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THANK YOU PETER!!

THE HIGHLY ESTEEMED AND VENERABLE PETER HAVLICEK
HAS BEEN OUR LOYAL MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY FOR MORE THAN 16 YEARS
THE COMMITTEE AND PAST PRESIDENTS WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM
FOR DRINKS TO MARK HIS RETIREMENT.

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER FROM 7 PM.
AT THE LEIGHOAK HOTEL, 1555 DANDENONG ROAD, OAKLEIGH.
BAR MEALS AND SNACKS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE.

PLEASE CONTACT SUSAN MAUGHAN TO ACCEPT THIS INVITATION
SO THAT WE CAN GIVE AN INDICATION OF NUMBERS TO THE HOTEL.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I recently attended Bushwalking Victoria's Presidents Conference, Annual General Meeting and 75th Anniversary Birthday ceremony including presentation of Awards. I am delighted to advise that Melbourne Bushwalkers received a Distinguished Service Award and the reasons for this are contained in a separate article in the August NEWS. At this event a book "Beyond the Scroggin Eaters" was launched, which fills in the major highlights, achievements and activities of the 20 years since "The Scroggin Eaters: A History of Bushwalking in Victoria", by Graeme Wheeler was published in 1989. Any member wishing to place an order for "Beyond the Scroggin Eaters" can do so by contacting any committee member on duty in the clubroom. Books costs \$15 or alternatively a CD can be purchased for \$5.00. A sample copy of the book is available in the clubroom for perusal.

16 of our members attended First Aid training on 4th July and are now accredited with a Level 1 nationally recognized First Aid qualification. I take this opportunity to advise members that Panadol has now been removed from all Club First Aid Kits in case it is administered to anyone without their knowledge or permission and in case of any allergic reaction.

Separately in the NEWS this month is a note on feedback from the Leaders' Discussion Night held in February. Hopefully this will answer some of the queries raised on that night. It is planned to hold these Discussion Nights on a regular basis to provide Leaders with as much information as possible and keep them up to date on any changes affecting their leadership.

Two Bushfire Recovery weekends have been scheduled by Bushwalking Victoria over the weekends of 26-27 September and 24-25 October. Now is your opportunity to assist in those areas affected by the devastating bushfires in February this year. All members are encouraged to participate for either 1 or 2 days over the scheduled dates. Janette Kodaih, one of our members keenly interested in the environmental area has willingly offered to be our Club's coordinator for this activity and I hope as many members as possible will contact her to help out with this important work.

A reminder to members that our Half Yearly General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th August at 8.00pm. You will, by now, have received your Agenda together with full details regarding resolutions to change the Club's Rules. All members are encouraged to attend or else to complete a proxy form, in order to record a vote.

Happy walking!

Margaret Curry

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

**Cnr. William and A'Beckett Streets,
Melbourne Vic 3001
entry from William Street)**

Visitors are always welcome!

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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.

Please send your contributions as unformatted text files by email to news@mbw.org.au

Closing date for receipt of material for The News is 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.

Please note:

Next committee meeting will take place on

MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2009

TRACK MAINTENANCE GROUP

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

As provided by MBW member, Mark Heath.

2009 Activity Dates	Leader contact details
Aug 23 Walk into History track (Powelltown area)	David Rimmer
Sept 2-13 Grampians	Rod Novak
Sept 27 Condon's Track (Yarra Ranges)	Steve Robertson
Oct 5 Condon's Track (Yarra Ranges)	Steve Robertson
Oct 25-26 2008 Stronachs camp	Geoff Kelly
Oct 31 - Nov 1 Stronach's Camp (Baw Baw NP)	Geoff Kelly

MEMBERSHIP TO DATE

		Family memberships	108
Life Members	14	(= 2x 54)	
Honorary Members	9	Total membership	423
Single memberships	292	This time last year	427



SOCIAL NIGHT

Friday 14 August
Restaurant night in Fitzroy

THE PENANG AFFAIR

The Penang Affair comes highly recommended. This Malaysian restaurant is located at 325 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy.

We would love to see you there. The restaurant is booked for 7:15, Book with Susan no later than 10th August -

See Full Social Calendar on page 6

Reports

FEEDBACK FROM LEADERS' DISCUSSION NIGHT HELD IN FEBRUARY

33 leaders attended a Leaders' Discussion night in February. Some of the issues raised required follow up by the Committee and feedback on these items is detailed below.

Does Melbourne Bushwalkers cover Ambulance Cost?

The Club's Personal Accident Insurance Policy covers members up to \$2,000 for non Medicare medical expenses following an injury on a Club activity; Cover is limited to 80% of costs and includes the cost of ambulance hire. There is an excess of \$100. As \$2,000 will not go far if there is a large claim the club's recommendation is that members carry their own ambulance cover.

Can Group Activity Email lists be established?

It was suggested that email lists of members interested in certain club activities could be compiled for easy communication about forthcoming events on the Club's Program. The various Activity Coordinators have been advised that if they wish to they can compile their own email listing of members who have either participated or expressed an interest in a particular activity, e.g. cycling trips, base camps, pack carries, etc.

Fire Ban Days and extreme heat days

Some discussion revolved around what should happen with Club walks/activities scheduled on Total Fire Ban days or extreme heat days, access to information on alternative walks etc. A policy is currently being developed and will be advised to members as soon as it is finalised.

Hard copy Walk Previews and Walk Reports

A request was made for a streamlined system whereby a member who was leading a walk, and who did not have internet access, could ensure that their Preview and Walk Report would reach the News Editor on time for publication in the monthly NEWS. Relevant members have been advised that they should liaise with their Activity Coordinator who would arrange for documentation to be typed and forwarded in soft copy format. Hard copies of all forms required to be completed by leaders are available at any time from the Clubroom by asking a Committee member.

Form changes

Changes to any of the forms required by leaders are made by either the General Walks Secretary or the Sunday Walks Secretary, and advised by them to relevant leaders as the need arises. The current forms are always available on the Leaders' Data Base and also available at any time from the clubroom by contacting a committee member.

Walk Gradings

There was some discussion about walk grading and improving information about each walk's difficulty to prospective participants. Reference to the grading of a walk and its degree of difficulty is now referred to in Leaders' Checklists, should be included in Leaders Walk Previews and discussed with prospective Visitors whether they are booking on a Sunday walk or on another Club activity.

Bus to wait at start of walks

It was suggested that where practical the Sunday bus should wait for one hour at the start of the walk in case a walker needs to return or be returned to the bus. As the walks are varied this suggestion needs to be left to each leader to see if it is practical for their walk, but in general, the bus does wait for this period of time at the beginning of the easy walk.

Noticeboard

BUSHWALKING VICTORIA RECOGNITION AWARDS SCHEME 2009

At a special ceremony following the 2009 Bushwalking Victoria Presidents Conference and Annual General Meeting on 20th June, Melbourne Bushwalkers received a Distinguished Service Award in the form of a framed certificate. The wording on this is self explanatory and detailed below.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD – MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

This award is presented to the Melbourne Bushwalkers in recognition of the contribution of the club to the enhancement and development of recreational bushwalking in Victoria, furthering the objectives of Bushwalking Victoria and adding value to the wider Victorian community.

The Melbourne “Bushies” were established in 1940. Since 1946 they have provided group transport for members going on walks, first using a furniture van and later a bus. This enabled many students and other young people to go bushwalking, which otherwise would have been beyond their means. In the 1940s and 1950s young people, especially students, generally did not own their own car. More recently the regular bus trips provided by Melbourne

Bushies have enabled many overseas students to enjoy Victoria’s bushwalking opportunities.

From 1949 to 1987 Melbourne Bushies actively promoted bushwalking in Victoria by publishing an annual magazine ‘Walk’ that included track notes that were a popular source of information about bushwalks for the general public. Walk also included articles

on current conservation issues and natural history. In 1973 a special edition of collected and updated track notes, accompanied by bush safety, equipment and navigation information, was published as Track Notes '73. Over the years,



President Margaret Curry receiving our Award from David Reid

President Bushwalking Victoria

Melbourne Bushwalkers provided many office bearers and conveners to the Federation, now Bushwalking Victoria. David Reid, President



*Bushwalking Victoria
75th Anniversary cake*

SUNDAY BUS BOOKING PROCEDURES - A REMINDER

Payment Methods to secure a seat

Members

1. Pay in the clubrooms by the Wednesday night prior to the day of a walk – you can book up to 4 weeks ahead.
2. Send in a cheque ensuring that it reaches the clubrooms by the Wednesday night prior to the day of the walk.
3. Purchase pre-payment vouchers from the Treasurer or Walks Secretaries in the clubrooms and send an email to busbookings@mbw.org.au advising the voucher number and date/name of walk. Vouchers may also be posted as per cheques.
4. Use a credit from a cancelled walk and send an email to busbookings@mbw.org.au advising the date/ name of walk.
5. Use a bank-to-bank transfer via the internet. (see details under “Frequent Questions” on our website at www.melbournebushwalkers.org.au).
6. Go to an ANZ bank branch and deposit directly into the club’s bank account (013-006 005846013). Give the date of the walk and your phone number as the reference (eg. 170590762461 for 17th May) and send an email to busbookings@mbw.org.au or contact the leader of the walk giving your details and the reference.

Visitors (Temporary Members)

We need you to speak with a leader of the walk so they are assured that you are capable of doing the walk. This limits you to personally visit our clubrooms on a Wednesday night prior to the date of a walk, up to 2 weeks ahead, when the leaders will be available in the clubrooms.

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BUSHFIRE RECOVERY PROJECT - YARRA RANGES NATIONAL PARK

I, Janette Kodaih invite all members of the Melbourne Bushwalking Club to commit to a mammoth Bushfire Recovery Project –fully sup, ported and organised by Bushwalking Victoria, in conjunction with Parks Victoria. BV is hoping 500 people will respond to this call for help.

38% of the Yarra Ranges National Park was affected by fire and activity locations for bushfire recovery projects will be:

CONDONS TRACK
BADGER WEIR
LAKE MOUNTAIN
PHANTOM FALLS
KEPPELS FALLS
MORLEYS TRACK
MAROONDAH RESERVOIR AREA
BEECHES WALK CIRCUIT
GOLDFIELDS TRACKS AT MCMAHONS CREEK

OTHER AREAS TO BE ADVISED LATER

When:

Saturday 26 September 2009
Sunday 27 September 2009
Saturday 24 October 2009
Sunday 25 October 2009

Tasks depending on location will include: Material cartage, step building, track marking, track clearing, construction and installation of signage, rubbish pickup, track mapping by GPS etc. Anyone can do the tasks. Some activities will be less physically demanding than others. There will be tremendous variety.

I am truly heartened at this marvellous opportunity to work on restoring the magnificent hiking trails in this majestic part of Victoria, following the aftermath of the disastrous bushfires in February. As a bushwalker and great lover of the Australian landscape, I see it as my duty to help restore it to its former splendour, and watch again the thousand splendid suns that awaken me at every sunrise. We are not only restoring the landscape, but helping the nearby communities too. I encourage all bushwalkers to participate, reconnect and rebuild our trails, both physically and spiritually.

Simply contact me and I will put your name on a list. I need to know numbers in advance to finalise locations. In addition, I will be in the clubrooms two Wednesdays preceding these weekends to answer any questions and provide information updates.

I look forward to your company on this healing journey.

Janette Kodaih



THE GREAT DIVIDE MARATHON

Saturday 14 November 2009

Each November the Essendon Bushwalking Club holds a marathon day walk of about 42km usually somewhere on the Great Dividing Trail in central Victoria. Last year's event was from Mt Alexander to Bendigo, and this year the route of the 16th Marathon will be Blackwood to Bacchus Marsh.

Although the walk is primarily for members of the Essendon Bushwalking Club and of the Great Dividing Trail Association, walkers from other clubs and from the general community are most welcome to take part.

The walk is divided into 7 stages of between 5 and 13km in length, and walkers are able to join or leave the walk at any of these intermediate points. Support cars follow the walk to carry walkers' food and water, and are available for transport for any walker who wishes to not walk any stage or stages, or to retire from the walk.

We meet at Bacchus Marsh Rail Station at 7-15am and a bus takes us from there to the starting point at Blackwood. Walkers' cars are left at Bacchus Marsh to be immediately available at the end of the walk.

A post-walk dinner is held at the conclusion of the event and all walkers and support crews are cordially invited to take part in this. The dinner is at 8-30pm at Stoney's Hotel, Grant Street, Bacchus Marsh which is near the finish point.

Costs:

Bus fare, support car and miscellaneous expenses: \$12

Visitor Fee for non-members of Essendon Bushwalking Club: \$5

Dinner (optional) (one course): \$17

I attended last year and had a wonderful day. A great opportunity to mingle with people from the broader bushwalking community as well as meet an enjoyable physical challenge.

If you would like to come along, please contact me ASAP as numbers are limited.

Lynda Larkin

Regent Honeyeater Planting 2009

August 8/9

August 22/23

September 5/6

September 19/20



Meeting Places:

Benalla Post Office 9.00 am **OR** the old Winton Roadhouse.
Welcome for all our volunteers at old Winton Roadhouse 9.15 am.
Travel in convoy to the planting site, leaving Winton at 9:30 am sharp.
Registration at the planting site, and start planting at 10.00 am.

Accommodation:

Sleeping quarters at Benalla Scout and Guide Halls.
Mattresses supplied & small kitchen facilities available.
BYO sleeping bag & pillow.
Free hot showers at Benalla Aquatic Centre.

What to Bring:

Sun-screen, hat, boots or sturdy shoes, long trousers, gloves, hand-trowel if you'd like.

Meals:

BYO lunch for Saturday, as we will be out in the field all day.
Hot cuppa supplied for morning and afternoon tea.
Sumptuous meal supplied on Saturday evening.
BYO breakfast for Sunday, or sample the delights of the local bakeries.
Free BBQ lunch in the bush on Sunday after planting.

Activities:

Bush dance on Saturday night for the energetic.
Or spotlighting evening for a close up view of possums and maybe some gliders.
Wildflower & ecology walk on Sunday afternoon, in some of our best bush remnants.
See the fantastic growth in some of our older sites, a decade or more after planting.

Numbers Expected:

Please let us know in advance the no of people coming, so we can cater appropriately.

Contact:

Ray Thomas

Noticeboard

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Forthcoming events:

AUG

Friday 14 August

Restaurant night in Fitzroy.
The Penang Affair comes highly recommended.
This Malaysian restaurant is located at 325 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy.
The restaurant is booked for 7:15, so we would love to see you there!

Book with Susan no later than August 10

Wednesday 26 August

"Back by popular demand"
Gluhwiem* and Apple Pie Night
*mulled wine served warm
Just perfect for a bleak winter's night!

SEP

Friday 4 September from 7 pm.

THANK-YOU, PETER
See special notice on front page !!!
Leighoak Hotel,
1555 Dandenong Rd, Oakleigh

Tuesday 22 September

A visit to Horatio's House, Tecoma followed by a short walk to Belgrave for lunch at Jorganson's (opp Cameo cinema).
The tour commences at 11:30 and bookings are essential. - entrance fee applies (approx. \$10)

This is a unique treasure in the Hills, built after Horatio returned from WW1. Having no money, he built the house completely of bush timber and kerosene tins.

Wednesday 23 September

Cheese and wine night-specialising in wines of Margaret River (yum).
PLUS SLIDE NIGHT
Les Southwell will present a slide show of a club trip to the Murray River.

NOV

Wednesday 21 October

SLIDE NIGHT
Fay and Jerry will present a special slide show of a recent trip to Nepal.

PLEASE BOOK WITH SUSAN

WILLIS'S WALKABOUTS

Tell us

I'm doing a major revision of both the Willis's Walkabouts website and program.

I'd like to know what you'd like to find on our website. For example:

- how to get here
- where to stay
- what to bring
- how to get a permit for your own walk
- weather

All the above are on the current website. I know that some of them are hard to find but with your help we will amend this.

what you want...

Lack of guides may force me to cut back on the program. Do I keep a mix or concentrate on one or two types and areas?

- long walks of two weeks or more (food drop if over 2 weeks)
- a series of shorter walks
- walks with Aboriginal guides
- overseas walking trips

To have your say, please go to our website and fill in our short questionnaire. It should take no more than ten minutes. If you've got more time, you can provide more details and **you might win a major prize.**



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Reviews

A WINTER'S DAY CYCLE RIDE - 20 JUNE 2009

The weather two days prior to our trip had been warm and sunny so the five of us who participated on this outing expected the weather to be similar, but no, it was not to be. However it remained fine, with rain threatening at times.

Ross Berner was our leader and the other members of the party were Mark Heath, Phil Brown, Graeme Walkden and I. The ride started at Pascoe Vale railway station, which is on Gaffney Street at the bottom of a very steep hill, and, you guessed it, our route was up this hill. It levelled out at the top and we then rode east along O'Heas Street to Coburg Lake along a cycle track. This cycle track is unique in that a great strip has been cut off the road and a two lane cycle track has been laid adjacent to the footpath.

From Coburg Lake we followed the Merri Creek and it was along this section that we started to ride into a very strong headwind. This in a short time developed into a land gale, so it was nice when Ross called a halt for morning tea somewhere along the Hume Freeway trail. Mark generously offered us each a bag of dried cranberries which were enjoyed by all. We then headed into the gale for another 20 odd km to Craigieburn and then up two very steep grades to the summit of Mt Ridley, which by my altimeter was 1100' - it was 200' at Pascoe Vale. It was very cold at the top so we rugged up, found a sheltered spot, ate our lunch and enjoyed the view. The side of this splendid highland are being plastered with hundreds of houses and roads. After lunch Ross took us down a different route, one which was on an open and clear road for several kms. It was a grand ride now, what with the wind on our backs and going downhill, we let the bikes go flat out. It was just great.

Ross then took us on a tour through Craigieburn, then along the very pretty Malcolm Creek trail - what makes it so wonderful are the stands of magnificent Red Gums, the winding creek, several wetlands and outcrops of rocks. From here Ross led us through quiet side streets to Roxburgh Park - another pretty area, then along the Shankland trail and then onto Yuroke Creek trail, which runs into the Moonee Ponds trail.

Sections of the first part of the ride were tough but the last 40kms was a dream ride with that gale force wind on our backs and traversing such beautiful landscapes. It was a superb ride and Ross gets 10 out of 10 for his research and faultless navigation on the trip. I peeled off the trail at Pascoe Vale, the other four chaps continued on - Graeme and Mark to the city, Phil to Richmond and Ross to Kooyong. Ross clocked up 135km, Phil would have rode at least 100km. Graeme and Mark would have ridden approximately 85km - my distance was 70km. It was a great days outing in such pleasant and friendly company.

Art Terry

MALLEE FOWL NEST SEARCH BASE CAMP 3-5 JULY

Doug and Jan organised this very interesting winter base camp near the Wychitella Flora Reserve in central Victoria. This area near Wedderburn is also known as the 'golden triangle' and very famous for large lumps of gold just waiting to be picked up 'welcome stranger'??

Doug and Jan are members of the Mallee Fowl Recovery Project and were keen to enlist the help of the Bushies to do a line search through the scrubby mallee bush to try and locate a nest. This we achieved on the Saturday - thanks to Mark and Jopie's keen eyes - but unfortunately it was inactive. But it's a very large nest/mound for a bird? The line search was interesting with Doug marshalling the troops with Jopie and Max being the perimeter scouts with their chatter on

the walkie talkies trying to keep us in line. Hmmm - we did veer off the line a couple of times!!! (We all blamed the thick scrub). We had a very scrumptious BBQ dinner (thanks to master chefs' Doug and Jan) and a very cheery campfire for the Saturday evening story telling and travel yarns. On the Sunday we split into two groups with Jan taking the bird watchers for a tour and Doug leading another line search. A very enjoyable weekend with the Blue and Bull Mallee, Yellow Gum and Ironbarks, lots of birdlife, sunny winter days and crisp nights; but alas no live mallee fowl or large lumps of gold found. Attending: Doug and Jan (leaders) with Jenny & Jopie, Ken & Joan, Michael Mann, Lauren, Michael Murray, Jerry, Fay, Mark, Max, Brien, Bruce, and me.

Rod Novak



A reminder that to view all available previews and any notifications of changes to walks, just log on to the walks program and previews pages on the MBW website:
http://www.melbournebushwalkers.org.au/activities/Walks/MBW_walks_program.htm

ATTENTION BUSHIES: ALL SUNDAY BUS WALKS LEAVE AT 08:45



REGENT HONEYEATER PROJECT

SEE PAGE 6 IN NEWSLETTER

DATE 5 - 6 September
STANDARD Easy
LEADER Ray Thomas
TRANSPORT Private



WEDNESDAY WALK

MT EVELYN AQUEDUCT

DATE Wednesday 9 September
STANDARD Easy/Medium
DISTANCE 14 km
LEADER Ed Neff
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Mt Evelyn, Dandenong Ranges National Park
MAP REF Melway 120 B3
 We will meet at the far end of the Mt Evelyn Reserve, off Tramway Road at 10.15 for a 10.30 am start. Parking is available near the toilet area.



SUNDAY WALK USING CAR POOLING

PYRITES CREEK

DATE Sunday 6 September
STANDARD Easy/Medium
DISTANCE 10 km (with some steep sections)
LEADER Max Casley
TRANSPORT Car pooling: Southbank Boulevard at 8:45am
AREA In the forest, south of Gisborne
MAP REF Toolern Vale 1:25,000

This area is a bit of a surprise being close to Melbourne and yet it has few visitors. It is in the Pyrete Range which is an extensive area of steep and rugged terrain with relatively undisturbed old growth forest of box, ironbark and grass trees.

The walk is shorter than usual but it makes up for this with three descents to creeks (probably dry) and with three climbs averaging about 130 metres each. These descents and ascents include some steep sections but we will be able to take our time on these. We will walk a short distance along the creek valleys. Some of the walk is off-track but we will avoid thick scrub – you may prefer long trousers but they are not essential. After the walk we will probably have enough time to visit a Gisborne coffee shop before heading back to Melbourne.

This is the first programmed Sunday walk using car pooling – the transport cost will be \$12 per passenger paid to your car driver (150 km @ 8 cents/km).

The first half of the walk follows the redundant aqueduct which fed the O'Shannassy Reservoir from the Silvan Reservoir until around 1972.

We skirt some residential areas, follow the Aqueduct Trail and then enter open forest areas in the Dandenong Ranges National Park. After lunch at Silvan Reservoir we return to the National Park, eventually returning to our starting point along Pipeline Track, the site of the pipeline that replaced the aqueduct. You can telephone me on 9572 2382 to book or for further information



BASE CAMP

TRACK MAINTENANCE IN THE GRAMPIANS

DATE 11-13 September
LEADER Rod Novak
AREA Grampians NP
MAP VicMap: Northern Grampians, VicMap Southern Grampians
Return: 9m Sunday evening

The Melbourne Bushies have hosted the Bushwalking Victoria 'Track Maintenance Group' weekend in the Gramps for the past five years.

Come along for a fun weekend assisting Park Rangers and David Witham's 'Grampians Walking Tracks Support Group'. The plan is for track work on the Saturday and to go for a bushwalk on the Sunday. For more information contact Rod Novak or see me at Club night on Wednesday 9th September.



BASE CAMP

MOUNT BUANGOR STATE PARK

DATE	11-13 September
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	11 km & 8 km
LEADER	Ed Neff
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	11 km West of Beaufort, off Western Highway
MAP REF	Parks Victoria, Mount Buangor State Forest Parks Victoria, Langi Ghiran State Park Vicmap Beaufort 7523-S 1:50,000

The Ballarat Bushwalking & Outdoor Club hosted the Federation Walks in this area in October last year. The Park notes introduce this area with:

“Explore a variety of landscapes including eucalypt forest, creek flats, waterfalls and steep escarpments,”

We will camp at Middle Creek Camping Ground. Turn right up Ferntree Gully Road, at the Mount Buangor State Park sign, approximately 11 km West of Beaufort. Continue along this road until you enter the State Park and a marked sign left will lead to Middle Creek camping ground.

We plan on commencing our walk at 9.30 am Saturday so you may plan on setting up camp on Friday evening. The Saturday walk will be an 11 km circuit to Cave Hill, Mt Sugarloaf and return via Ferntree Waterfalls. There is some up hill climbing, rewarded by great views, weather permitting. We should get back to camp for some relaxation and socialising before dinner.

On Sunday the option is to drive a short distance to the adjoining Langi Ghiran State Park and tackle a shorter 8 km easy walk to the Langi Ghiran Reservoir and a circuit return via a lookout. On the drive back to the Highway we can stop off to view the Lar-ne-Jeering rock art. Beaufort then offers us a late lunch or coffee/snack stop before returning to Melbourne.

Come and enjoy a great weekend of camping and walking in this most interesting area.



SUNDAY BUS

MOONDARA RESERVOIR-WIRILDA TRACK

DATE	Sunday 13 September
STANDARD	E & E/M
DISTANCE	13.5 km & 17 km
LEADERS	Jan Colquhoun & Richard Hanson
TRANSPORT	Bus from Southbank Blvd. at 8:45am
AREA	Tylers Regional Park and Boola State Forest
MAP REF	Rooftops 1:100,000 Walhalla Woods Point Adventure map & Vicmaps 1:25,000 Morwell & Rintoul Creek

This is a delightfully picturesque walk that follows the meanders of the Tylers River. The walk is well varied as it rambles from the waterside to the tops of steep and dramatic cliff tops.

The surrounding trees cast moody shadows and reflections over the river as the light fades into the afternoon. The club has previously run this walk but in this case we have decided to vary the route, especially for the easy walk which will initially follow the pipeline track before crossing the creek at a shallow ford to join the Wirilda Track, this way ensuring that everyone enjoys the best scenery on offer. Although they will have time to ascend the track, at a more leisurely pace. For this reason the easier of the two walks will be rated more to the Easy/Medium side of Easy. The harder group will follow the full length of The Wirilda Track from Wirilda Environmental Center to the Moondara Dam. On previewing the walk the track had been recently cleared but a stick may be useful to those who are inclined to use them. On our preview the bush rang with the calls of lyrebirds, we were met by a wombat and came across many colorful wildflowers. The terrain includes tall gum trees and lovely fern forests.



REGENT HONEYEATER PROJECT

SEE PAGE 6 IN NEWSLETTER

DATE	19 - 20 September
STANDARD	Easy
LEADER	Ray Thomas
TRANSPORT	Private



TRACK MAINTENANCE GRAMPIANS

SEE PAGE 2 IN NEWSLETTER

DATE	12 - 13 September
STANDARD	Easy
LEADER	Rod Novak
TRANSPORT	Private

DO YOU WANT LEAD A BIKE RIDE?

We are looking for rides for later this year.

If you have an idea for a ride please call



CYCLING BASE CAMP

DATE 19 - 20 September
 STANDARD Medium
 LEADER Philip Brown
 TRANSPORT V-LineTrain/car
 AREA Warragul West Gippsland
 MAP Vicroad Map 96

We will be staying at the caravan park in Warragul so if you could call at least a week beforehand, so I can book a spot at the caravan park - if you would like an on-site cabin or caravan, please call the caravan park on 5623 2707 and make your own arrangements. You could also make it just a day's ride, seeing it is only an hour and a bit on the Freeway to Warragul.

Day one: This is a ride of 75km climbing up over the Strzelecki Ranges before dropping down the other side then climbing back over again. It is a mixture of sealed and unsealed roads. Apart from the first 12km out of Warragul where there is a medium amount of traffic, the roads are very quiet. We will be riding along Grand Ridge Road from where you get expansive views north over the Latrobe Valley and south to Wilsons Prom. Dinner will be at the pub.

Day two: Is a bit easier we will head north of Warragul, ride through rolling hills and beautiful green farmland a shorter day -

a total of about 45 km!



SUNDAY CAR POOLING

LYONVILLE SPRINGS – BABBINGTON HILL

DATE Sunday 20 September
 STANDARD Easy/Medium
 DISTANCE 15/16 km
 LEADERS Delwyn Franks
 TRANSPORT Carpool from Southbank Blvd
 AREA Wombat State Forest – Daylesford
 MAP REF Daylesford 1:25000, Coliban 1:25000 and Trentham 1:25000

This walk takes us through varieties of forest vegetation and we will come across relics from the Gold Rush era as well as see the impact of heavy logging on the environment.

Babbington Hill is one of about 7 extinct volcanoes or eruptive centres. It is believed that these seven most recent eruptive centres were fed by one vast deep-seated magma change producing copious amounts of carbon dioxide which dissolved in the water table to produce the mineral springs, such as Lyonville Springs. We will visit Lyonville Springs and have the opportunity to taste the heavy metal water.

Although not a bus walk this is a great walk with good views from the top of Babbington Hill on a clear day. so I do hope to see you at Southbank on the 20th.



MONDAY WALK

WARRAMATE HILLS

DATE Monday 21 September
 STANDARD Easy
 LEADER Jean Giese
 TRANSPORT Private



PACK CARRY

WILSONS PROM-WATERLOO BAY-REFUGE-SEALERS CIRCUIT

DATE 25-27 September 2009
 STANDARD Easy Medium
 DISTANCE 35.5 km with packs plus an optional 6.8km without packs
 LEADER Richard Hanson
 TRANSPORT Private
 AREA Wilsons Promontory
 MAP REF Wilsons Promontory Outdoor Leisure Map

Saturday (18.9km) the walk starts at Telegraph Saddle car park at 9.00am. Walking south and then east past Mussolini Rocks to Waterloo Bay where with luck we will be rewarded with a swim on an absolutely pristine beach. We then walk along the coast and up to Kersops Peak where we will enjoy spectacular views of the lighthouse and Rodondo Island. We'll descend into Refuge Cove to a great camp site which has toilets and water.

Sunday (16.6km) we'll walk along beautiful coastline to Sealers Cove and complete the circuit along a section of boardwalk and track back to Telegraph Saddle. As an optional extra (6.8km) and if time permits, some might like to climb Mt Oberon to round out an excellent weekend walking.

If you are interested in one of Victoria's classic walks please contact me by Monday 14 September.



DANDENONG'S EXPLORER

OLINDA

DATE Saturday 26 September
LEADER Maureen Hurley

The Walk Report for this Olinda based walk will be in the September newsletter.



SUNDAY BUS

DROMANA – GREENS BUSH – CAPE SCHANCK

DATE Sunday 27 September
STANDARD E/M & M
DISTANCE 15km & 19km
LEADERS Andrew Francis & Mark Heath
TRANSPORT 8:45am Bus from Southbank Blvd
AREA Mornington Peninsula
MAP REF Arthurs Seat State Park, Mornington Peninsula National Park – Greens Bush, Cape Schanck Area maps



BUSHFIRE RECOVERY PROJECT

SEE PAGE 5 IN NEWSLETTER

DATE 26 - 27 September
STANDARD Easy
LEADER Janette Kodiah
TRANSPORT Private

The Mornington Peninsula is a splendid area for a spring walk.

The medium walk, extra distance, involves climbing to Arthurs Seat via the OT Dam then taking the bus down to the start of the easy/medium walk at Baldry's Crossing. Both walks follow the same route from Baldry's Crossing, passing through Greens Bush and Highfield Parks, across Borneo Rd, then past Bushrangers Bay finishing at Cape Schanck.

Time permitting either walk has the possibility of a detour to the beach at Bushrangers Bay and the boardwalk at Cape Schanck. Greens Bush is the largest remnant of bush land on the Peninsula with vegetation varying from eucalypt forests to fern gullies, heath-lands and grasslands. It's a pleasant walk on good tracks.

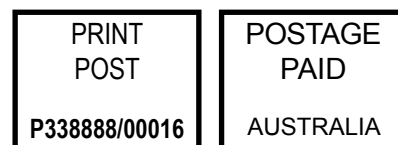
We are in safe hands!
First Aid training course held on July 4 this year



Bus transport meets at Southbank Boulevard, south side of the Arts Centre, before 8:30 am. Leader or deputy will be there rain, hail or shine!

SEPTEMBER				
Thu 3	Mt Macedon	Private	Easy	Janet Norman
5 - 6	Regent Honeyeater Project - Tree Planting	Private	Easy	Ray Thomas
Sun 6	Pytites Creek	Carpool	E/M	Max Casley
Wed 9	Mt Evelyn Aqueduct	Private	E/M	Edd Neff
11 - 13	BC: Mt Buangor State Park	Private	E/M	Edd Neff
12 - 13	Track Maintenance - Grampians	Private	Easy	Rod Novak
Sun 13	Wirilda Track	Bus	E & E/M	Jan Colquhoun & Richard Hanson
19 - 20	Regent Honeyeater Project - Tree Planting	Private	Easy	Ray Thomas
Sun 20	Lyonsville Springs - Bullarto Reservoir	Carpool	E/M	Del Franks
Mon 21	Warramate Hills	Private	Easy	Jean Giese
25 - 27	PC: Wilsons Prom - Waterloo - Refuge and Sealers Cove	Private	E/M	Richard Hanson

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