



THE NEWS OF THE Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.

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January 2012

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Melbourne Bushwalkers (Incorporated) will be held on Monday, 20 February, 2012, 7:45 pm at The Clubrooms, Royal Historical Society of Victoria, Corner of A'Beckett Street and William Street, Melbourne.

Members are invited to attend.

Non-members are welcome but are not eligible to vote.

Business:

- Apologies
- Confirmation of minutes from the 2011 Annual General Meeting
- President's report
- Treasurer's report
- Determination of the annual subscription fee for 2012
- Walks Secretaries' reports
- Election of Office Bearers and Committee members
- Appointment of Auditors
- Conferral of Honorary Memberships
- Award of Spoons
- General Business

Nomination forms and Appointment of Proxy forms are available at the clubrooms.

COMMITTEE POSITIONS – CAN YOU HELP?????

We are seeking nominations for Committee to the following roles which will fall vacant at the Club's Annual General Meeting in February 2012. Margaret is standing down and Mick Noonan has been nominated to fill the role of President.

- GENERAL WALKS SECRETARY
- SOCIAL SECRETARY
- VICE PRESIDENT
- GENERAL COMMITTEE

Position Descriptions are available for all the above roles and can be forwarded to you for your consideration. If you feel you can contribute in some way or you know of anyone who you feel may be suitable for any of these positions, please contact Margaret Curry (President) or Mick Noonan (Vice President).

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
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(Cnr William and A'Beckett Streets)
Melbourne
Vic 3001**

Visitors are always welcome!

General correspondence should be directed to:

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Walk previews, walk reviews, articles, poems, news items, photographs of club events, reports of new gear, book/movie reviews, letters to the editor, advertisements, et cetera 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 the 2nd last Wednesday of the month. So for February News, the closing date is 18 January.

Advertisements should relate to bushwalking (e.g. gear, maps, trips, tours, health and fitness etc.). These may be published subject to space availability and Editor's discretion. For current advertising rates contact the Editor at news@mbw.org.au.

Please note:

Next committee meeting will take place on
MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2012

Join the mofs and social walkers for a WALK AND CRUISE ON THE BLACKBIRD MONDAY, 20 FEBRUARY

The MOFs (Monday Old Fogies) and social walkers are combining in February for a walk and 2-hour cruise on the Maribyrnong River.

Meet on the east side of Footscray station at 10:30 am (train from Flinders Street platform 10 at 10:11).

Two walks of 4 and 6 km in local parks and beside the river before embarking on the *Blackbird* at 12:30 pm.

If there aren't enough walkers to fill the boat (30 passengers) we will welcome non-walkers. There is a car park in Saltriver Place (Melways 25 K9) which is near the *Blackbird's* jetty.

The fare is \$20 or less if we have a full complement.

Booking essential with Jean Giese on 9890 2189.

MEMBERSHIP

We welcome the following new members to the Club:

Karyn Cunningham	David Greig
Agnes Goh-Grapes	Sibylle Holdheide
A Costa Carlos Niembro	Judith Shaw
Adam Wakeling	

LOOKING FOR A NEW PROJECTOR!!

We are looking to replace our aging projector that we use for Club slide shows, leaders' nights, resentations etc. If you help with expert advice or are in the industry and can possibly get us a good deal then we would like to hear from you!

– contact Mick Noonan

SOCIAL COLUMN

SATURDAY, 14TH JANUARY

Kayak up the Yarra to Herring Island. Depart at 9 am, finishing at the Casino at 12 o'clock. A different way of looking at our city.

Please don't delay, as I need to confirm soon. Cost is \$50.00.

PLEASE BOOK WITH SUSAN MAUGHAN: 9754-7443 OR susanmaughanoz@hotmail.com

No wine and cheese this month, as there is too much tennis to watch.

WEDNESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

Wine and cheese night in the club room.



FRIDAY, 2ND MARCH

Sunset Social Walk to St Kilda followed by tapas at the Pelican Restaurant, Fitzroy Street, St Kilda.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH MARCH

Wine and cheese night, PLUS Ian Mair's presentation of Walking In Peru.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy New Year to everyone and I hope you all enjoyed the celebrations over the festive season. The new venue for our Christmas Party at the Melbourne Bowls Club in the Flagstaff Gardens proved popular with members, and the lucky winners for the \$50 vouchers from the Leaders' draw were Michael Murray, Jopie Bodegraven and Jean Giese.

Please diarise the date of Monday 20th February at 7:45 pm for the Club's Annual General Meeting. The Agenda appears in this month's newsletter. We have vacancies on Committee for Vice President, General Walks Secretary, Social Secretary and General Committee. In a Club of over 400 members it is hoped there will be some volunteers for these positions. For those that haven't been able to contribute to date please seriously consider giving something back to the Club for the 2012 year. It is hoped to have a guest speaker from Bushwalking Victoria on the night.

On renewal of subscriptions in 2012, there will not be a requirement to separately complete an Acknowledgement of Risk form. However, you are advised that payment of fees implies acceptance of the risks involved in any activity you may undertake as a member of Melbourne Bushwalkers. Members will be asked to re-read the wording regarding your insurance cover through Bushwalking Victoria, and this will appear in the March Newsletter.

Our Risk Management Plan has recently been reviewed and some new categories incorporated. The latest version is available for viewing under 'Downloads' on our website. Our 'Leading a Day Walk' document which provides detailed guidelines for Leaders has also been updated and is now available on the Leaders' database.

We are now entering the hot summer months and bushfire season. A reminder to members to carry a minimum of two litres of water a day, use sunscreen and wear a sunhat. You are asked to familiarise yourself with the Club's Fire Season, Total Fire Ban and Extreme Heat Policies as well as Fire Ban Districts in case of a Total Fire Ban being declared on the day of a planned walk. For details refer to the back of the Club's Activity Program.

A note to advise that our clubrooms will be open on Wednesday 25th January, the day before the Australia Day Public Holiday.

Wishing you good walking in 2012.

MARGARET CURRY

INTERACTIVE MAP FOR STATE FORESTS

DSE has launched a new interactive map called Public Access Map. During the year, various State Forest vehicle tracks, recreation sites and non-motorised recreational tracks (such as walking tracks and mountain bike tracks) may temporarily close (or partially close with access restrictions) to the public for a range of reasons, including:

- Fire damage
- Flood or storm damage
- Maintenance
- Seasonal factors (i.e. roads closed over winter)

The Public Access Map interactive map will:

- Provide information on current State Forest road, track and site closures
- Provide information on planned closures (roads, tracks or sites planned for future temporary closure due to maintenance or repair works)
- Enable you to zoom in and out of to view your area of interest
- Let you click on closed roads or sites for more detailed information about why they are closed
- Enable you to search by place name, site or road name
- Let you create and print out a PDF closure report with maps and text describing what roads, tracks and sites are closed or planned to be closed.

The link is <http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/forests/public-access-map>. The site will be the best source of current information on State Forest road and site closures and use of it will enable walkers to check on road and track closures before they go bush. At present the website does not include Parks Victoria road, site and track information, but DSE hope it will later in 2012.

Extract from Bushwalking News Victoria – December 2011

1000 STEPS AND LYREBIRD TRACK, FERNTREE GULLY NATIONAL PARK

The State Government has announced a \$1m overhaul of the 1000 Steps memorial to Kokoda Track Diggers. The Lyrebird Track, which runs parallel to 1000 Steps, will be converted into 600 steps for people who now run up and down the 1000 Steps. Runners will not be banned from the 1000 Steps, but will be encouraged to use the other steps.

Rest stops will be added to the 1000 Steps for the convenience of slower walkers. A new shelter with seats, informational panels and ceremonial space will be built at the base of the 1000 Steps. Parks Victoria Melbourne Region Manager said the steps drew about 50,000 sightseers a year 15 years ago, but now had 50,000 visitors a month. Work is due to be completed by August 2012 to mark the 70th anniversary of the Kokoda Campaign.

Extracted from an article by Carolyn Webb, The Age, November 4, 2011

ICE (IN CASE OF EMERGENCY)

If you carry a mobile phone, don't forget to put ICE in as a contact. ICE stands for In Case of Emergency. This is the person to be contacted if you are injured or something bad happens and you cannot contact your overdue contact yourself. You can have more than one ICE contact. Police and other emergency service personnel will look for ICE information in your mobile.

Even if you don't carry a mobile phone, all members should carry the Club's green Personal Health Details Card showing relevant information in your pack. Don't hide it in the bottom or randomly place it among other stuff, but in an easily identifiable place in an easily accessible pocket.

WALK MAGAZINE

Melbourne Bushwalkers published 'Walk' magazine from 1949 through until 1987. The Club is currently seeking spare copies for the years of 1960 and 1976. If any member holds a copy for these years and is prepared to donate them to the Club please contact Margaret Curry.

Noticeboard

LIBRARY NEWS

There will shortly be an updated list of books available for loan from MBW's library on the Club's website.

Members are free to borrow on Wednesdays when the Club rooms are open between 7 and 9 pm. Please note what book/s you have borrowed and the date in the exercise book. When you return a book note the date also. There is no specific loan period but do return it within a reasonable period of time. If you find a particular book interesting, other people are also likely to be interested.

A number of books have been culled from our collection. Most of them were published around the 1950s to the late 1970s and the information they offer about equipment and track notes is now outdated. The books are available to be distributed to members. If you are interested please contact Cecily Hunter for a list of titles. Email: cecilyhunter@hotmail.com.

Garth Hattingh, *Outdoor Survival: Read Maps, Cross Challenging Terrain, Find Shelter, Water and Food*, published by New Holland Publishers, London, 2004. This book has disappeared from the shelves and there is no record that it has been borrowed. Any information on its whereabouts would be greatly appreciated, as would its reappearance on the shelf.



Willis's Walkabouts

Kakadu Dreaming

Banggerreng, in April, is the season when the rain clouds have dispersed and clear skies prevail. Floodwaters recede and streams start to run clear. The waterfalls are all still flowing well. The dry season tourists have yet to arrive.

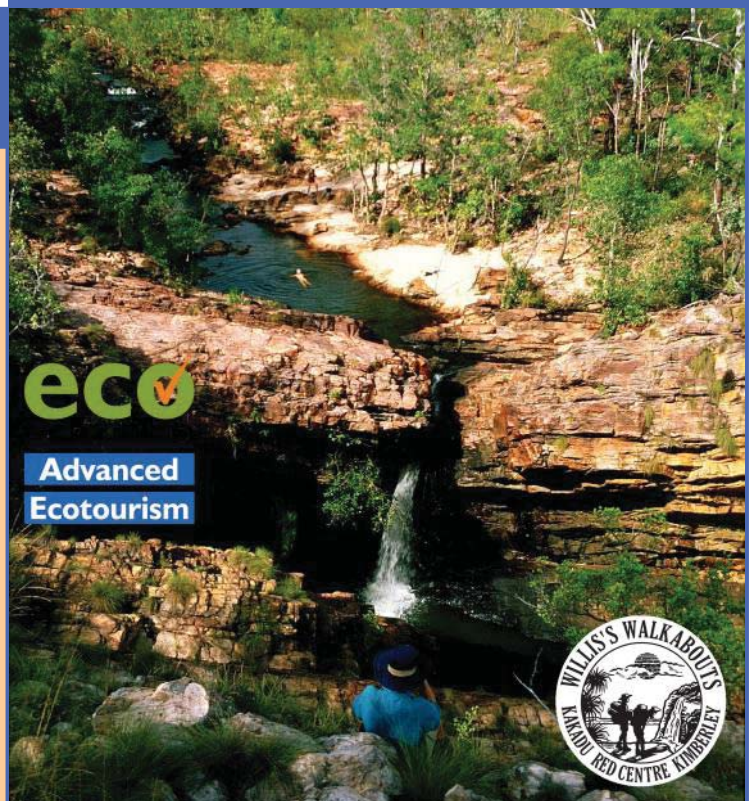
It's a wonderful time to see Kakadu.

When the first bookings came in for our two Kakadu April trips, I immediately started dreaming about leading one of them myself – if I could do them both, I would.

Kakadu Highlights No. 3 goes to an amazing area we can't visit for most of the year. The **Kakadu Short Circle** is the most leisurely and laid back circle trip we can offer

Why not join me and see what makes this season so special?

Russell Willis



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PACK CARRY – MT DIFFICULT AND BRIGGS BLUFF

Our weekend began on Friday night when Del, Bob, Phil and I met up at Troopers Creek campground.

Despite the cloudy conditions with distant lightning, it was a warm dry night and sleeping bags were hardly necessary in our tents.

There were at least three other car loads of people spending the night at the campground.

Saturday morning at the campground was overcast and dry.

At breakfast time, a pair of small kangaroos showed up. One of them attempted to get into Del's tent while she was away for a moment.

This same animal decided to join me at the wooden picnic bench and crawled all over me to get a bite of my bagel. Skippy lost interest and went away after I had finished my breakfast without offering it any.

We left the campground and by morning tea, arrived at Mt Gar (spot height 808) which had a spectacular view of the other hills in the area and surrounding lowlands. Mt Gar has an impressive large steel lattice trig point at its apex.

Weather conditions continued to be cool and cloudy with small breaks of clear sky for the rest of the day.

We moved north along the track to Briggs Bluff hiker campsite and stashed our packs in some bushes and took daypacks to walk to the peak of the Briggs Bluff which also had a cracker view.

After strolling down from the peak, at about 3 pm, we chose a smaller campsite east of the main Briggs Bluff campsite along the track close the track junction which had clear views of the gullies and lowlands to the east horizon.

The stoves were broken out at 6 and we had dinner with the food we brought in, pizza delivery not being an option. After a couple of hours of good craic in the cool windy evening, we turned in for the night. This was good timing because it started to rain not long after we were in our sleeping bags.

On Sunday morning, we left our packs and tents at the campsite and took a round trip on the track to Longpoint East Hiker Campsite, then along the 4WD track to Longpoint West Hiker Campsite where we turned right at the track junction up towards the Mt Difficult Hiker Campsite and then back to our morning campsite. On finishing the lap, we packed up our tents and finished off the weekend with a walk down to Beehive falls and its nearby car park.

Not too long after leaving the morning camp, we stopped and chatted with a band of Ballarat University Physical Education undergraduates and their guides doing a 4 day pack carry for course credits heading in the opposite direction. Other hikers were encountered over the course of the weekend in small groups with somewhat varying degrees of loquaciousness.

Other animals encountered in the park include large skinks, bright yellow worms, crows, magpie larks, eagles, parrots, kookaburras, rabbits and flying and crawling insects (bees, wasps, horseflies, mosquitoes and bull ants etc).

Sunday's weather turned out to be clear and sunny after the morning cloud blew north. The Grampians look much nicer draped by cloudless blue skies.

Overall, I think we did around 25 km. The tracks used consisted of flat sandy soil, exposed continuous rock, loose rock, large boulders, steep hill ascents and descents which required occasional scrambling.

The creeks in close vicinity of the campsites we passed through had slowly running or still turbid water which you would have to be desperate to drink. However, small creeks intersecting the tracks further along provided much better, clear, fast-running water.

On our drive out we had to stop for an emu and its two large chicks to move off the Roses Gap Road. As we drove off, the birds ran alongside the car and one of the chicks darted in front causing me to brake hard as I did not want an emu as a hood ornament. Had I hit it and depending on the outcome, it would have been either a matter of taking it to the nearest animal hospital or freezing it for a Christmas roast.

Without a doubt, I found this Grampians walk to be a enjoyable and moderately challenging walk with unmissable scenic views with good company from my fellow walkers.

Many thanks to Del Franks for organising and leading the walk.

Nick Chew



KOALAS AND OCEAN VIEWS – THE GREAT OCEAN WALK BETWEEN SHELLY BEACH AND AIRE RIVER



Early Saturday morning eight of us set off from the Shelly Beach Picnic area to complete part of the Great Ocean Walk between Shelly Beach and Aire River.

The path briefly touches the coast where after it crosses the Elliot River and then winds inland through the Otway Forest before descending to beach at Blanket Bay. Here we stopped for lunch and the adventurous among us who didn't mind wet clothes went for a swim in the icy blue ocean waters. At Blanket Bay there is a small waterfall and as we went to explore we spotted a koala peacefully feeding. We were very fortunate to see koalas at Blanket Bay, Cape Otway and Shelly Beach.

From Blanket Bay we made our way to Parker Hill

to set up camp for the night before going for another swim. The next morning we followed the path to the Cape Otway Lighthouse and visited the nearby historic cemetery. From here the path continued along coastline with spectacular ocean views to be seen in all directions.



All too soon we reached the Aire River West Campsite, the end point of our journey. It was an absolute delight to enjoy the walk with Bob, Carol, David, Del, Deborah, Jennifer and Philip. And a special thanks to Bob Oxlade for leading the walk and sharing such a beautiful part of Victoria with us.

Alwin Loubser



A ONE DAY CYCLE OUTING ALONG THE WESTERNPORT BAY CYCLE TRAIL – SOMERVILLE TO SOMERS – SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER, 2011

Rain was predicted and indeed it was raining heavily when the train arrived at Somerville. Four Bushies alighted here and Phil and Del, both strong riders, rode the extra 12 km from Frankston in heavy rain. Ian Mair and Max Casley came by car. When Phil and Del arrived, Ian, our leader, soon had us on the move. The rain had eased considerably and we set off. Ian had advised us that Somerville was the highest point on the route and we would be cycling downhill for a long way. As we had a tail wind, we cycled along with a minimum of effort and after the hot humid conditions of the day before it was just delightful to be out on such a refreshing and cool day. We soon passed through Tyabb and then onto the first board walk north of Hastings. It was a muddy sloppy ride for a kilometer after we left the board walk – but it was fun.

Ian called a halt at the new swimming pool café near Hastings pier and it was here that we had a pleasant surprise, for Ross Berner had driven down to have morning tea with us. Ross was to have led the ride, but due to injuries sustained when he had a nasty fall from his bicycle, he was unable to ride. Ross has been out of action for a few weeks to date and will be for another month. It was great to see him and have a chin-wag. We all wish you well Ross and hope to see you leading us in the near future.

After morning tea we made our way around the bay to the board walk, across the tidal marsh to Jack's Beach, from where we had a good view of Kalmandoo Island (Sandshore Island), privately owned. From here we made our way by road to Crib Point and a short run into Stony Point. It was then back to Crib Point and a short cut through the town brought us onto the track again at Moradoo Railway Station. The trail then follows the Naval Base perimeter, first west then south to Sandy Point Road, where an excellent wide cycle track has, in recent times, been constructed. This cycle path, which was west along Sandy Point Road to Lord Somers Road is, in my opinion, the most picturesque part of the ride and it twists and turns amongst the trees. The cycle path turns south at Lord Somers Road and ends at Coolart National Park. From here the route is along a quiet road to the picnic area at Somers.

While we were having lunch here the wind decided to blow quite strongly across Bass Strait from the south. Now it is not every leader who can manage a tail wind both on the forward and return journey, but Ian managed it and it was just so good being pushed along by a powerful natural force. On the return journey we by-passed Moradoo Railway Station next to Crib Point and headed north to Bittern from where we continued along the cycle path adjacent to the railway line to Hastings, where Len and Elsebeth decided they would catch the train from here rather than chance getting the 3:06 pm from Somerville, so they left us there and the rest of us continued on our way to Tyabb where Bob thought it would be a good idea to catch the train. It was now 2:40 pm, 26 minutes from the train departure at Somerville and between four and a half to five kms away and uphill. We talked Bob out of giving it away at this point so the six of us set off at a smart pace and arrived at Somerville

with 3 or 4 minutes to spare. Had we missed it we would have had to wait till 4:46 pm for the next train. It was a great finish to our day's cycling – a trip we wouldn't have had if Ian hadn't agreed to lead this interesting and enjoyable ride. We all enjoyed the outing very much and it was a real pleasure to have the company of 'Bushies on Wheels' – many thanks to Ian for taking over the reins and being our leader for the day. The people who participated on this ride were – Ian Mair (Leader), Max Casley, Del Franks, Phil Brown, Bob Oxlade, Len and Elsebeth Murray and myself – Art Terry.



Art Terry showing us how it's done.
Photo by Ian Mair

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



TOFS WALK

DAREBIN CREEK – ANOTHER SECTION

DATE Thursday 2 February
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE 10 km
LEADER(S) Rosemary Cotter
TRANSPORT Private/train to Alphington Station
AREA Alphington
MAP REF Melway 31 C8
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE: Central
FIRE BAN DISTRICT CODE: Central

Final route not yet confirmed (preview being written in mid-November!). This section of the Darebin Creek is further south than some other walks I've previously led. We will head north from the parklands and follow the course of the creek, turning around and taking several green corridors through Ivanhoe to bring us back to the eastern side of the parklands.

Meet at 10:15am in the parking area on the western side of Darebin parklands. If catching the train, alight at Alphington and walk up Yarana Road (6 minutes approximately). Bookings can be made by contacting the leader on 9497 3928.



SUNDAY BUS

TORQUAY – ANGLESEA SURFCOAST

DATE Sunday 5 February
STANDARDS Easy & Easy/Medium
DISTANCES 13 km and 16 km
ELEVATIONS 50 m
LEADERS Chris Schirlinger and Diane Woodcroft
TRANSPORT Bus – Leaving Southbank Blvd at 8:45 am
AREA Great Ocean Road
MAP REF Anglesea 1:30,000
FIRE BAN DISTRICT Central: Greater Geelong City

This is a pleasant and not difficult walk along the coast from Torquay down to Anglesea. Much of the walk takes place up on the headlands rather than down on the beach, but lunch for both groups should be down on the sand and there are a few short sections where you can get your feet wet.

The path spends a lot of time winding inland where we saw some amazing birdlife while on the preview. Although we will often meander through forested areas, the last few kilometres are fairly exposed, so take plenty of water and a good hat!

There is little in the way of serious hills but be prepared for several reasonably gradual 30 to 40 m climbs where we climb up from the beach to the headlands above.



WEDNESDAY WALK

MT BEENAK

DATE Wednesday 8 February
STANDARD Easy Medium
DISTANCE 11.5 km
LEADER Lesley Hale
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Yarra State Fores
MAP REF Rooftops Yarra Valley – West Gippsland Adventure Map
FIRE BAN DISTRICT Central
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE Yarra Glen

This walk is a circuit on well-formed tracks through lush tall forest and tree ferns, usually with lots of birdlife, to the top of Mt Beenak (747 m) and views to the east. The ascent of 450 m is very gradual, winding for 5 kms before a final steep 1 km section to the top; the final 2 km of the descent is also steep.

We will meet at 10:15 am on the Yarra Junction – Noojee Road at Gilderoy: at a pull-in opposite the bus shelter. From there it is 5 minutes drive to the walk start. Yarra Junction has an excellent cafe for afternoon tea afterwards.



SUNDAY CAR POOL

NEW: THE TUNNEL VIA AMBER LANE

DATE Sunday 12 February
STANDARD Medium
LEADER Nik Dow
TRANSPORT Private
FIRE BAN DISTRICT Central

For details of this walk please contact the leader.



PACK CARRY

LAKE TALI KARNG WALK

DATE 17–19 February
STANDARD Easy/Medium
LEADER Claire Luxford
TRANSPORT Private
FIRE BAN DISTRICT West Gippsland
TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE: Mt Hotham

Enjoy a walk in the Alpine National Park to Lake Tali Karng, known as 'the hidden lake'. It was formed at least 1500 years ago by an enormous rock slide.

After a car shuffle leaving a car at the 3rd bridge over the Wellington River about 30 km from Licola, the walk will begin at McFarlane Saddle car park on the Moroka Rd, 60 km from Licola. The walk follows a well-defined track for 13 km across the Wellington Plains. The last 4 kms are very steep on a good track down to the lake.

We will camp at the lake overnight and begin our walk out through the Valley of Destruction. I plan to follow the Wellington River for 17 km. Be prepared to get wet feet as there are 16 river crossings.

No fires allowed, fuel stove area only. Please note we will be in an alpine environment and weather conditions may change rapidly, so ensure you bring all weather clothes.

CYCLING

HILLSIDE TO SEA SIDE

DATE	Saturday 18 February
STANDARD	Medium (Mountain bike or hybrid recommended)
DISTANCE	56 km
LEADER	Ross Berner
TRANSPORT	Train to Water Gardens (Sydenham) Station
RETURN TIME	About 4:30 pm (Williamstown Beach Station)
AREA	Kororoit Creek
MAP REFERENCE	Melway maps 13, 3, 354, 356, 358, 25, 26, 40, 54, 55 & 56

The meeting place for ride is the east side of Water Gardens (Sydenham) Station (Melway 13 E1) at 9:15 am. This is the final station on the Sydenham Line. (This line is being extended to Sunbury and will change its name when the extension is open!)

The aim of this ride is to follow the Kororoit Creek from where it first enters Melbourne suburbs to the sea. Unlike many of the creeks in northern and eastern suburbs, the Kororoit Creek does not have a fully linked bike trail along its length. To do the ride we will connect together small sections of trail.

If you are travelling by train, you will need to take the Sydenham line train departing from Flinders St at 8:36 am. A Metcard valid for Zone 2 is needed for travel to Sydenham.)

From Water Gardens we will travel by side roads and paths to the suburb of Hillside. Here we follow the Sugargum Reserve trail south. This trail follows a tributary of Kororoit Creek, which it joins in Caroline Springs.

We will follow Kororoit Creek as close as possible. There are a few sections where we may follow a rough dirt track. We will be dictated by the weather, and if the conditions are wet, we will retreat to nearby roads.

Some sections we will have to use roads. These will be mostly quiet back streets.

The finish point is Williamstown Beach.

Note: Being February, there is a risk of hot weather on the day. If the predicted temperature exceeds 38°C at Tullamarine for the day then the ride will be cancelled. If the predicted temperature exceeds 30°C at Tullamarine then I will be doing a reduced route. (This may include taking the train to a different starting point.) Please either have a valid train ticket to cover you for the day or money to buy one. If you drive to the start of the ride, you will need to take the train back to Sydenham.

If you wish to discuss the ride ring Ross on 9886 6679 or 0403 167 004, or email on rossbern@netspace.net.au.



SUNDAY BUS

POINT NEPEAN – LONDON BRIDGE

DATE	Sunday 19 February
STANDARDS	Easy & Easy/Medium
LEADERS	Mick Noonan and Deb Shand
TRANSPORT	Bus – Leaving Southbank Boulevard at 8:45 am

Details of this walk will be in February News.



MOFS AND SOCIAL COMBINED

FOOTSCRAY PARKS AND RIVER CRUISE

DATE	Monday 20 February
STANDARD	Easy
DISTANCE	4 km and 6 km followed by cruise
LEADER	Jean Giese
TRANSPORT	Train
AREA	Maribyrnong River
MAP REF	Melway 42

Meet at 10:30 am on the east side of Footscray Station (train from Flinders St, platform 10 at 10:11) for a choice of a 4 km or 6 km walk in the local parks and beside the river before embarking on the 'Blackbird' at 12:30 for a 2 hour cruise on the Maribyrnong River. Fare \$20 or less if we have the full complement of 30 passengers. Book early with Jean on 9890 2189. See also separate notice in this News.



SUNDAY CAR POOL

STEIGLITZ GOLDFIELDS

DATE	Sunday 26 February
STANDARD	Easy/Medium
DISTANCE	14 km
LEADER(S)	Mark Heath
TRANSPORT	Car
AREA	Brisbane Ranges South
MAP REF	Melways 911 D4; Parks Victoria – Brisbane Ranges Notes
FIRE BAN DISTRICT	Central
TEMP. REF. SITE	Bacchus Marsh
ESTIMATED PETROL COST	\$14

This walk explores the mine workings in and around the charming old town of Steiglitz. There is some rock hopping along Sutherland Creek, with most of walk being on tracks through open forest.

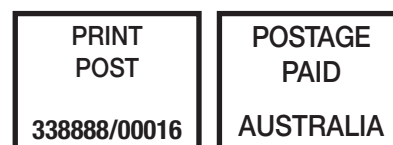
There should be time for a visit to the fascinating museum in the Old Courthouse.



Bus transport meets at Southbank Boulevard, south side of the Arts Centre, before 8:45 am. Leader or deputy will be there rain, hail or shine!

FEBRUARY 2012				
Thurs 2	TOFS: Darebin Parklands	Private	Easy	Rosemary Cotter
Sun 5	Torquay – Anglesea Surfcoast	Bus	E & E/M	Chris Shirlinger & Diane Woodcroft
Wed 8	Mt Beenak	Private	E/M	Lesley Hale
Sun 12	NEW: The Tunnel via Amber Lane	Car	Medium	Nik Dow
17–19	Pack Carry: MacFarlane Saddle – Tali Karng – Wellington River	Private	E/M	Claire Luxford
Sat 18	Cycling: Kororoit Creek – Hillside to Sea Side	Private	E/M	Ross Berner
Sun 19	Point Nepean – London Bridge	Bus	E & E/M	Mick Noonan & Deb Shand
Mon 20	MOFS & Social: Footscray Parks and River Cruise	Private	Easy	Jean Giese
Sun 26	Steiglitz Goldfields	Car	E/M	Mark Heath

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