalachian National Scenic Trail, U.S.A
9. North Devon Coast Path, England
10. Torres del Paine Lookout, Chile

### From a UK perspective:

#### Exodus

##### <http://www.exodus.co.uk/greattreks.html#Paragraph882#Paragraph882>

1. Mont Blanc Circuit, France/Switzerland/Italy
2. Lycian Way, Turkey
3. Pyrenees: The GR10, Pyrenean path that runs from the Atlantic to the Mediterranean
4. Mt Toubkal Climb, North Africa’s highest peak
5. Kilimanjaro Climb, Tanzania
6. Everest Base Camp, Nepal
7. Concordia & K2, Pakistan
8. The Inca Trail, South America
9. Huayhuash Circuit, Peruvian Andes, Peru
10. Fitzroy and Paine, Patagonia

### From a Melbourne Bushie’s perspective:

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Christine Salau  
(Editor)



Kokoda Kuties - including Melb Bushies Wendy, Elenora, Ros, Chris

**Forthcoming activities program - March - April 2007**

Date	Location	Transport	Standard	Leader	Phone (H)
Sun 11	Barwon Heads to Queenscliff	Bus	Easy, Med	Peter and Jacky McGrath	
16-18	Base camp: Prom in a Day	Private	Various	Bill Metzenthén	
Sun 18	Mt Robertson - Gum Creek	Bus	Easy, Easy/Med	Phil Geschke and David Laing	
20-22	Lodge: Fairhaven Beach-house Sojourn	Private	Easy/Med	Susan Maughan	
Wed 21	Lorne Waterfalls	Private	Easy/Med	Margaret Curry	
23-25	Lodge: Mt Hotham	Private	Various	Dianne McKinley	
Sat 24	Cycle: Capital City Trail plus Jan's extras	Private	Easy	Jan Palich	
Sun 25	Cathedral Range - 8.30am start	Bus	Med,Med/Hard	Paul Logsdon and Lesley Hale	
Thur 29	TOFS: Birdland Reserve	Private	Easy	Bernadette O'Connell	
Sat 31	Dandenong Explorer: Emerald	Private	Easy	Stuart Hodgson	
Sat 31	Navigation Training Day	Private	Easy/Med	Jopie Bodegraven	
Sun 1	Mt Blackwood - Bus to leave from Clubrooms	Bus	Easy/Med, Med	Tom Wilanowski and David Elias	
5-9	Easter - 2 x pack carry - 1 x base camp	Private	Various	Various	
Sun 8	Lady Talbot Drive - Keppels Falls	Bus	Easy, Easy/Med	Roger Browne and Mark Heath	

Bus transport: Meet in Southbank Boulevard, south side of the Arts Centre, before 9.00am Leader or deputy will be there rain, hail or shine!

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