



# THE NEWS OF THE Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.

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JUNE 2010

## BUSHIES GO PLATINUM!

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May was the celebration of Melbourne Bushwalkers' 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Nioka Bush Camp, Plenty Gorge Park. Members, past and present, started arriving at 10.45am to browse through some of the club's historical information and mix with friends old and new. Approximately 140 people attended on the day.

About 16 members set forth on the 1.5 hour bird watch lead by Doug Pocock returning in time for a picnic or BBQ lunch. A short walk in the afternoon lead by Graeme Thornton encouraged about 44 members to take part before returning for afternoon tea and the official celebrations. Meanwhile a cycle trip lead by Ross Berner saw 8 participants and Sunday walks utilizing the bus for drop off and pick up attracted another 40 members with leaders being Halina Sarbinowski

and Max Casley.

The hall at Nioka was buzzing with activity as members attacked the tables laden with food. President, Margaret Curry spoke of the club's history, Life Member Doug Pocock spoke of his experiences as a member, Felix Harding who joined in 1941 cut the anniversary cake, there was a formal toast to Melbourne Bushwalkers and then photos were taken of members who joined through the difference decades from the 1950's to 2000's.

A selection of photos is available to view in the Photogallery on the Club website, and many photos from the day will also be kept as an historical record. Thanks to all those who participated to make the day such a success.

### WILL THIS BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER?

Membership fees are now **overdue**, and must be paid to ensure continuity of membership and thus ability to participate in club activities and receive the monthly Newsletter. Thank you to all who have paid since the tenth of February 2010. Contact the Membership secretary at [rwytet@caroma.com.au](mailto:rwytet@caroma.com.au)



80 years on - still going strong - Melbourne Bushwalkers from the 1950s. For more pictures, please go to our [website](#)

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!

General correspondence should be directed to:

The Secretary  
Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc

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Editor: **Catherine Cardinet**

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](mailto: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 3 MAY**

## TRACK MAINTENANCE GROUP

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

As provided by MBW member, Mark Heath.

### 2010 Activity Dates

### Leader contact details

October 2010 - Stronachs  
Camp (Baw Baw Nat. Park)

Geoff Kelly - 9328 4228  
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## A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR

The emailed version of this edition contains all the submissions received this month.

The selection as to which review to publish or not publish in the print version was simply made on the 'first received' basis.



## COME JOIN US!

### WEDNESDAY 23 JUNE

8:00 at out clubrooms

Ed McNabb has been invited to give a talk on nocturnal fauna.

He has made a long term study

of the Powerful Owl in the Dandenongs and has recorded many of the mystery night calls in the area. In the course of the night we will learn to distinguish between the SOOTY OWL, the garrulous gurgling of the YELLOW BELLIED GLIDER, and the "screaming woman" call of the BARKING OWL.

You can purchase Ed's recordings on the night, and they will be available at a reduced rate. Remember to bring loose change, please.

This is also our **CHEESE AND WINE NIGHT**.

**PLEASE NOTE**-as a courtesy to our invited speaker, could you try to complete your bus bookings by 8pm.

### WEDNESDAY 28 JULY

CHEESE AND WINE NIGHT. This evening we will be specialising in WA wines.

**FRIDAY 30 JULY RESTAURANT NIGHT**- Sparks in Bridge Road, Richmond comes highly recommended. The table is reserved for 7 pm, so please join me but book on either 9833-6012 or [susanmaughanoz@hotmail.com](mailto:susanmaughanoz@hotmail.com).

### WEDNESDAY 18 AUGUST

the Bushies AUCTION NIGHT, conducted by Graham Hodgson. A chance to sell your pre-loved gear or pick up a bargain.

### WEDNESDAY 25 AUGUST

CHEESE AND WINE NIGHT. This time we will be specialising in wines from NZ.



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# 75th Anniversary

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and more ....



# Reports and Stats

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

In this months NEWS is an article and selection of photos from the Club's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. Members should also check out the Photogallery on the website to view additional photos. For those that had cameras on the day, could you please send some of your best photos through to me so the club can retain these for historical purposes. To assist in preserving our history, member Ian Mair has offered to scan all past copies of the NEWS since 1948 to ensure we have a permanent record of our Club's history.

In last month's NEWS I referred to the guided canopy tour facility proposed for the R J Hamer Arboretum in the Dandenongs. I am happy to advise that this proposal has now been abandoned by Parks Victoria.

Members would be aware that the Database Administrator's role carried out by David Arnold was recently advertised. I am happy to advise that Chris Schirlinger has been appointed to this role and an official changeover date will be advised as soon as possible.

From 1 July 2010 there will be no entry fee to any national park or metropolitan park in Victoria. Parks Victoria estimates that removing entry fees will increase visitor numbers by 25 to 50 per cent. National parks that will be free are Wilsons Promontory, Mount Buffalo, Baw Baw, Mornington Peninsula, Yarra Ranges (Mount Donna Buang) and Point Nepean. The other parks are Werribee Park, Coolart, National Rhododendron Gardens and William Ricketts Sanctuary metropolitan parks.

Happy walking!!

Margaret Curry

## INFORMATION SHEETS UPDATED!

We have recently updated a number of the Clubs Information Sheets.

You can find them on the Website (under 'Downloads') and in the Policy Folder in the Clubrooms.

**Introduction to Overnight Bushwalking**  
**Introduction to Navigation**  
**Introduction to Liloing**  
**Introduction to Cross Country Skiing**  
**Phytophthora**

Special thanks to Jopie, John Fritze & Mick Noonan



SUNDAY STATISTICS									
Quarter 1 - 2009 & 2010									
Week	TOTAL BUS ONLY		BUS		CAR POOL		TOTAL		
	2009		2010		2010		2010		
	Total	Vis <sup>TM</sup>	Total	Vis <sup>TM</sup>	Total	Vis <sup>TM</sup>	Total	Vis <sup>TM</sup>	
1	31	5			16	2	16	2	
2	39	8	43	6			43	6	
3	48	14			14	4	14	4	
4	37	7	40	11			40	11	
5	21	3	CANX-TFB						
6	43	12			19	5	19	5	
7	29	9	52	15			52	15	
8	26	5			14	5	14	5	
9	26	6	36	10			36	10	
10	40	8			13	4	13	4	
11	21	3	37	14			37	14	
12	29	5			15	5	15	5	
13	39	10	45	9			45	9	
<b>Total</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>90</b>	
<b>Average</b>	<b>33.00</b>	<b>7.31</b>	<b>42.17</b>	<b>10.83</b>	<b>15.17</b>	<b>4.17</b>	<b>28.67</b>	<b>7.50</b>	
<b>Vis<sup>TM</sup> %</b>		<b>22%</b>		<b>26%</b>		<b>27%</b>		<b>26%</b>	



# Reports, stats, etc

## EQUIPMENT

### Think light, buy global!

When pack carrying there is nothing to be gained from unnecessary weight. It discourages participation, limits goals, tires and slows, wears and injures and generally spoils our fun. We need the best equipment, advice and motivation to get rid of it but our local suppliers seem disinterested. All too often their offerings are patchy, pricey and poorly presented. It's no wonder we turn to the web!

The web is the best place to find the latest gear. Its on line sellers offer easy to use and informative sites, good customer service and fast reliable delivery and Google's new product search service makes it easy to locate the best deals. So how can the locals compete?

Our bushwalking shops need to reduce prices and increase value. Fully embracing and actively promoting the lightweight philosophy might help. It would provide a valuable service to those who find going light a challenge, generate additional sales from increased participation and gear upgrades and ensure better differentiation from the camping chains and web.

Until they adapt to the new marketing reality the advice remains: think light, buy global!

**John Fritze**

## X-C SKIING BOGONG HIGH PLAINS - 8 - 15 AUGUST

Just a reminder that the annual MBW ski week at the Rover Chalet is on again. The Chalet is a comfortable hut all mod cons. Food is a fixed menu and cooking and other chores are done by voluntary roster.

We sleep Friday night at Tawonga and get the bus up to Falls Ck. next morning. Perishable food will be distributed between the group to carry on the 12km ski in. During the week trips of varying standards will be organised, however skiing every day is not mandatory.

There are already enough people booked in to make the week a certainty but there may be a few places available for anyone interested.

Any queries ring me on 5964 4581 after July 9<sup>th</sup> or ring Marilyn Whippey                      Doug Pocock

## MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS - ACTIVITY STATISTICS JANUARY - APRIL 2010

Activity	Month	Number	Participants & Visitors	Km Covered	Reports Submitted
Pack Carry	Jan	3	34 (1)	170	3
	Feb	2	20 (1)	86	2
	March	4	30 (-)	74	3
	April	3	22 (1)	63	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>106 (3)</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>10</b>
Base Camp	Jan	1	12 (1)	30	1
	Feb	2	17 (1)	69	2
	March	1	-	-	-
	April	2	24 (6)	58	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>53 (8)</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>5</b>
TOF	Jan	1	12 (3)	11	1
	Feb	1	21 (1)	12	1
	March	1	17 (1)	8	1
	April	1	15 (2)	10	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>65 (7)</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>4</b>
MOF	Jan	1	15 (-)	9	1
	Feb	1	17 (-)	11	1
	March	1	16 (1)	11	1
	April	1	19 (1)	11	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>67 (2)</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>4</b>
Cycling	Jan	1	11 (-)	51	1
	Feb	1	8 (-)	30	1
	March	1	6 (-)	51	1
	April	1	10 (-)	63	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>35 (-)</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>4</b>
Wednesday	Jan	1	13 (1)	14	1
	Feb	1	19 (-)	19	1
	March	1	13 (-)	16	1
	April	1	15 (-)	18	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>60 (1)</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>4</b>
Conservation	April	1	6 (-)	30	1
<b>Total for activities</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>392 (21)</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>32</b>

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# Noticeboard

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## BUSHWALKING VICTORIA - BUSHWALKING ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Bushwalking Environment Committee is an advocacy body representing the 80+ clubs and 10,000 bushwalkers, and is focused on improving bushwalking amenity, especially with:

Track development,  
Track maintenance,  
Conservation projects,  
Huts and heritage, and  
Land management submissions.

Thirty-four club representatives – BEC contacts and Field Officers (bushwalkers with a keen interest on a regional area) met at Westerfolds Park on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May with David Reid (President BV), Chris Towers (VP of BV) and Dave Rimmer, (BV Environment Manager). The key themes included information sharing and building relationships with the aim of improving bushwalking facilities and amenity. Recent initiatives by Bushwalking Victoria include a new strategy for 'green' walking, the Melwalk initiative (linking of suburban walking paths which tend to end at local council boundaries) and presenting at the recent Parks Victoria Conference 'Healthy Parks, Healthy People.' Bushwalking Environment current projects and updates are publicised each month in the *Bushwalking News Victoria* magazine – go to the link on the Bushwalking Victoria webpage. Also, there are vacancies for 'Field Officers' so if you have a keen interest in bushwalking and the environment and would like to make a contribution then email [tracks@bushwalkingvictoria.org.au](mailto:tracks@bushwalkingvictoria.org.au) for further information.  
*Rod Novak - BEC contact for the Melbourne Bushwalkers*

## CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS

### BUSHWALKING VICTORIA CALENDAR 2011

Members are invited to submit photographs for use in a 2011 Bushwalking Victoria calendar.

#### Details

- Photographs must have been taken in Victoria
- The competition is only open to Bushwalking Victoria members
- The primary focus should be landscape, not people (people are ok but should not be the dominant feature)
- Only digital colour photos in JPEG format may be entered
- Photographers with images selected for Category 1 will receive 5 free copies of the calendar
- Photographers with images selected for Category 2 will receive 2 free copies of the calendar

Photos may be submitted in either of the following categories:

**Category 1.** These will be used as the photo of the month and will be printed in approximately A4 size. The photos must be high resolution (minimum of 5 mega pixels), landscape orientation. No image manipulation to be used.

**Category 2.** These will be used on the calendar details page and will be printed approximately 5cm x 5cm in size. Photos must be as high resolution as possible, landscape orientation is preferred, but portrait orientation is acceptable. No image manipulation to be used.

Copyright remains with the photographer, but the photographer assigns Bushwalking Victoria the right to use the image free of fees or royalties in the Bushwalking Victoria 2011 calendar, on the Bushwalking Victoria website or in any other Bushwalking Victoria promotional material.

#### How to submit photos

- Images may only be submitted on CD or DVD
- Maximum of 3 photos per photographer
- To submit photos, please use the calendar photo form available on the "Whats New" page of the Bushwalking Victoria website <http://www.bushwalkingvictoria.org.au>

## WALKING TRACKS NOW OPEN

### Wilsons Promontory NP

The complete Lilly Pilly Circuit including boardwalk and access to Mt Bishop

### Kinglake NP

Mount Sugarloaf Road, Mount Sugarloaf Ridge track and picnic area

### Yarra Ranges NP

### Marysville area:

Lady Talbot Drive, Phantom Falls Walk and Keppels Falls Walk

### Camberville area:

the southern section of the Cumberland Walk that includes Cora Lynnn Falls, Sovereign View and Cumberland Falls Lookout

### Stanley SF

Murmungee Lookout and Clark Corner Picnic Area

### Yarra SF

Richards Tramline Walking Track

### Toolangi Forest

all tracks except Murrindindi Scenic Reserve

# Noticeboard

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - THE SIX FOOT TRACK

### A TRIP TO BLUE MOUNTAIN NSW, MELBOURNE CUP EXTENDED WEEKEND (29 OCT TO 2 NOV).

Winding through State forests and national parks, the track follows the 45 kilometre route from Katoomba to Jenolan. Crossing mountain ranges and falling into deep valleys with great views. The track features sheer sandstone cliffs, waterfalls and panoramas of richly-forested valleys.

Steeped in history, the track begins at the Explorers' Tree on the great Western Highway between Katoomba and Medlow Bath and heads down through Nellie's Glen, past Bonnie Doon Falls and into the Megalong Valley to the historic Megalong Village

It usually takes two and half a days to walk the whole track. Walk graded as Medium. At the end of the walk we have time to explore the magnificent Jenolan Caves.

The current plans for the trip are as follows:

Fly to Sydney either morning or afternoon on 29 October 2010 catch the train from air port to Katoomba. Stay Friday night (20-10-2010) in Katoomba YHA (optional). Start walking from Katoomba on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> of October 2010. We camp Saturday and Sunday nights in the bush. Walk will be completed around noon on Monday 1 Oct. 2010 at Jenolan. Monday mid afternoon catch bus from Jenolan to Katoomba arrive Katoomba 5pm. Monday night stay in Katoomba YHA (optional). Tuesday (2-11-10) morning we may explore Katoomba do a small 3 sister's walk etc. Tuesday around noon catch the train to airport for late afternoon fly to Melbourne.

Trip cost estimated \$300 to \$350.00 and mainly depending on which air line you fly with and when tickets are purchased. This walk is one of the great walks in NSW with 200 years history attached to it and therefore it should not be missed. If interested or need more information contact Agajan on 9480 4694.

## WILLIS'S WALKABOUTS

# Hello ..

# Red Centre!

## This is the best year for bushwalking in a long, long time.

**2010 is special.** The Centre had more rain in the first four months this year than in the previous 3-4 years combined. Waterholes are full and wildflowers are spectacular.

**The Larapinta Trail is easy,** spectacular, and full of people. Our Finke and Watarrka trips get you away from the crowds and bring you to the best of the places we've found in our **20 years** of walking in the region.

We cross **Finke Gorge NP** via one of the most scenic 4WD tracks in the Centre, stopping to do some of the best day and multi-day walks the park has to offer.

In **Watarrka**, we do a single walk through deep gorges and across red dunes. We enjoy spectacular cliff-top views and camp near lovely waterholes unknown to the general public.



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## Venue

Mt Hotham on 23-25 July 2010

## Who should attend

- Club members interested in joining BSAR and experienced BSAR members
- BSAR members with Steep Snow and Ice skills

## Prerequisite Skills

New & bushwalking participants - A good standard of bushwalking with snow camping skills  
Steep Snow and Ice participants – alpine skills and mountaineering experience – participants for SSI must be confirmed with Peter Campbell

## Transport

The bus will depart from Green St Northcote on Friday night at 1900hrs and should return to Northcote at about 2000hrs Sunday. Pickups en route can be arranged with the organisers.

## What to bring

Bring winter equipment and food for snow camping. A number of bushwhacker skis and snowshoes will be available. Bring your copy of the Search & Rescue manual. Maps will be supplied. Bring your skis or snowshoes if you have them. Please note that that no gear can be left on the bus and therefore all gear will need to be carried to the eventual camp site.

Steep Snow & Ice participant will also need to bring their full mountaineering equipment including helmet, crampons, ice axe, harness, etc.

## Activities

New & bushwalking participants and SSI participants will train in separate areas on Mt Hotham on the Saturday while on the Sunday training will be common. It will cater for those on cross country skis or snow walkers using snowshoes and will provide an opportunity to build on existing skills for both new and experienced members. A more detailed program will be released closer to the time.

## Attendance Confirmation

A registration form will be available shortly on the web or by request. The last day for registration will be Friday 16th July. Keep your delegate informed of your intention to attend.

## Inquiries

[training@bsar.org](mailto:training@bsar.org)

General queries - Rik Head W 9885 8423 M 0419 888 254

SSI queries - Peter Campbell H 9836 5824 M 0409 417 504

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# Reviews

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## RARE SPECIES NESTING BOXES - LURG NEAR BENALLA

Recently Melbourne Bushwalkers were given a rare opportunity to explore a different side of nature up in the Lurg, near Benalla. It was time for the yearly check of the Rare Species Nesting Boxes where volunteers spend their weekend crawling all over the Lurg area, hauling ladders about, sticking their noses into wooden boxes several meters up gum trees and otherwise annoying the nocturnal wildlife which was just trying to have a kip.

This forestry gallivanting is all in a good cause of course. The nest box program has been in operating for 11 years now, trying to alleviate the problems brought about by decades of clear felling in the area. The nest boxes provide safe shelter for the animals in areas without large trees (and more importantly without hollows in the large trees where they make their nests) while the re-plantation of corridors about the area provide shelter for the animals to move about between islands of wilderness.

We arrived a little late after a rather long drive to Benalla and were lucky to JUST catch the groups as they started to disperse to their designated areas. Even luckier for us, we were paired with Ray Thomas, the co-ordinator of the project. Ray was a delight to work under, and was always ready to explain and teach us about the ecology of the area, the reasons for the project and even some handy hints on knots!

Since the boxes are all placed high up trees in (usually) heavily forested areas, it was not always easy to find them. We were given a map with a list of points to check at the start of the day, each with some information such as "30m east of the old car". As such, nest boxing is much like "Rogaining with a purpose", planning your day to move from point to point, based on a map with some basic contour lines and a dead line. Saturday then was spent moving between boxes, checking their general condition and peering in, each time hoping to see a tiny furry ball. Every detail about the boxes and their contents were catalogued for inclusion into the research database when we returned later that evening.

With Rays guidance we even had the chance to move a few boxes that had not been used recently and showed signs of being in areas without sufficient shade. Unfortunately, at the end of the day the only sign of an occupied box was a pair of beady eyes peering out from a bowl nest, most likely a Sugar Glider.

Saturday night, a little tired, (Note to self: ladders are heavy!) we enjoyed a nice barbeque at the old Lurg school then hustled ourselves off to the Scout Hall to find some accommodation. Since we had arrived late, most of the space had been taken and we were worried we would be doing a rock, paper, scissors over who gets to sleep in the car and who gets to sleep under the car. Lucky for us (again!) there were a few mattresses left and a bit of space which we quickly annexed. After some rather protracted nightly discussions between the dozens and dozens of other occupants of the hall (mostly University student volunteers) we finally managed to bed down and get some shut eye about half ten.

Sunday followed much the same plan as Saturday, the groups were re-arranged a little to make up for newcomers and some loses, and we were allocated areas to double check from Saturdays count. Ray organised it so that groups who had not seen many animals the day before were allocated zones that had shown more activity. This time we were assigned to a different group (made up entirely of ardent Bird Watchers!) and we moved out in convoy. A brief miscalculation of a start point and a few rare bird finds slowed our start down a bit but we quickly got into the groove and showed off what we had learned from Ray the day before, climbing trees, peering into dark boxes and tallying the results.

Amongst the highlights of the Sunday was find a little ball of fluff in one box that we identified as a Squirrel Glider, a rare sighting of a owl and something Michael found under a rock.

We finished up early afternoon (unfortunately we had not managed to complete all out boxes due to the delay at the start) and handed in our notes, tired but REALLY satisfied with the weekend and out part in it. Outdoors, in some wonderful bushland, map reading and seeing local wildlife VERY close up, really a fantastic weekend!

I'll definitely be going up the next count!

**Michael Murray**

## OTWAYS PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Otways Tourism is holding a photographic competition and is encouraging all bushwalkers to enter the competition and share their photographic experiences. In return there are fabulous prizes to be won.

Visit the competition website [www.otwaysinfocus.com](http://www.otwaysinfocus.com) to check on all required details and download an entry form. The website contains competition information as well as accommodation, prize and sponsor details. Minimal entry fee for each category entered.



# Previews of weekend walks / activities

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](http://www.melbournebushwalkers.org.au/activities/Walks/MBW_walks_program.htm)

## LAST MINUTE!

## WEDNESDAY 9 JUNE



## SUNDAY BUS

Susan will be leading a walk in the Moggs Creek area, along the Great Ocean Road. Meet at the Memorial Arch, Eastern View for a 10:30 departure.

We start with a 30 minute climb leading to Coalmine Track, and meander along Moggs Creek Track and into the picnic area at Moggs Creek. The circuit walk descends past a stunning viewing point and then down to the beach and back to our cars. It all makes for a pleasant 13km walk which can be shortened by some walkers, if desired.

This walk can be combined with a 2 night stay over at a holiday home in Aireys Inlet. Commencing on Tuesday night with a bring-a-plate dinner, we can make a leisurely start to Wednesday prior to the walk. That evening we don't need to cook or do dishes as we will head over to the Anglesea Pub, which consistently serves beautiful dinners.

When previewing this we stayed at the Anglesea Backpackers- I'd like to give them a plug as we were so impressed by the hospitality, cleanliness and comfortable beds.

Please do not delay booking the accommodation-this is a popular annual event and fills up quickly. The usual home is no longer available as a rental, and with it, alas, our special rates. The alternative house should work out to be approximately \$30 per person per night.

To book on the walk or the house, please contact Susan Maughan on 9833-6012 or [susanmaughanoz@hotmail.com](mailto:susanmaughanoz@hotmail.com)

## COBAW RANGES WALK

DATE: Sunday 4 July  
STANDARD: Easy Medium / Medium  
DISTANCE: 15 km & 18 km  
LEADERS: Phillip Geschke; Linda Stewart /? / Allan Martin

TRANSPORT: Bus

AREA: Woodend - Lancefield

MAP REF: Rooftop map - Cobaw Ranges

Not far from Lancefield is this Small Forest. Although used by motorbikes, we only encountered 1 very friendly and helpful biker. The walk starts with a 125m vertical climb. For the Med group it is on 4WD track (which we witnessed was a steep creek on our abandoned preview on the day Melbourne recently flooded). The E/M group climb is less challenging as it is on a dirt road suitable for 2 WD vehicles. The views through the forest are good - to the surrounding hills and farmland.

1.5km along (for E/M) the 2 groups paths meet and remain the same. Several kms of track walking takes us through pleasant green forests, with occasional kangaroo spotting. A burnt out section of forest provides its own beauty as the low scrub is removed, revealing large granite outcrops (as appeared at mt buffalo) and a black landscape although the trees are still alive and new green ferns are reestablishing themselves.

We then have a refreshing walk for several kms off track, navigating around several hillocks of granite boulders and then complete the walk on various old 4WD tracks.



## TOFS

## ARTHURS SEAT STATE PARK

DATE	Thursday 1 July*
STANDARD	Easy
DISTANCE	9 km
LEADER	Jean Giese
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Mornington Peninsula
MAP REF	Melway 159 and 171

We can all identify Arthurs Seat on the Mornington Peninsula but have we explored the State Park of which it is a part? We will do just that on this walk. There is some hill climbing but we'll take our time and be rewarded by splendid views around Port Phillip Bay. Meet at 10.30am in the Seawinds carpark (off Purves Road) Melway 171D1. Book with the leader on 9890 2189. Mobile phone contact on the walk will be via 0427 881 118.\*This walk was originally scheduled as a MOFs walk on 19 July but has been swapped the MOFs walk on 19 July will now be Mullum Mullum Creek.



## PACK CARRY

## BEERIPMO

DATE	9 to 11 July
STANDARD	Easy
DISTANCE	Approx 22km
LEADER	Roger Wyett 0418 544 715 <a href="mailto:rwyett@caroma.com.au">rwyett@caroma.com.au</a>
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Mt Cole State Forest
MAP REF	DSE Beeripmo Track Notes

This walk will be a circle starting near the Ditchfield Camping Area, passing "The Cave" and Mt Cole; through to an overnight camp at Richards Camp Ground which has a picnic shelter with seating around a generous fire place should it be cool. This walk is ideal for those wanting to ease into pack

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# Previews of weekend walks / activities

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carrying with only 11km per day, or those who appreciate the "social" aspects of a short walk. This area features some good views, interesting geological aspects on an easy grade in an open forested area.



## SUNDAY CAR POOL

### NEW: AROUND MOUNT MACEDON/BBQ LUNCH

DATE	Sunday 11 July
STANDARD	Medium
DISTANCE	22 km
LEADER	Brian Wallbank
TRANSPORT	Car Pool from Southbank
(8:00am)	
AREA	Mt Macedon

This is a challenging Sunday walk in terms of distance and grading (medium) where within the circuit we virtually climb Mt Macedon twice. One will need a reasonable level of fitness to complete this walk. Walking time is approx. six hours plus stops.

Starting at the corner of Mt Macedon Road and Douglas Road we will do the first climb via Alton Road viewing some splendid gardens before picking up Hoods Track through an Oregon Pine grove to the Macedon Ranges Walking Track (MRWT). Descending the west face before doing a little off track to lead us onto the northern slopes. This is where the fun starts as well as the heart beat with some steep contour both up and down. The scenery is great and very rewarding as we ascend to just below the Camels Hump.

Lunch will be an optional barbeque at the sheltered Sanatorium Park (bring your own) with cooking gear supplied by myself. It is planned that you won't have to carry your lunch/wine due to a small car shuffle at the start.

After a well earned break and maybe a glass or two we will complete the walk via a new section off Baringo Road and then onto Mt Towrong and back to our cars. All being well we can then pick up coffee and cake at the Macedon Trading Post.

Due to the long nature of this walk we will need to start no later than 9:00am at Macedon which means an early car pool start at Southbank at 8:00am. I hope to see you there. Contact details: Brian Wallbank on 0448 893 288.



## WEDNESDAY WALK

### WARRAMATE HILLS FLORA & FAUNA RESERVE

DATE	Wednesday 14 July
STANDARD	Easy Medium
DISTANCE	13 km
LEADER	Margaret Curry
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Yarra Ranges/Gruyere

MAP REF

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An interesting walk in the Gruyere-Yarra Ranges area with a variety of terrain, some short steep climbs, as well as some off-track walking through bushland. We will see the confluence of the Woori Yallock Creek and the Yarra River, remains from former mining and/or gravel extraction activities, the Briarty Hill fire and communications tower, plenty of bird life and native flora. There should also be some wonderful views of the valley, vineyards and mountains, particularly from Steel Hill.



## CYCLING

### WOODEND

DATE	Saturday 17 July
STANDARD	Medium
DISTANCE	13 km & 17 km
LEADER	Howard Friend
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Woodend

Please see leader in Clubrooms as no information is available at time of printing.



## SUNDAY BUS

### DANDENONG RANGES TOURIST TRACK

DATE	Sunday 18th July
STANDARD	E & E/M
DISTANCE	13 km & 17 km
LEADERS	Mark Heath & Sue Haviland
TRANSPORT	Bus
AREA	Dandenongs
MAP REF	Dandenong Ranges Tourist
Map	

The Easy/Medium walk starts at Sassafras and follows Sassafras Creek down past old Eucalypts and through Tree Fern Gullies till it levels out near Monbulk. The Easy group starts here and both groups follow the creek down to the junction with Menzies Creek. From here we climb up past old gold diggings to Emerald.

I glimpsed a few Tree Creepers and Scrub Wrens on my preview and the light streaming through the tall gum trees was magical.

The walk is on a dirt track that has some steep sections, and can be narrow, muddy and slippery in places.

Depending on the time of arrival at Emerald and the weather, some walkers may choose to continue to Belgrave on Puffing Billy (\$20).



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## Previews

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### MULLUM MULLUM CREEK.

DATE	Monday 19 July
STANDARD	Easy
DISTANCE	16kms (390 meters climbing)
LEADER	TBA
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Eltham Lower Park

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### SUNDAY – CAR POOL

#### CAPTAIN CREEK – WOMBELANO FALLS (KINGLAKE)

DATE	Sunday 25 July
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	16kms (390 meters climbing)
LEADER	Halina Sarbinowski
TRANSPORT	Car Pool
AREA	Kinglake
TRANSPORT COSTS (per person)	\$12.00

The Kinglake region was one of the worst affected areas by

the Black Saturday bushfires in February 2009. The club has been very wary about reintroducing walks in this area. The Wombelano Block was one of the first areas to be reopened in the Kinglake region after the devastation of fires. This walk, a combination of bush that was affected by recent fires, by fires several years ago and also virgin untouched bush, gives walkers an idea of the regeneration of areas after fires. This walk gives walkers some idea of just how resourceful our native bush is.

The first part of the walk is through areas that were heavily affected by the recent fires. Within 18 months the area has rejuvenated with new growth. Although the track is readily followed new growth is encroaching onto the tracks. One of the renowned features of our Australian bush – the germination of seeds by fire is highly evidenced in this area.

As we walk along the tracks in the area we can appreciate the strength of this forest. The preview, done late spring, was through lush green areas, where under growth has been given ample opportunity to establish itself after the fires. Tree ferns that should have been destroyed by the fires are surprisingly green and lush.

Wombelano Falls, an area not affected by recent fires, was flowing at time of preview. After the dryness of recent droughts to see the silver thread of water as it cascaded down the rock face of the falls with its accompaniment of sound was pure pleasure.

I hope that you will join me in exploring the area on this lovely walk and appreciating the regeneration after the recent fires.

Last but not least ...

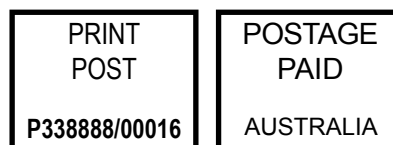
THE CAKE!!!



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!

<b>JULY</b>				
Thu 1	MOFs: Arthurs Seat State Park	Private	Easy	Jean Giese
Sun 4	Sunday Bus: Cowbar Range (Kyneton)	Bus	E & E/M	Phil Geschke & Allan Martin
10 - 11	PC: Beeripmo Walk	Private	Easy	Roger Wyett
Sun 11	Sunday Carpool: NEW: Around Mt Macedon	Car	M	Brian Wallbank
Wed 14	Warramate Nature Conservation Reserve	Private	E/M	Margaret Curry
Sat 17	Cycling: Woodend	Private	M	Howard Friend
Sun 18	Sunday Bus: Dandenong Ranges Tourist Track	Bus	E & E/M	Mark Heath & Sue Haviland
Mon 19	TOFs: Mullum Mullum Crek - Eltham Lower Park	Private	easy	Rosemary Cotter
Sun 25	Sunday Carpool: Captain Creek - Wombelano Falls (Kinglake)	Car	E/M	Halina Sarbinowski
Sat 31	No walk			

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