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THE NEWS OF THE Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Margaret is away at present on holidays so this months 'corner' is mine!

We currently have a number of cards to help make our activities safer and more enjoyable:

- **Green Personal Health Card** (updated): As Margaret reminded us in last months Presidents Corner it is very important to carry one on all Club activities and even when you are just out and about.
- **White Emergency Procedures Card** (new, laminated): A handy guide for Leaders should an emergency or unusual situation occur.
- **Blue Leaders Card** (updated): Reminder for leaders and whips of what to do before and after a walk. Great for beginners and a good reminder for 'old hands'!
- **Yellow Safety & Courtesy Guidelines Card**: Information for members and visitors to make activities safer and more enjoyable!

REMEMBER!

JUST A WEEK TO GO UNTIL OUR BUSHDANCE EVENING WITH BUSHWAZEE

So make it next Saturday, September 11 at the same place - St. Oswald's Church Hall, 100 High Street, Glen Iris (Melways 60 B9).

The evening commences at 7pm, with a supper break at 8:15.

BYO drinks plus a plate to share. Tea and coffee provided.

Only \$16.00. Tickets available in the clubroom, or contact Susan Maughan, Graham Hodgson or Halina Sarbinowski.

Pick up the appropriate cards next time you are in the Clubrooms. Lots of experience and knowledge has gone into these cards so please read! I will be putting a softcopy on the Website for downloading and printing for anyone who can't get into the Clubrooms.

We have revised the procedures for booking Sunday Walks on-line, so have a look at the notice in the Newsletter.

A friendly reminder to pay your membership if you have not already done so! We want your support, participation and your money! and it will make life easier for our Membership Secretary if people pay promptly! Late payment of existing membership does not qualify for the half year reduction!

And for Leaders a reminder of the value of getting great Previews into the Newsletter on time – for September a number didn't make it!

Enjoy the wide range of activities on offer this spring, encourage others to see our great State, and remember to check those creek crossings if the rains continue!.

Mick Noonan



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**

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 4 OCTOBER

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 gpkelly19@gmail.com

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.



PLEASE JOIN US

Wednesday 22 September

Clubroom Talk
FIT FOR BUSHWALKING

Maddie Lock will be giving a Talk on being fit for bushwalking.
NB. This coincides with our cheese and wine night. So! Two **very** good reasons to come into the clubroom!

FRIDAY 15 OCTOBER

SUNSET WALK AROUND ALBERT PARK LAKE, FOLLOWED BY DINNER IN MIDDLE PARK
Susan Maughan will be "leading" a walk around Albert Park Lake, commencing at MSAC at 6:30. (Meet at the cafe, just inside the front door.) Mel 57 G4 or 2K D7
We will amble around the Lake, with an option to have dinner in Middle Park.
NB Sunset is at 7:37.

WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER

Larapinta Trail night. A talk and slideshow presented by some club members who have recently walked this track.
PLUS...Wine and cheese. Yet another good reason to come into the clubroom.

WEDNESDAY 24 NOVEMBER

Les Southwell will be showing slides of recent Clubwalks.
GUESS WHAT? Yes, it's a wine and cheese night. Such a good idea to come into the clubroom!

Reports

CHANGES TO SUNDAY WALK ON-LINE BOOKINGS

We have revised the procedures for booking Sunday Walks on-line.

From 1 October bookings made on-line via Busbookings@mbw.org.au must be completed by 4pm on the Thursday before a Sunday bus or private transport walk – you CANNOT book online after 4pm Thursday

You can still come along on the Sunday but preference for a seat is given to those who book and for the bus the \$5 late booking fee still applies.

This allows members to book online even if they can't make it in on the Wednesday, allows us to plan better, and gives those people who volunteer their time for running the booking system the weekend off!

LEAVING THE TRACK.....YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES!

When out walking its essential that if you need to leave the track for 'personal reasons' you have the responsibility to ensure that the Whip knows you have left the track so no-one gets left behind.

This is normally done by leaving your pack in a prominent place on the track for the Whip to see, and politely tell some-one (preferably the Whip! if possible).

If off-track and it's essential for you to move away from the group you need to tell Whip.

Our Whips do a fantastic job and will make every effort to make sure no-one is separated from the group **but** it's your responsibility to make it clear to them that you have left the track. Similarly if you see someone who is not following the rules tell them and the Whip!

EQUIPMENT

Sleeping bag liners

A silk liner will keep your sleeping bag clean but is expensive, short-lived, frustrating to use and no good for anything else. A good alternative is to search women's lingerie departments with your scales for the lightest suitable underwear. You will find good pickings amongst the thermal long johns, spencers and thin socks. They will be a little heavier than silk but could be worth it for the extra warmth during cold evenings, ease of use, and longer life. If you still prefer a liner you can make one for about \$18 using silk from Victoria Market.

Cleaning Rain Gear

If you use cheap polyurethane coated rain gear you can let it get as dirty as you like and it won't matter one iota. However, if it's Gortex or eVent you will have to reform your ways. Even a small amount of filth can compromise its water resistance. Gortex recommend frequent warm machine-washing with normal detergent, thorough rinsing and warm tumble-drying and/or warm steam ironing under a towel. eVent recommend frequent warm machine washing with liquid detergent, thorough rinsing and drip-drying. Both would like you to follow the instructions on the garment's label and both say you should use their recommended water repellents whenever water soaks in instead of beading.

John Fritze

Noticeboard

MELBOURNE CUP WEEKEND

CANOEING TRIP DOWN THE LOWER GLENELG RIVER AND GORGE - SAT 30 OCT - TUES 2NOV

I am leading a 3 day canoeing trip down the Lower Glenelg, which is located west of Portland, on the SA border. Should you like to register your interest, please contact me on 9833-6012 or by email:

susanmaughanoz@hotmail.com.

NOTE-this is a gentle river so if you have no or little experience ,it's just right for you. Susan



MELBOURNE CUP WEEKEND

BAIRNSDALE TO LAKES ENTRANCE

Expressions of interest are invited for a Pack Carry Cup weekend from October 30 to November 2.

Looking for something different with a minor kilometre challenge but on a good track? Graded Medium.

This walk from Bairnsdale to Lakes Entrance via a Rail Trail and Mississippi Creek Trail passes through very pretty undulating country which is not seen from the highways.

Saturday morning. Train to Bairnsdale then a 15km walk to a bush camp along the trail.

Sunday. 26.5km. Lunch at Bruthen and collect water, then a steady 100m climb to a secluded bush camp.

Monday. 24.5km.to Lakes Entrance for dinner and camp.

Tuesday. Morning to explore The Entrance and historical area and look around town. Bus departs lunchtime for Bairnsdale and train arrives Southern Cross 4.26pm.

Maximum travel cost \$58 and maybe less for group discount or concessions. If applicable, one Seniors V/Line pass is satisfactory for all travel. If interested please contact me ASAP, as early booking may be required.

Contact Bob Oxlade. on 9887 8701.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST INVITED

EASY-EASY MEDIUM CHRISTMAS PACK CARRY - PORT DAVEY IN TASMANIA - DECEMBER 26 TO JANUARY 3

Boxing day fly to Hobart and then fly to Maleleuca. Then by boat to Bathurst Narrows where set up base camp. Spend eight days exploring the area. 3 January fly Meleuca - Hobart - Melbourne.

The intention is to spend the time enjoying the area and the views, rather than cover distance. Costs: 26th 0700 Jetstar Hobart-Melbourne \$79. Par Avion 0900 26th Hobart-Maleleuca \$380 return. Boat Maleuca - Narrows \$50. National Park Pass \$30. Fuel \$10 gas 230 gms, shellite & meths \$5 litre (Can't be taken on plane).3 January 1345 Hobart Melbourne \$119. Cost per person: \$668 plus food.

Seven seats reserved on Meleuca flight. Melbourne -Hobart to be booked now.

Contact Ian Langford on 03 9531 4929 or else lan_lang2002@yahoo.com.au

MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY!

On the Wine & Cheese Night shceduled for Wednesday 24 November **Les Southwell** will be presenting a slide show which will include these recent Club trips:

1. Cape Liptrap - Venus Bay.
2. The Grampians - Mt Stapylton.
3. The Bogong High Plains (Victorian Alps).

Please come and enjoy the show!

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – ROUTEBURN & GREENSTONES TRACKS NZ – FEB 2011

I intend to walk from 20 Feb – 24 Feb 2011 on these two classic New Zealand tracks. Accommodation is in track huts, which make early bookings essential, and to take advantage of reasonable flight prices. Members with prior pack carry experience should contact Roger on rwyett@caroma.com.au or 0418 544 715 to co ordinate arrangements

Noticeboard

MBW BUSHWALKING GEAR AUCTION NIGHT – AUGUST 18, 2010

On a very cold winter's night at the club rooms the MBW auction of second hand gear took place. Starting at about 8:00 pm (after people had signed up for the coming weekend's walks) the auction did not finish until after 10:30 pm.

About 40 people turned up. There were prospective buyers and sellers and some who had come along for the spectacle! There was a very interesting range of items put up for auction, including: bushwalking boots, shoes, skis, back-packs, sleeping bags, tents, snow chains, bicycle panniers, bicycle locks, a thermarest, lilos, a Trangia stove, a car fridge, an electric food dehydrater and more! If you were a person who had just started bushwalking it would have been possible to equip yourself very cheaply and effectively with the essentials.

Graham Hodgson was the auctioneer who managed to escape the night without injury after having abused bidders and sellers and rorted the bidding in his own favour on more than one occasion. Perhaps this was because of his authoritative voice or the fear inspired by the force with which he struck the auction hammer on its block. Most likely it was due to the charm of his appearance in hat and flashing-light bow tie. Or to the sheer effort he had obviously made in dressing for the occasion. When else have you seen Graham in a suit coat?

Many thanks to Susan Maughan for organising the occasion. It was a fun night out and useful for those who were able to clean out some cupboards – or purchase some good cheap bushwalking items.

FEDERATION WEEKEND (ANGLESEA) - 8 – 10 OCTOBER 2010

Federation Weekend is a bushwalking activity to which members from clubs affiliated with Bushwalking Victoria are invited to participate. This year the event is being hosted by Waverley Bushwalking Club and will be held on the Surf Coast with headquarters being located at the YMCA Anglesea Recreation Camp.

A wide variety of walks are planned, encompassing coastal heathlands, bush and forests with many walks including both cliff top and beach sections. In addition to great walks and great company, all registrants will receive a Walks Booklet in colour plus afternoon teas on both the Saturday and Sunday.

Fully catered, budget accommodation for approximately 100 people is available at the camp and for those not staying on site, a wide variety of alternative accommodation is available in the area.

Registration Fee:	\$25
Event Dinner (2 courses):	\$14 (cost included if staying on-site)
Accommodation:	Various (see below)
Transport:	Car pooling will be used to and from the start/finish of walks so you will also need to bring a supply of small change with you.

Registration monies together with accommodation and dinner costs are payable to Michael Murray (General Walks Secretary) who will be co-ordinating the activity on behalf of our members. Registrations commence with Waverley Bushwalking Club on 23rd July so members are asked to be prompt with their registrations before that date.

As part of the registration process members will need to advise what walks they would like to do and also their preferred accommodation. They will also need to nominate their first, second, third and fourth preferences for walks on each day. The Federation 2010 Walks Program, Accommodation options and other detailed information are available from the following two websites. Michael can also be contacted in regard to the various options.

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~wavebush> or <http://www.bushwalkingvictoria.org.au> (What's New menu)

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SPRING READING

Truth, By Peter Temple

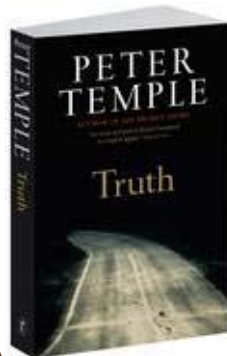
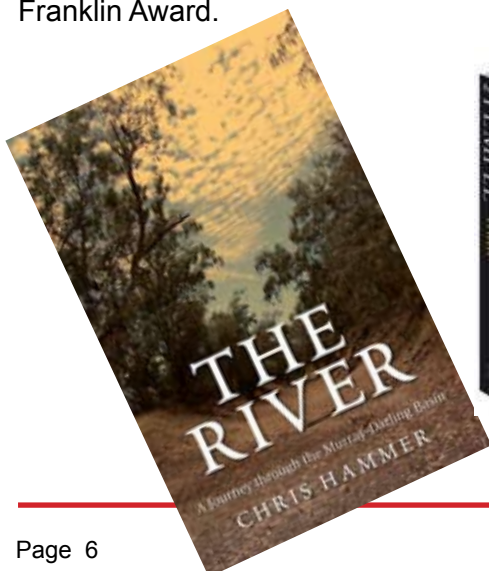
ISBN: 9781921656620

Keen-eyed readers of Peter Temple's "Truth" wouldn't have failed to recognise the location of a pivotal part of the plot. On page 314 the action takes place at traffic lights close to the Clubroom. Those of you who haven't yet read this terrific book are not allowed skip to this page. It won this year's Miles Franklin Award.

The River - A Journey through the Murray-Darling Basin. By Chris Hammer.

ISBN: 9780522857368

The fate of the Murray-Darling Basin remains one of the major environmental challenges for Australia, an unavoidable conclusion made by journalist Chris Hammer after his six month excursion along the length of this "mighty" river. The Murray no longer runs all the way to the sea, and the economic, personal and political consequences are investigated by Hammer in this fine piece of reportage.



Previews of walks and 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



SUNDAY PRIVATE TRANSPORT

LA FRANCHI'S HUT

DATE	Sunday 5 September
STANDARD	E/M
DISTANCE	15km
LEADER	Roy Rossebo
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Eganstown
MAP REF	55H
TRANSPORT COSTS (per person)	\$19
(Sunday private transport trips only – calculate by multiplying total kms for return trip x 8c/km)	

Starting from Basalt Road, 5.4km north of Eganstown. 118km from Arts Centre. Boots Gully, Henderson Spring, Lafranchi's Hut for lunch. Daffodils, pine trees, kangaroos, lots of water in creeks and gullies. Very wet in mid-August, so be prepared for wet feet and bring a change of shoes and dry socks. Maybe a quick stop at Sailor's Falls on the way up or down.



WEDNESDAY WALK

NORTH BRISBANE RANGES – SPRING CREEK

DATE	Wednesday 8 September
STANDARD	Easy/ medium
DISTANCE	13 km approximately
LEADER	Max Casley
TRANSPORT	Private Car (I suggest about \$15 per passenger)
AREA	between Geelong and Bacchus Marsh
MAP REF	Ingliston and Staughton Vale 1:25,000; Brisbane Ranges National Park (Brookes) 1:50,000.

This walk is relatively close to Melbourne in the Brisbane Ranges not far from Bacchus Marsh. It will be mainly on tracks in the forest and through open bushland near the edge of farmland. Be prepared for a steep descent into Spring Creek which we will follow for a while and then climb steeply out - these are the only steep sections. The creek will probably be dry. There is plenty of bird life in this area. Wallabies and kangaroos are common and with any luck we may see an echidna or koala.

Meet at 10 am at the intersection of Red Ironbark Track & Reids Rd. (On some maps Reids Rd is called the Bacchus Marsh-Mt Wallace Rd). This is the starting point and finishing point of the walk. Please telephone me for further information or to let me know if you are joining this walk.

To get there: From the centre of Bacchus Marsh turn south (left) along Grant St for about 1 km. Just before the railway line

turn right along Griffith St. After almost 2 km swing left onto the Bacchus Marsh-Balliang Rd. Follow this road south for about 5 km going under a high railway bridge on the way. Turn right (west) onto Rowsley Rd. After almost 1 km diverge left onto Reids Rd and follow this road for another 9 km to the meeting point at Red Ironbark Track. Some sections of Reids Rd are unsealed & winding.



CYCLING

WARBURTON TO LILYDALE RAIL TRAIL

DATE	Saturday 18 September
STANDARD	Medium
DISTANCE	75 KM
LEADER	Lynda Larkin
TRANSPORT	Car / train
AREA	Yarra Valley
MAP REF	Rail Trails of Victoria & Sth Australia 2nd Edition
TERRAIN:	Undulating, with a climb to Mt Evelyn
SURFACE:	Gravel for the greater part.
START:	Meet at 9.00 am Queen Rd car park Melway 38 H5

With a backdrop of mountains including Yarra Ranges National Park, this trail passes through a scenic landscape of farmland following the Yarra River valley. Historic remnants of old railway stations and townships with excellent bakeries (morning tea options) add to the interest and enjoyment of the ride. You can either bring a sandwich or choose from the wide range of cafes and bakeries in Warburton, where we will be stopping for lunch. We may have time to explore along the river in Warburton, (where we spotted a magnificent stand of giant Californian red gums on the preview) before heading back to Lilydale.



Previews



BASE CAMP

GRAMPIANS WILDFLOWERS

DATE 24-26 September
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE N/A
LEADER Michael Mann
TRANSPORT Private

AREA North West Victoria We will be camping at the Plantation camping ground where there are large grassy sites, toilets and simple showers where you have to add your own water. To get to the camping ground, as you go into Halls Gap turn right into the Mt Zero Halls Gap road and after about 9 kms its on the right hand side at the junction of Pines Road.

The walks will be very easy wandering around looking for wildflowers. If anyone wants to lead longer walks they are welcome to. Bring chairs and all the luxuries for an easy base camp.



SUNDAY BUS

ANAKIE GORGE - STEIGLITZ

DATE Sunday 26 September
STANDARD E/M (18km) & M (14km)
DISTANCE 18km & 14Km
LEADERS Les Southwell & Diane Woodcroft
TRANSPORT Bus from Southbank 8.45am
AREA Anakie Gorge - Steiglitz
MAP REF Vicmaps 7921-N 1:50,000

This walk starts at the Anakie Gorge which has received extensive rain recently to be quite lush. There are numerous wallabies, extensive wild flowers and bird life abound. Once completing the gorge, the walk progresses into areas of regenerating forest, patches of grass trees, occasional pastures of well fed sheep or open picnic spots with manicured looking lawns due to the rain.

As each walk approaches Steiglitz, there are rolling hills to negotiate making one appreciate the final approach into town. Steiglitz, an old gold mining town, is very quaint with dotted buildings retaining aspects of their original use. It is a lovely and sleepy looking town as if it is existing in its own time warp. Well worth the walk!

If time permits, we will do coffees in Bacchus Marsh.



PACK CARRY

BEERIPMO WALK – MT COLE STATE FOREST

DATE 1-3 October
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE Approx 22km plus 4 km side trips
LEADER Roger Wyett
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Mt Cole State Forest – Beaufort past Ballarat

This walk will suit a beginner or those just wanting to experience the open forest, excellent views and a nice fire at night. Plan to walk as a circuit with the overnight stop at Richards Picnic Ground, so we have a shelter handy in case the weather is less than perfect. I intend to visit "The Cave" and Mt Cole summit, as short side trips, added to the well defined Beeripmo circuit. The walking is easy without too much climbing, but will discuss the walk in detail with 1st timers.



DANDENONG EXPLORER

SATURDAY WALK

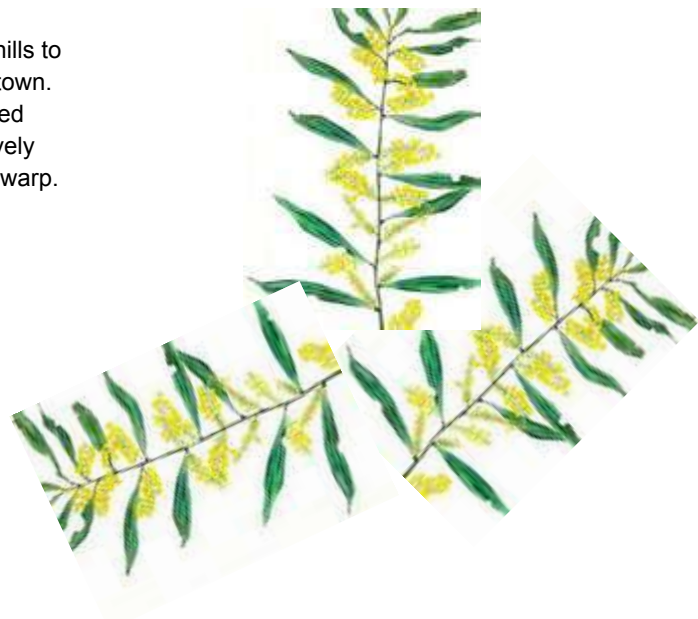
DATE Saturday 2 October
STANDARD Easy Medium
DISTANCE 12 km
LEADER Debra Berner
TRANSPORT private
AREA Olinda Valley
MAP REF 122 B9

Enjoy me for a wonderful walk amongst the trees, crimson rosellas, and lyre birds. Meet at Woolrich Look out, off Chalet Road at 10.15 am.

Easy walk through the RJ Hamer Arboretum, with some undulations which could be slippery if wet.

Strong footwear is recommended. Walk should finish about 330 pm when we will go to a local cafe for afternoon tea.

No need to book, just turn up.



Previews



TOFS WALK

CRANBOURNE BOTANICAL GARDENS

DATE	Thursday 7 October
STANDARD	Easy
DISTANCE	10 km
LEADER	Alister Rowe
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Cranbourne
MAP REF	Melway 133

Meet in the Stringy Bark Picnic Area car park by 10.30 am (Melway reference 133 K12). Enter off the South Gippsland Highway – it's well signposted.

We will finish the walk by 2.30 pm to allow time to visit the magnificent Australian Garden and have afternoon tea if required.

At this time of the year conditions should be ideal. To book ring Alister Rowe on the day.

the same, but the first and last sections will be different and mostly on different sides of the river.

I'd always thought that the original walk was 13 km, allowing for a few wiggles, but my fancy GPS told me that it was 17 km last time. So there were either a lot more wiggles than I allowed for, and/or a lot of wandering around the points of interest. So I'm estimating that this walk will also be about 17 km (inc. wiggles + wandering), but perhaps I won't consult the GPS this time.

Meet at the usual place, in the car park just before the Janefield Village entrance (Melway 10D8), 1 km along Janefield Drive from

Plenty Rd. Note that Janefield Drive dog-legs to the left then the right after passing through the chaos of the new "precinct".

Please meet at 9:15 AM sharp for a car shuffle - it's not far from the city Tram travellers on the #86 can arrive by 9:45 AM.

There are a lot of things to sticky-beak at along the way and it's a longish walk, so don't plan on being back to the cars before about 4-5 PM.



SUNDAY CAR POOL

BOARS GULLY – BRISBANE RANGES EASY/MEDIUM

DATE	Sunday 10 October
STANDARD	Easy Medium
DISTANCE	Approx 14km
LEADER	Roger Wyatt
TRANSPORT	Car Pool from Clubrooms (South Bank closed)
AREA	Brisbane Ranges NP – Boars Gully

This walk will be a variety ranging from unsealed roads, 4WD tracks, foot pads, cross country and following creek beds.

While not for the faint hearted, (a steep down) it will be a great mixture of dry bushland that will give you a cardio work out on the hill climbs (approx 150m), but over all a nice days walk.

Come prepared for a little mud, if it has been raining the days before.



SUNDAY BUS

GARDEN OF ST ERTH FROM THE WEST.

DATE	Sunday 17 October
STANDARD	E/M & M
DISTANCE	17 km & 19 km
LEADER	Nik Dowe & Philip Geschke
TRANSPORT	Bus
AREA	Upper Lerderderg
MAP REF	122 B9

Both walks cover the forest around the upper Lerderderg River and include a very pleasant but somewhat hilly path along the River back into St Erth, near Blackwood. Unfortunately their cafe will be closed by the time we meet the bus there, so bring a thermos if you are that way inclined. Apart from some short but sharp climbs there may be mud to contend with so make sure your boots have good deep tread. It's worth it though to enjoy the beautiful eucalypt forest and the sparkling river - more water in it now that has been seen for a long time. Both walks start with a loop around the hills above the Nolan Creek picnic area where we saw the Hakea blossoming and then we follow the Heritage River walk and the Great Divide Trail above the River, sometimes climbing a bluff to get around a bend, sometimes just above the River. Another special thing, Ned has previewed the walk and is looking forward to seeing everybody again.



WEDNESDAY WALK

PLENTY GORGE

Date	Wednesday 13 October
Standard	Medium
Distance	17 km (plan A)
Leader	Graeme Thornton
Transport	Private
Map reference	Melways 10, 183, 184, 244

As it's only 12 months since the last Wed Plenty Gorge walk, I'm going to make a variation on the previous 2 times - Hanna's variation on Nikki and Clancy's route. The middle section will be

Previews



MOFS WALK

GLEN IRIS PARKS & WETLANDS

DATE	Monday 18 October
STANDARD	Easy
DISTANCE	9 km
LEADER(S)	Jean Giese
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Glen Iris
MAP REF	Melway 59 and 60

A flat walk along Gardiners Creek, visiting new wetlands and enjoying the pleasant parklands. The bicycle paths will be avoided where possible.

Meet in Sinclair Avenue beside Burke Road South Reserve (Melway 59 G6) before 10.30 am. Book with the leader



SUNDAY BUS

THE THREE LOST CHILDRENS WALK

DATE	24 OCTOBER 2010
STANDARD	EASY / EASY MEDIUM
DISTANCE	16KM / 19KM
LEADERS	Allan Martin & Linda Stewart
TRANSPORT	Bus
AREA	Daylesford
MAP REF	Three Lost Childrens Walk Map 2007

A lovely walk though the Goldfields region with a tragic past. – In 1867 three young boys wandered away from their home into the bush to innocently look for wild Goats – Their disappearance triggered a massive search by nearly 700 people but was to end in sadness when their bodies were finally discovered 25 days later and 16km from where they started.

Today this walk follows the approximate route the children are thought to have taken in their wanderings. We pass through lovely bush landscapes that were once active goldfields and are now part of the Wombat and Hepburn State Forests. Along the walk you will see the remains of goldmines, water races and tramways – and thanks to our wonderful wet winter this year the bush has a new fresh feel about it that was missing during the past years of drought.

You can Google this walk for more information on the story of the lost children & we hope we will have a full bus on the day to share the beauty that this part of Victoria now offers to adventurous Bush lovers.



PACK CARRY

EAGLES PEAKS

DATE	22-24 October
STANDARD	Medium
DISTANCE	Approx 27km
LEADER	Roger Wyatt
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Howqua Historic Area and Alpine NP
MAP REF	Mount Buller South 1:25,000

Friday night will be at Sheeppark Flats by the Howqua River. With an early start on Saturday morning we will follow the river down stream to the historic Fry's Hut. Then we head up hill to the Lickhole Creek Track, and a steady 500m climb. Water will have to be carried from Lunch on Day One for the remainder of the trip, so keep your pack light. Camp will be near Lickhole Gap, before reaching the Eagles Peaks for lunch and great views, then a steady down to Sheeppark Flats. Be prepared for alpine conditions as there could be snow around even in Oct.



SOCIAL WALK

STRADBROKE PARK *

DATE	Thursday 28 October
STANDARD	Easy
DISTANCE	5 kms
LEADER	Jean Giese
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Kew East
MAP REF	Melway 45

Commencing at Stradbroke Park we will make our way to Hays Paddock via a green corridor, returning a slightly different way to the Mint Cafe for lunch.

Meet in the parking area nearest to Harp Road (Melway 45 K4) at 10.30 am. Book with Jean on 9890 2189.

(November's walk on 25 November will be along the Maribyrnong River with lunch at Anglers rest Tavern)

* Non qualifying walk

Previews



PACK CARRY

BAIRNSDALE-BRUTHEN-LAKES ENTRANCE.

DATE	Oct 30-Nov2 2010 Cup Weekend.
STANDARD	Medium
DISTANCE	66km in 3 days.
LEADER	Bob Oxlade
TRANSPORT	Train and Bus
AREA	East Gippsland
MAP REF	Rail Trails Brochures.

Looking for something different with a minor kilometre challenge but on a good track? Graded Medium. This walk from Bairnsdale to Lakes Entrance via a Rail Trail and Mississippi Creek Trail passes through very pretty undulating country which is not seen from the highways.

Saturday morning: Train to Bairnsdale then a 15km walk to a bush camp along the trail.

Sunday: 26.5km; lunch at Bruthen and collect water, then a steady 100m climb to a secluded bush camp.

Monday: 24.5km to Lakes Entrance for dinner and camp.

Tuesday morning to explore The Entrance and historical area and look around town.

Bus departs lunchtime for Bairnsdale and train arrives Southern Cross 4.26pm.

Maximum travel cost \$58 and maybe less for group discount or concessions.

If applicable, one Seniors V/Line pass is satisfactory for all travel.

If interested please contact me ASAP as early booking may be required.

Contact Bob Oxlade.



BASE CAMP

HOWQUA RIVER

DATE	19-21 November
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	Approx 15 km per day
LEADER(S)	Roger Wyatt
TRANSPORT	Private
AREA	Howqua Historic Area and Alpine NP
MAP REF	Mount Buller South 1:25,000

We will camp up near "The Tunnel" approx 3km upstream from Sheeppark Flats by the Howqua River. Saturday we will drive up to Eight Mile Creek and then follow the river upstream, past an old bushies hut and to lunch by the river. Returning the same way along the banks, a very pleasant aspect. Sunday will be options: An Easy downstream to Fry Hut and return along the other bank for those who have socialised too much the night before. Or a Medium return over the hills with views to Mt Buller, for those wanting to burn the calories



