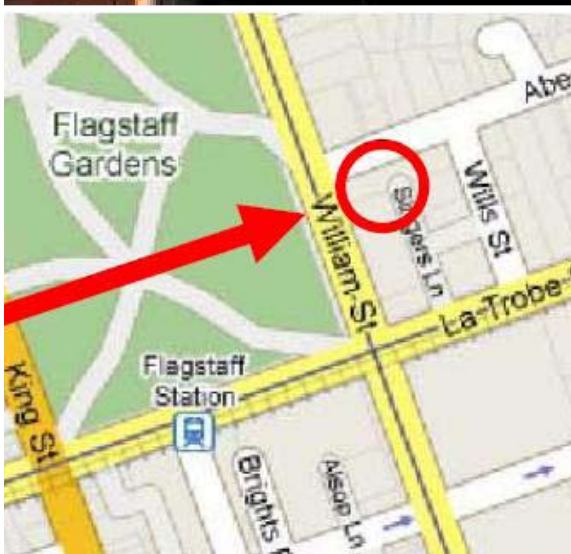




THE NEWS OF THE Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.

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July 2008



OUR CLUBROOMS HAVE TAKEN A WALK ...

We've moved in with the Royal Historical Society of Victoria at the

Corner of A' Beckett and William Streets, Melbourne (First Floor, Entrance via William St) There is plenty of street parking space. Alternate access should not be difficult for those who commute, with Flagstaff Station opposite and trams along William Street.

We look forward to seeing you there

What are you doing next Easter?

Expressions of Interest invited for pack carry in Tasmania next Easter. Depart Thursday night 9 April 2009. Return Monday 13 April 2009 Graded E/M Maximum height 570 metres.

Maria Island was nice and Freycinet was good but The Tasman Coastal Trail on the South East Coast is spectacular with its 300m high cliffs, columns, bays and various terrains.

Friday. Charter bus from Hobart to Eaglehawk Neck and begin from Tasman Arch and The Devils Kitchen. Great views before descending to camp at Fortescue Bay.

Saturday. Side trip to Cape Hauy. Easy walk to camp.

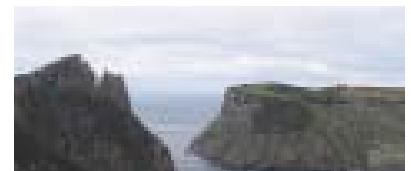
Sunday. Full day with day packs to Cape Pillar and

return. Marvellous views including close by Tasman Island.

Monday. Return to Fortescue Bay and our bus to the Airport or Hobart.

Approx cost including accommodation Thursday night, bus to and from, Parks Pass and camp fee may be \$120 per person. Airfare and shuttle not included.

If interested please contact me ASAP as early bookings are essential and also to obtain the best Airfares. Bob Oxlade.



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

Royal Historical Society of Victoria

**239 A'Beckett 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:

The preferred method is emailing an unformatted text file to news@mbw.org.au Closing date for receipt of material for The News is without fail the 2nd last Wednesday of the month.

Only advertisements that directly relate to bushwalking (eg gear, maps, trips, tours etc) can be accepted. For current advertising rates please contact the editor.

Club rooms Duty Roster:

		Treasurer present
July 19	Jane and Ray	yes
July 16	Del and Peter	
July 23	Lynda and Carol S.	yes
July 30	Halina and John Fritze	
Aug. 6	Ray and Mick	yes

Next Committee Meeting:
Monday, August 4 2008

TRACK MAINTENANCE GROUP

Track Maintenance and Conservation Activities. Bushwalkers are encouraged to assist with the following projects.

As provided by MBW member, Mark Heath.

2008 Activity Dates	Leader contact details
September 2008 Condons Track (exact date TBA)	Steve Robertson 97625367 srob7859@bigpond.net.au
25-26 October 2008 Stronachs camp	Geoff Kelly 9328 4228 gpkelly@bigpond.net.au

SOCIAL NIGHT



NEW CLUBROOMS

WHEN WEDNESDAY 23 JULY, 6:30 FOR 7:00
WHERE 239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne 3000

Gluhvein and apple pie night

Come along and enjoy our inaugural "mulled wine Wednesday".

DIARY DATES:

AUGUST

Wednesday 27th August

Wine tasting night- help select wines in preparation for the launch of MBW's own wine label.

SEPTEMBER

Launch of MBW's own wine. The Members' own Art and Craft Exhibition.

OCTOBER-

IMAX and Toto's pizza night

Book with Susan Maughan no later than July 19 please.

Greetings All.

As most of you will be aware by now, we have finally vacated our club rooms at Mackenzie St, making way for the new tenants, namely the Victorian State Opera Company, who have been waiting for several months to install themselves and a shipment of new costumes. We appreciated their patience during the long months when we were faced with unavoidable delays and wish them all the best for a long and happy stay. May they gather as many wonderful memories as we have over the last 22 years at the Caretakers Residence of Horticultural Hall and though many of our members have experienced some sadness and a sense of loss at having to leave a place for which we felt considerable affection and attachment, we must now forge ahead with a positive outlook and be thankful for the beautiful place which will serve as our new club rooms. The warm welcome extended to us by everyone at the Royal Historical Society of Victoria has made the transition relatively painless and certainly a lot easier than we imagined, so a big thank you to RHSV Executive Officer, Kate Prinsley, their former Treasurer, Rod Benjamin, the RHSV Council and Admin. Officer, Gerardine Horgan for their help and input over the last few months.

And so it was that on Saturday morning, 14 July, 2008 an era ended for us when a team of trusty Bushies took to the task of transferring all our equipment, furniture, memorabilia, maps and records across town to the RHSV, situated 4 city blocks away on the corner of A' Beckett St and William St. Our new address fortuitously fulfils the desire we had to find an alternate location within the district of Melbourne for our meetings, making it not

only consistent with our identity as Melbourne Bushwalkers (which dates back to our beginnings as a club nearly 70 years ago in the 1940's), but also reasonably convenient to get to. Fitting also, that with our long and interesting history we should find a suitable "home" there.

Special thanks to Carol Sisson for hours spent helping with the preparatory sorting, filing, packing and labeling and to all those who came along to assist with the move, not least of all, Doug P., for the use of his van, and the tremendous effort involved by the team of strong blokes who transported all those heavy items up the backstairs of the building to our storeroom. Wendy and Del did a great job with last minute cleaning before we finally handed over the keys to Vic.Opera.

So we can all relax and settle in now and I think a little "housewarming" in the not too distant future would be appropriate. We will keep you posted.

Winter is such a wonderful time to walk. Last Saturday's rogaine at Creswick was particularly enjoyable with the air fresh and cool as we hurried to find those elusive check points, followed by the Lerderderg River East Walk on Sunday, where we enjoyed the multitude of fascinating mosses and lichen adorning the rocks and boulders along the river valley and the fragrance of wet bark and eucalyptus pervading the air. The wattles there are about to blossom. How lucky we are with all this.

Happy and safe Winter walking, skiing, cycling and whatever you all find pleasure in doing
Lynda Larkin

WILLIS'S WALKABOUTS

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Willis's Walkabouts has a limited number of guides and an incredibly concentrated peak season.

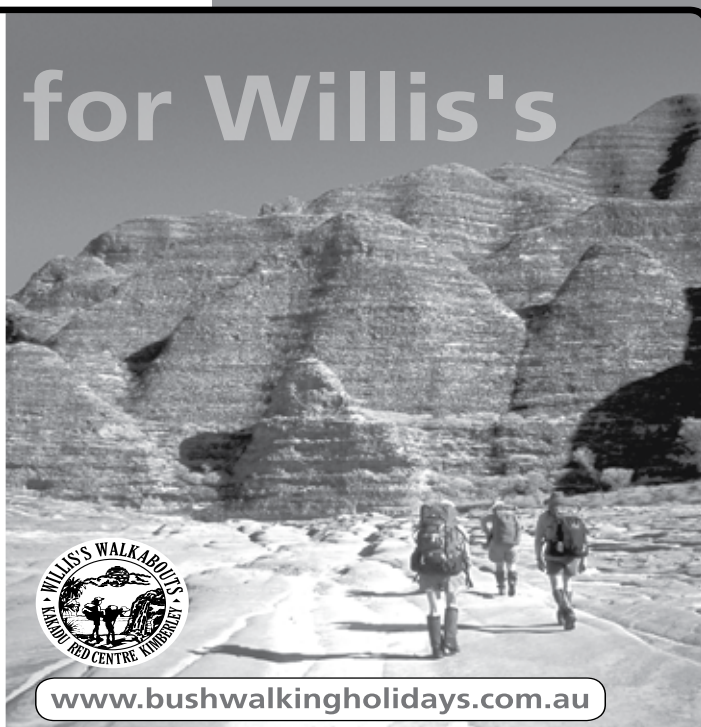
We need more guides. Our guides need to:

- be highly experienced bushwalkers
- have walked in the north before
- have a remote or wilderness first aid qualification
- be happy to lead only one or two trips per year
- be good bush cooks
- enjoy working with mixed groups of different ages and levels of experience.

Not absolutely essential but very helpful are:

- being able to take on a trip at short notice
- having a commercial (passenger for hire) driver's license.

If you are interested and think you qualify, please contact Russell Willis at ...



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Reports

EQUIPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

PACK CARRYING

We were touched by Alma Strappazon's letter in the May edition that so beautifully described the joys of pack carrying. If it tempted you to give it a try, but you dismissed the idea for reasons of fitness or cost, now is the time to reconsider. Weight is no longer the impediment it used to be. A \$900 investment in the basics (tent, sleeping bag, pack and cooking equipment) can now put you within reach of an eight-kilogram (excluding water) weekend pack (even lighter if you spend more). This might sound like a lot but in reality is only equivalent to a short holiday, a few restaurant meals or some baubles for your house, body or car. To top it all off your equipment will go on delivering physical benefits and priceless memories for years to come. Even if you are not prepared to make the commitment at this stage you can still hire some good gear from the club at very reasonable rates. If you remain undecided it may simply be a case of procrastination. With your Sunday walk prowess, love of nature, positive outlook, appropriate gear and a suitable walk there can be no excuses. Talk to Jopie Bodegraven about the walks and to us about the gear. We are both out walking at the moment but should be back by the end of the month.

MORE ABOUT SPOT

We have been advised that it's easy to change contact details on the SPOT Satellite Personal Tracker. This opens up all sorts of hiring possibilities including club, private or local distributor www.piplus.com.au. The distributor charges \$7/day or \$35/week but the other options could be cheaper if there was sufficient demand. Drop us a line on equipment@mbw.org.au if you are interested.

John Fritze

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

New members:

KHUEENIE CHEONG
ROBERTA DEAM
ANNE-MARIE DOBSON
NESLIHAN DOGAN
DENIZ ERBULUT
JEAN HARTE
CHRISTINE HODGE
JOHANNA HUBER
DIANNE C KARLSON
LIZ LEKIC
YOSHIE OUCHI
DONNA RIBTON-TURNER
LORAIN WATT

Life Members	13	
Honorary Members	10	
Single memberships	285	
Family memberships	104	(= 2x 52)
Total membership	412	
(This time last year)	408	

Peter Havlicek

EARLY NOTICE REMINDER

KANGAROO ISLAND EXTENDED TRIP MOVING BASE CAMP

Leave Melbourne Sat, Sept 20 return Wed Oct 1, 2008.

- Approximately seven days on Island
- Move around at least 3 scenic camps – interesting walks from each.
- Limited numbers. Register interest ASAP.

Contact Sylvia Ford

GENERAL WALKS SECRETARY'S REPORT

WALK LEADERS

NEW ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT FORM

Participants in Club activities have the right to make a personal injury insurance claim if they are injured.

Melbourne Bushwalkers committee has introduced a new Accident/Incident Report form, together with some Guidelines for Use, to enable Walk Leaders to easily notify accidents/incidents to the Club.

The new form needs to be completed if there is a possibility of a personal injury claim, either at the time of the accident/incident or in the future. Both the form and the guidelines will be available in Club first aid kits, on the Leaders Database and in the filing cabinet in the Club room. All Walk Leaders Checklists will be updated to include this information.

We are required to provide copies of Accident/Incident Reports to our insurers and Bushwalking Victoria.

Any enquiries can be directed to the General Walks Secretary, Jane Williams, via email to gws@mbw.org.au.

Jane Williams

SLIDE SHOW AND TALK

The Regent Honeyeater Project - 14 years on.

What have we achieved? What have we learned?

On Wednesday, July 16, at 8pm in our new clubrooms, a slide talk about the award-winning conservation work in the Box-Ironbark country around Lurg, near Benalla.



You will hear about the special flora and fauna in the area, the threats they face, and the combined efforts of thousands of people to address the decline of several threatened species.

See for yourself the outstanding results of 14 years' work by over 100 local farmers working with 23 schools, community volunteers, university students, bushwalking clubs, cycling clubs, scouts, churches and other groups from the city. We've planted over 350,000 seedlings, restored over 950 hectares of habitat, and threatened species are living in many sites only a few years old!

The talk gives graphic examples of the ecological principles that guide our on-ground works, the strategies we use to get best results for our efforts, insights about the effects of planting density and grazing, and exciting research results that confirm how we are helping the rare species.

In fact we are restoring ecological processes that will keep the habitat healthy for the long term, even through this time of climate change. Give us a call if you'd like to be involved!

Ray Thomas

Regent Honeyeater Project Co-ordinator

Noticeboard

SLIDE SHOW:



ANTARCTICA

Presented by Margaret Curry
Wednesday 13 August at 8pm in our new clubrooms

Margaret undertook a trip to the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and Antarctica in January 2008. A selection of photos to be shown: stunning scenery, shipboard life, great walks, abundance of wildlife.



FEDERATION WEEKEND 18 – 19 OCTOBER 2008

Mt Cole State Forest, Mt Buangor and Langi Ghiran State Parks
(www.ballarat.com/bushwalking/federation_weekend.htm)

The Ballarat Bushwalking and Outdoor Club have provided the following Proposed Walks List for the Federation Weekend.

Walk #	Walk Title	Grade
1	Gold Mine Tour	Easy
2	Historic Tour of Beaufort and Cemetery	Easy
3	Beaufort Lake and Forest Walk	Easy
4	Middle Creek to Ferntree Waterfalls (and return)	Easy
5	The Glut Walk---child friendly	Easy
6	Langi Ghiran Reservoir Walk	Easy
7	Jenny Clayton Loop	Easy
8	Mt. Buangor Walk	Medium
9	Waterloo State Forest	Medium
10	Richards to Ditchfield's (and return)	Medium
11	Middle Creek to Ditchfield's (and return)	Medium
12	The Paradise Walk	Medium
13	Middle Creek/ Cave Hill Loop—child friendly	Medium
14	The Ben Nevis Walk	Medium
15	The Sugarloaf Walk	Medium/Hard
16	Chinaman's to Ararat Reservoir Loop	Medium/Hard
17	Ferntree to Ararat Reservoir (and return)	Medium/Hard
18	Langi Ghiran - Overnight Walk	Medium/Hard
19	The Beeripmo Walk	Hard
20	The Pyrenees Walking Trail	Hard
21	Mt Cole Area - Overnight Walk	Hard

Walk Standards

Easy: Formed tracks, level or undulating terrain, or of a distance of 10 km or less

Medium: Unformed tracks, sloping or hilly terrain or of a distance of 10-15 kms

Hard: Off track walking, steep or rugged terrain, or of a distance greater than 15 kms.
For experienced walkers.

Registration: Hard copies of the registration forms will be provided to us later in the next couple of months. On the form there will be provision to:

1. Register (cost is yet to be finalised).
2. List preference of walks
3. List camping requirements (1 or 2 nights – cost \$8 pp/night)
4. Order a meal for Saturday night (\$15 for gourmet BBQ)
5. Order a souvenir polo shirt with Federation 2008 logo (cost is yet to be finalised)

If you are interested to participate in the weekend could you please contact Katrina Murphy, Base Camp Coordinator, for further information, re transport (for the purpose of car pooling), and to register early for the walks.

Members' Walks

GREAT SOUTH WEST WALK PACK CARRY 6-9 JUNE

After an overnight camp between Port Fairy and Portland, we headed for Bridgewater Lakes to park cars and did a car shuffle on to Cape Bridgewater/Blow Holes car park. The walk started with day packs looking at the Petrified Forest and then on to the Blowholes and the Springs Lookout - a freshwater spring right by the ocean. There used to be a special track to the spring down the cliff to take cattle in dry periods. We took a few minutes to investigate Springs Camp where previous MBW walks had camped.

We followed the Great South West Walk coastal path past wind farms and headed just inland to Bridgewater Lakes for lunch. After lunch, we completed the car shuffle, put on our full packs and made our way across the fields and bush tracks to Tarragal Camp for the night. Track markers were not always easy to find. Mushrooms abounded and 2 of the party picked some and cooked them for dinner.

Pleasant camp area with campfire and plenty wood around.

On Sunday morning we climbed up the track to the top of

Mount Richmond, taking in a side trip on Ocean View Track to get a great view of the coastline. We passed through the Mt Richmond picnic area - a beautiful open spot - then worked our way down towards the beach and the Swan Lake Camp at the end of a 21km day.

We camped near what was once Swan Lake – sadly now reduced to a small area of water only. One extremely large grey kangaroo was spotted along with a variety of birdlife. Another fun evening around another blazing campfire.

On Monday morning we headed through the dunes to the beach to complete the 15km beach walk back to Bridgewater Lakes and the cars. Beautiful beach and ocean thundering surf.

A great weekend walk, well organised by Bob Oxlade. Over the walk we had a variety of terrains – coastal path, sand, grass, woodland paths, open fields, 4wd track and beach – and a mix of up and down over the 50km journey. 16 walkers in total led by Bob and including Max, David, Les, Del, Susan, Diana, Dianne, Fiona, Terri, Roger, Mohammad, Stuart, Khyeenie, Paul and myself Val Beers.

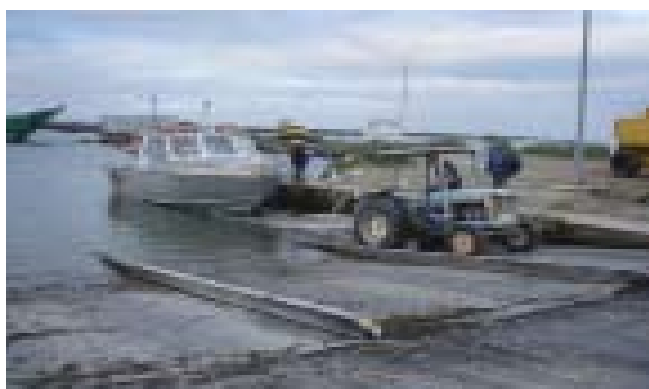
SNAKE ISLAND BASE CAMP - 14-15 JUNE

Eight intrepid bushies met at Port Welshpool at 8.00am Saturday morning for the boat ride to Snake Island. After a 30 minute journey we lowered ourselves into the water and waded ashore for the 200m walk into the Cattle-men's Huts. Dormitory accommodation, and an adjoining spacious cooking, eating area with wide verandah provided us with 'palatial' surroundings. After settling in we headed along the Lighthouse Point track – a sandy surface, through coastal scrubland, sighting grey kangaroos, swamp wallabies and birds. Near a large water-hole we headed into the dense bush for a scrub bash to the coast (a slightly longer adventure than planned), then had lunch lazing amongst the sand dunes. The return trip followed a magnificent stretch of beach with views of

Wilsons Promontory across the water, all the way back to the huts, where we had a candlelit dinner, an open fire and the inevitable red wine.

On Sunday we headed to the northern part of the island to view that coastline, then headed along the Jetty track, sighting many of the hog deer that were introduced to the island. The return was along a different part of the coastline back to the huts for lunch, overlooking a large watering hole with kangaroos grazing and an abundance of birdlife. After lunch we again met up with our trusty boat for the journey back to Port Welshpool and a farewell coffee at a local café.

Thanks Susan for organizing such an interesting weekend and with Stuart, Ray, John, Mark, Sue and Derek for making it so enjoyable. Margaret Curry





SUNDAY BUS

WHISKEY CREEK, LERDERDERG RIVER

DATE	Sunday 20 July 2008
STANDARD	Easy-medium / Medium
DISTANCE	14 km / 17 km
LEADER(S)	Nik Dow & Lynda Larkin
TRANSPORT	Bus from Southbank Blvd
AREA	Lerderderg State Park
MAP REF	Greendale 1:25,000

Probably not done before as a Sunday walk, both walks go off track along Whiskey Creek before following the familiar track up the Lerderderg River to O'Brien's Crossing. The shorter walk covers about 1.5 km of Whiskey Creek where it is a wide rock-strewn (and on our preview, dry) river bed, after a short sharp descent using the Great Dividing Trail. The longer walk covers most of the length of Whiskey Creek, requiring about 4 hours off track, including some log and rock-hopping.

Rewards for both walks are some delightful scenery and a "lost" feeling (not really) down in the deep valley. Bring stout boots with good tread.



DANDENONGS EXPLORER

FERNTREE GULLY FOREST WALK

DATE	Saturday 26 July 2008
STANDARD	Easy/ Medium
DISTANCE	12 km
LEADER	Debra Berner
TRANSPORT	Private - train
MAP REF	Melway 74, 65

We will start at 10.30 am at the corner of Railway Avenue and Burwood Highway, (Western edge of Upper Ferntree Gully Station Melway 74 E6)

We will climb the 1,000 steps, walking along Tyson Track and Hansen track.

Chandlers Hill will be climbed before descending down Macedon Track and Bellview Terrace.

The walk will be at a relaxed pace, on well defined tracks. However, strong footwear is essential as there are some short steep climbs and descents. Return expected to be at 3pm.

There is no need to book on this walk.



MOFS

BOX HILL SOUTH – BLACKBURN PARKS

DATE	Monday 21 July 2008
STANDARD	Easy
DISTANCE	10 kms approx.
LEADER	Jean Giese
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Box Hill-Blackburn
MAP REF	Melway Maps 47 & 61

A pleasant winter walk linking the parks of Box Hill South and Blackburn Lake. We will include the area beside Gardiner's Creek where the Artists later known as belonging to the "Heidelberg School" first set up camp to explore painting in the "open air".

Meet in the parking area of RHL Sparks Reserve, entering from Albion Road (Melway map 47, G11), to start walking at 10.30 am. Return time is expected to be 3 pm.



SUNDAY BUS

CRESWICK MINERS TRACK

DATE	Sunday 27 July 2008
STANDARD	Easy/Medium & Medium
DISTANCE	16 km & 20 km
LEADERS	Ian Langford & Dale McKenzie
TRANSPORT	Bus 9 am
AREA	Creswick
MAP REF	Warrenheip & Creswick

Southern Section of the Federation Track on the Great Dividing Trail. An historic route along which 200 miners walked to the Eureka Stockade rebellion.



SUNDAY BUS

RIDDLES CREEK, CONGLOMERATE CREEK ,MOUNT TENERIFFE.

DATE	Sunday 3 August 2008
STANDARD	Easy Medium and Medium.
DISTANCE	14 kms and 17 kms.
LEADERS	John McCall and Fotina Lennon.
TRANSPORT	Bus from Southbank Blvd.
AREA	Riddels Creek.
MAP REF	Riddels Creek 7823-3-2.

This walk is a real surprise package. Despite the fact that it is not far from Melbourne it offers a sense of remoteness and a real variety of terrain.

Both groups commence the walk at the beginning of the

Conglomerate Valley walking track which ascends gradually through a lightly wooded and pleasant gully to undulating pastoral land interspersed with stands of trees. We will traverse two properties on the walk. I have been told that Poll Hereford bulls are reasonably benign at this time of the year so red waterproofs, beanies etc. should be O.K. However a pair of running shoes could be a handy addition to your pack. Both groups will climb Mt. Teneriffe to enjoy the views on offer. The Easy Medium Group will continue the walk on tracks while the Medium Group will take to the scrub for the climb up Mt. Charlie and subsequent extra three kilometres back to the bus.



CHURCHILL NATIONAL PARK

DATE Thursday 7 August 2008
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE 12 Kms
LEADERS Bob Steel & Pam Rosso
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Endeavour Hills/Dandenong North area
MAP REF Melway Map 82

Pam Rosso is down to lead this walk but she may not be available on the day, so I will be leading. Contact me on 9725 6171

Meet at the first carpark in Churchill NP (Melway map 82 C9) about 10.15 am to start walking at 10.30. Enter Bergins Road off Stud Road at map 81 H4. At the corner there is a service station AND a Drive-Thru coffee shop!. Bergins Road becomes Churchill Park Drive after a roundabout.

We will walk along various tracks in Churchill NP and go into Lysterfield Park to a highpoint for good views. Some climbing is involved but not too steep. Lunch will be on the top if it is fine and calm but down amongst some tress if it is not.

We continue on back into Churchill NP past a couple of old quarries and a pipeline, and so back to the carpark. Afternoon Tea will be served.



SUNDAY BUS

KINGLAKE NATIONAL PARK, MT EVERARD AREA.

DATE Sunday 10 August 2008
STANDARD Easy & Easy/Medium
DISTANCE 15 km & 21 km
LEADERS Doug Langton & Peter Hogan
TRANSPORT Bus from Southbank Bvd 9.00 am
AREA Kinglake NP. Mt Everard track and Mt Jerusalem track
MAP REF Rooftops 1:30k Kinglake NP

We start in the southern part of the park and walk north along an undulating ridge, across Mt Everard to the Jerusalem Track.

The rest is all downhill to Steels Creek Rd where we meet the bus. The tracks are good and there are some nice views. There are lyrebirds in the area.

The harder walk will include a side trip to Jehosaphat Gully Picnic ground, about 3 km each way.



CYCLING

FRANKSTON TO MELBOURNE

DATE Saturday 16 August 2008
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE Approx 45-50 km
LEADER Jan Palich
TRANSPORT Car or Train to Frankston Station
RETURN TIME Approx 4 pm
AREA South of Melbourne - Beach
MAP REF Part road / part bay trail

We will be meeting at Frankston station ready to start cycling. So for those that would like a coffee prior to starting, you will need to arrive at Frankston earlier. There is a lovely coffee spot at the "Daze End" café near the station. Timing for meeting will be given when you book on the ride.

The ride is "one way" mostly along bike tracks, inland to Mordialloc, where we pick up the Bay trail and head into Melbourne. For those who would like a shorter ride, you can pull out on the way - at Mordialloc, Black Rock, Sandringham, or Brighton. But really you won't notice the distance, because as usual, we will stop on the way for a cool drink, picnic lunch, and visit a couple of lovely patisseries.

As we leave Frankston, we cycle through a very private area, which is like a sleepy forgotten fishing village. You wouldn't know that the highway was one street away.

If you have a small kite that will fit on your bike, bring it along, as the beach is a lovely place to test out the wind.

At St. Kilda for those of you who would like a chocolate experience, we have another coffee or chocolate stop and then back into Melbourne and home.

I look forward to your company on the ride. I will be in the clubrooms the week before. Jan Palich



SUNDAY BUS

MINERAL SPRINGS WALK - DAYLESFORD

DATE	Sunday 17 August 2008
STANDARD	Easy & Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	14 & 18 kms
LEADERS	John Fritze & Hans Baer
TRANSPORT	Bus from Southbank Blvd at 9am
AREA	Daylesford
MAP REF	1:25,000 Daylesford, Eganstown & Bullarto

These are enjoyable walks in the goldfield country south of Daylesford. They offer great variety including two beautiful lakes (Daylesford and Jubilee Lakes) set in lovely parkland, the ambience of Daylesford, open eucalypt forests and a dismantled railway.

The walks are on tracks and roads through undulating terrain with both walks visiting Central Springs Reserve and with the Easy Medium walkers also visiting Tipperary Springs.



MOFS

JELLS PARK – SHEPHERDS BUSH

DATE	Monday 18 August 2008
STANDARD	Easy
DISTANCE	11 Kms
LEADER(S)	Alister Rowe
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Glen Waverley
MAP REF	Melway Map 71 and 72

Meet at 10:30 am in Jells Park South – in First Carpark - Melway map 72, A9. Enter off Ferntree Gully Road.

We will walk north around the lake, past the golf course and up to Shepherds Bush. If time permits we will walk through the Bushy Park Wetlands and up to the lookout at Melway Map 62, K9. We will return by a different path as far as possible.



WEDNESDAY WALK

MT MACEDON CIRCUIT

DATE	Wednesday 20 August 2008
STANDARD	Easy / Medium
DISTANCE	17.5 km
LEADER	Jan Palich
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Mt Macedon Regional Park
MAP REF	Woodend and Macedon 1:25000's

Mt Macedon is a captivating area close to Melbourne and one of my favourite walks. We will be doing a circuit starting with a 500m vertical climb (plus a reward at the top) and then going clockwise to the Camel's Hump rock formation, the Sanatorium Lake, and Mount Towrang.

The walk will start and finish in the Mt Macedon township, hopefully with time to share a hot drink before heading back home. Snow is always possible if the weather is cold so check the forecast and be prepared. We will meet at the corner of Mt Macedon Road (C322) and Douglas Road at 10:30am.

To get there follow the Calder Highway for 57km and exit onto the Mt Macedon Road which will take you a further 7km to the Mt Macedon township. Douglas Road is on the left after the shopping centre.

Please contact Jan Palich if you are interested in this great walk.



SUNDAY BUS

LYSTERFIELD AND CHURCHILL PARKS

DATE	Sunday 24 August 2008
STANDARD	Easy & Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	12 & 17 kms
LEADERS	Halina Sarbinowski & Tracey Jamieson
TRANSPORT	Bus from Southbank Blvd at 9am
AREA	Lysterfield
MAP REF	Melways 82, 83 & 102

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MAIN LEADER

Lysterfield Lake Park and adjoining Churchill National park are oases of natural bushland close to Melbourne making these walks perfect for the shorter winter days. As the lake at Lysterfield formed an important catchment for the metropolitan area it has been protected from development.

These walks, based on the western sections of the parks, retain a precious example of natural forest and bushland and are an important refuge for much native wildlife including kangaroos, wallabies, wombats, possums, echidnas and a variety of native birdlife.

Come and enjoy these walks and be surprised by what is on offer so close Melbourne.



SUNDAY BUS

ROSEBUD FORESHORE – ARTHURS SEAT

DATE	Sunday 31 August 2008
STANDARD	Easy & Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	15 & 18 kms
LEADERS	Halina Sarbinowski & Richard Hanson
TRANSPORT	Bus from Southbank Blvd at 9am
AREA	Mornington Peninsula
MAP REF	Melways 159 171

The Rosebud foreshore, a hub of activity during the summer months, offers perfect walking trails in the winter months. The Easy Medium walk will commence at West Rosebud while the Easy group at Rosebud. After walking the foreshore the groups will wind their way through attractive forests to Kings Falls and

then, via Seamist Gardens, on to Arthurs Seat, the highest point on Morning Peninsula.

The highlights of both walks are the views...views over rural farmland, views of both Port Phillip and Western Port Bay and on a clear day, views of Melbourne.

We will have the opportunity for a cuppa (or something else for those who prefer to be more indulgent) at Arthur's Restaurant before returning to Melbourne



BASE CAMP

GREAT DIVIDING TRAIL/DRY DIGGINGS SECTION.
GOLDEN GULLIES WALK, VAUGHAN TO HEPBURN SPRINGS

DATE August 1-3 2008
STANDARD Medium
LEADER Ian Langford 9531 4929
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Daylesford
MAPS Guildford 1:25000 & Daylesford 1:25000

Car to Vaughan on Friday night and camp there. A lovely walk past Sailors Gully, Stones Gully, and Sebastapol Creek with plenty of mining ruins. Camp on a green flat at Tarilta Creek in the Upper Loddon State Forest area. Sunday via Sawpit Gully Road & Beehive Gully to Hepburn Springs. This trip will suit a Sunday bus walker wanting to try an overnight walk with lightweight equipment hired from the Clubrooms.

meet at Mt St Gwinear carpark at 9am sharp on Saturday morning. From here we will set off through snowgum forest on snowshoes to Mt St Phillack where we hope to have wonderful views (weather permitting) of snowy slopes and mountain ranges. We continue on to our campsite and set up camp on a lovely snow plain near a frozen creek.

The rest of this day and most of Sunday will be spent exploring this enchanting landscape. Exact routes over the weekend will be dependant on snow conditions and weather, and be determined closer to the time. We will return to the carpark late Sunday afternoon, with a stop for dinner on the way home. It is recommended that snowshoes and snowchains for vehicles be hired from a reputable shop prior to departure from Melbourne. The leaders will provide details of the snowshoes and other essential equipment required for snow camping. This trip is suitable for experienced and well-equipped pack carry walkers only.



BASE CAMP

GREATER BENDIGO NATIONAL PARK

DATE August 29-31 2008
STANDARD Medium
LEADER Ian langford
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Greater Bendigo National Park

This park is just north of Bendigo and is easy to get to. I have not been up here for quite some time but it offers some good easy walks through Ironbark forests and the remains of gold mining activity. There should be some wild flowers out and hopefully some birds for the bird fanciers. We will do a couple of circuit walks at both Kamarooka and Whipstick areas which will be of a relatively easy grade.

This base camp will be drive-in base camp most likely at Notley's Picnic area so if people want to they bring all the comforts of home with them. Also for Saturday night get together, please bring some nibbles to share around.

Important note: As there will not be much running water available please bring enough water to last you for the weekend. There is a dam nearby but I cannot guarantee the quality. I will have maps more information for people in the clubrooms.



PACK CARRY

BAW BAW SNOWSHOE

DATE August 23-24 2008
STANDARD Medium
DISTANCE 30km
GROUP SIZE 8
LEADERS Ralph Blake and Kerry Tabor
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Baw Baw National Park
MAP REF Baw Baw NP 1:25,000

This walk is a pack carry trip using snowshoes. We'll

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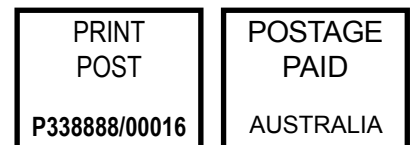
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Bus transport meets at Southbank Boulevard, south side of the Arts Centre, before 9.00am. Leader or deputy will be there rain, hail or shine!

July				
11-13	PC:Wilsons Prom Lighthouse – Oberon Bay Circuit	Private	M	Del Franks
12	Cycling: Ruffey Creek – Green Gully	Private	M	Ross Berner
13	Elphinstone Tunnel – Irishtown Track	Bus	E/M & M	Graeme Walkden & Andrew Francis
16	Anakie Gorge	Private	E/M	Margaret Curry
20	Whiskey Creek – Lederberg Gorge	Bus	E/M & M	Nik Dow & Lynda Larkin
21	Box Hill South & Blackburn Parks	Private	Easy	Jean Giese
26	Dand Explorer: Ferntree Gully Forest Walk	Private	E/M	Debra Berner
27	Creswick Miners Walk	Bus	E/M & M	Ian Langford & Dale Mackenzie
August				
1-3	PC: Great Dividing trail	Private	E/M	Ian Langford
3	Riddells Ck – Conglomerate Ck – Mt Teneriffe	Bus	E/M & M	John McCall & Fotina Lennon
7	Churchill Park	Private	E	Bob Steele & Pam Russo

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