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THE NEWS OF THE Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.

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SUNDAY BUS – SUITABLE FOR DAY TRIPS



We generally have a 'big' bus with lots of seats.

We have many members who want to walk on a Sunday ... and we have many who want to spend the day with family and friends. Why not do both using the bus?

On 15th June we have a walk that will allow for the regular Sunday walkers to enjoy the day but also allows for members to spend the day with family and friends in a more relaxed way. Spend part of the day exploring Warburton with its cafés and stalls, then join with the Sunday walkers later in the day for a bus trip to a winery to enjoy a wine tasting* and possibly other indulgences – a glass of wine, excellent coffee or even more indulgent – a sensational dessert (see preview on our website).

Non-walkers will be accepted for the bus as long as they are accompanied by a club member. A seat on the bus is only \$25.00 (or \$20.00 if eligible for a concession).

The club will be targeting at least one walk per quarter as a walk 'suitable for a day trip' to encourage a greater use of the bus. Watch for these on the program. They will also be listed in the social activities section in the newsletter.

(* Please note: The wine tasting package will cost \$5 to be paid on the day.)

Due date for contributions (including August previews) to July News: 21 June

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
362 William Street
(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, 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 21st of the month.

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
23 June 2014

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the Club:

Daniel Juers, Caroline Reynolds-Chesney,
Raf Makary, Cheryl Cooksey

BUSHWALKING VICTORIA DRAFT POLICIES ON COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES IN NATIONAL PARKS AND PROTECTED AREAS COMMENTS WELCOME!

The Bushwalking Tracks and Conservation (BTAC) committee and the board have completed work on these policies and members are now invited to review and submit comments by 10 June 2014. The drafts are available on the Policies page of the BWV web site at <http://bit.ly/1pJDGtJ>. We have grouped the policies into four areas:

> Conservation:

Conservation sets out our policies on land management and related issues – for example, flora and fauna protection, feral animal and plant management, water catchments, grazing and forestry

> Commercial activities in protected areas:

Closely related to the conservation policies are our policies on commercial activities and infrastructure in national parks and other protected areas. We have separated these policies from the conservation policies because of the strong current focus by government and the public on this area.

We regard it as being so critical that we have included it as a key topic for the leadership forum this year.

> Bushwalking infrastructure:

Bushwalking infrastructure focusses on infrastructure specifically relating to bushwalking – tracks, huts, camp sites, information and signage.

> Other recreational user groups:

Other recreational user groups covers our policies relating to the other users of tracks and protected areas, such as horse riders, trail bikers, mountain bikers, four-wheel drivers, skiers, shooters etc.

We hope for plenty of comment and debate on these draft policies. We don't change our policies frequently, so we want to ensure that we get them right when we do.

Extract from BWV May Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S CORNER – JUNE

The main items at the May Committee Meeting were: we are looking at getting members involved in our membership campaign; we are progressing our Future Directions work setting up small groups to look at a vision and objectives for membership, outdoor activities, our people etc.; responding to the Bushwalking Victoria requests described below; and the November Federation Weekend at Rawson for which Mark Heath will be our Coordinator.

Bushwalking Victoria have been active lately involving Clubs in a number of activities:

- Asking for comments on their draft policies on 'Commercial Activities in National Parks and Other Protected Areas'. See the extract from the BWV Newsletter on page 2 of this News if you are interested in this important topic.
- Looking for new Board Members or people to help the cause of bushwalking in other ways. See their May News if you are interested or contact Chris Towers at vp@bushwalkingvictoria.org.au
- Arranging the annual Leadership Day and AGM for June. We will be sending three Committee Members.
- Holding the first of a new Leadership Training Course they have been developing with various Clubs. We will be looking at the best way to make this training available to our members.

Development of the Spring Program has started. If you are a Leader please make a special effort to help make this a great Spring for outdoor activities. Consider doing that walk you have been thinking of doing, or speak to your coordinator for an idea that suits or challenges you!

Reminders for this month:

- 1 **Membership renewals** are due by the end of June! There are no fee increases again this year. Please renew early and update any information including emergency contacts that may have changed.
- 2 **Leaders writing Previews for the News** should remember to use the latest form from the Leaders Database and put the expected **Return Time** on the preview.
- 3 **Geocache presentation in May by Ian Mclean from Essendon Bushwalking Club.** We had around 55 people at Ian Mair's Bibbulmun night in April.

It's winter and while some people hibernate and don't get out walking, others love this walking season!

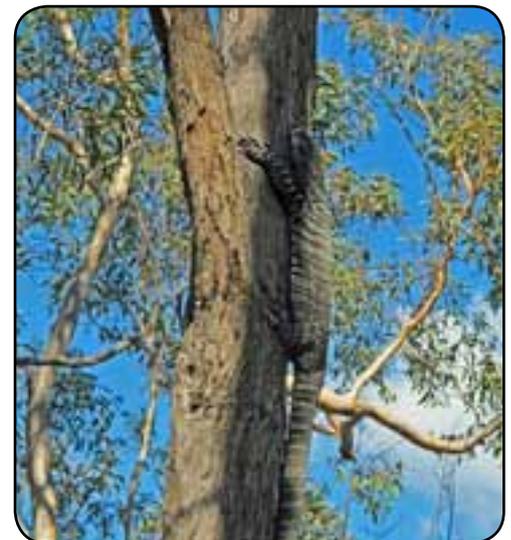
I will be away from mid May for 3 months in Europe. Carol and I are planning an adventure cycling from Paris to Istanbul. Hopefully we will make it! While I am away our Vice President, Susan McInnes, and our Secretary Cathy Merrick, will be covering for me, ably assisted by our Committee.

I hope to see you in August having completed our adventure.

Mick Noonan



Agajan leaps for joy at having overcome the challenges of the walk along Narrow Neck Peninsula towards Katoomba.



A goanna disturbed from its sleep showed how easy it is to climb trees.

Photos by Ian Mair. Kanangra Walls to Katoomba April 2014

2014 Social Calendar

Slide presentation by Ian Mair in the Clubrooms – Wednesday 25 June 2014, at 8:00 pm WALKING IN NEW ZEALAND'S SOUTH ISLAND WONDERLAND

New Zealand is famous amongst bushwalkers for its diversity of inspiring and challenging walks. Ian Mair will provide an overview of some of the classics of the South Island such as the Routeburn, Milford, Rees-Dart, Travers-Sabine, Heaphy and others as he highlights why he keeps going back. These are all within the capability of the average club member with an interest in overnight walks. Come along and see how accessible they are and be inspired by the breathtaking beauty of the country.

Wednesday 23 July 2014 in the Clubrooms HOW TO SAVE A JUNGLE – HIKING IN THE CARDAMOM MOUNTAINS OF CAMBODIA

A recent experience of community based eco-tourism in Cambodia where local village people guide hiking trips through the extensive jungle of the Cardamom Mountains. Villagers are thus receiving an income from tourism and the forest is protected from illegal logging and poaching as a result. Cambodia is relatively close and economical for Australians to visit, and this is a very accessible trip for those who enjoy hiking and cultural exchange in a beautiful natural environment.



Wednesday 27 August 2014 SLIDE NIGHT: SOME ADVENTUROUS MOMENTS IN BUSHWALKING

John Fritze has put together a slide show of some of the more adventurous activities we get up to, the beautiful places we visit and some inspirational moments he has encountered along the way. It's a celebration of bushwalking!

Come along and enjoy it with a glass of wine and a biscuit.



ACROSS THE YEARS IN PICTURES

What better way to bring back the memories of adventures and friendships enjoyed in years gone by than to see them in photographs taken by club members at the time?

Melbourne Bushwalkers' expanding online archive of old photographic images from its earliest days in 1940 up to 1999 has now reached over 1000 images, primarily from the 1950s and 1960s, with many more now being added from the 1970s. Contributed by past and current members, each image is cross-referenced with details of when and on which trip it was taken. The archive paints a powerful historical record of feats of skill and daring, of the evolution of bushwalking gear and of the many characters that have made the club the robust and respected organisation it is today.

A bushwalking club is a magnet for, and a shaper of, individuals with a passion to explore and interact with the natural environment. The archive seeks to give them their due recognition by recording their name for others to appreciate. Where approval has been given their names are displayed with the image in which they appear, or if they have been identified but approval has not been gained they are shown as 'withheld'.

Search the archive for former friends and relatives who have already been identified. With hundreds of names already recorded, and more being added, you may be in luck. A convenient search tool is available at: http://mbw.org.au/photo_archive/MBW_across_the_years.php

You may assist in making the archive even better:

- (a) We are always on the lookout for more images, either B&W prints or slides. We can assist with scanning if required.
- (b) Recognise someone in an image who has not been named or shown as 'withheld'? Please let us know.
- (c) We got the facts wrong! Your corrections would be appreciated.
- (d) Are you in contact with former members who have been identified in images but their name is 'withheld'.

We would very much like to hear from them.

Some individuals who appear in a number of images that we would like to trace are:

Arthur Whyte	Peter Van der Duys
Fay Chesterfield	David Andrews
Gary Wills	Philip Taylor
David Oldfield	Emil Slade
Clive Bray	Otto Christiansen

If you can help please send an email to the Webmaster: webmaster@mbw.org.au

Ian Mair



Short shorts were the thing for light weight walking in 1975!
Photo by Geoff Crapper, 1975

Members' contributions

BOOK REVIEW ANCIENT FEET, BY ALAN NOLAN

This book is about five mates, aged from 51 to 69 years, who decide to walk the Coast to Coast in Britain.

The Coast to Coast walk was devised by Alfred Wainwright, the great fells walker, in 1973. It starts at St Bees Head and crosses Britain, through the Lakes District, Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors national parks, to its end at Robin Hood Bay. It generally takes 14 days to walk the 196 miles or 322 km, if you average 23 km a day. In this locale that can also mean some fairly steep hills.

I have been considering doing this walk and thought this book might, together with a guidebook, help me decide if it is within my ability. Although there are some good descriptions about the route, the book also confused me, as the author refers back to previous walks, some of which, although in the area, are off route. When you don't know an area well that can be confusing. I read it with a guidebook on hand to assist.

The author was wary of hostels and preferred bed and breakfasts, but his mates either camped or stayed in hostels, so you do get some insight into the levels of accommodation available. All their accommodation was pre-booked before they started the walk and it seems that with the popularity of the walk this is a necessity. Interestingly, the group were very wary of arriving too early at their destination each day as they felt they would be bored with nothing to do in the afternoon or evening. No washing, cooking, reading or emails for these guys, just a night in the pub and woe they were if there was no pub.

I, however, have mixed feelings about this book. It is claimed to be a humorous account of the walk but I found the humour a bit contrived and I felt like I was overhearing the guys talking at the pub. The sort of conversation in the book is the sort that I would make a concerted effort to avoid overhearing. I didn't find it funny but perhaps that is just a woman's perspective or perhaps my sense of humour is a bit limited.

Not a great book but it still helped to get an understanding of the terrain and the accommodation along the way. If you are keen for more information about the Coast to Coast this may help.

Cathy Merrick

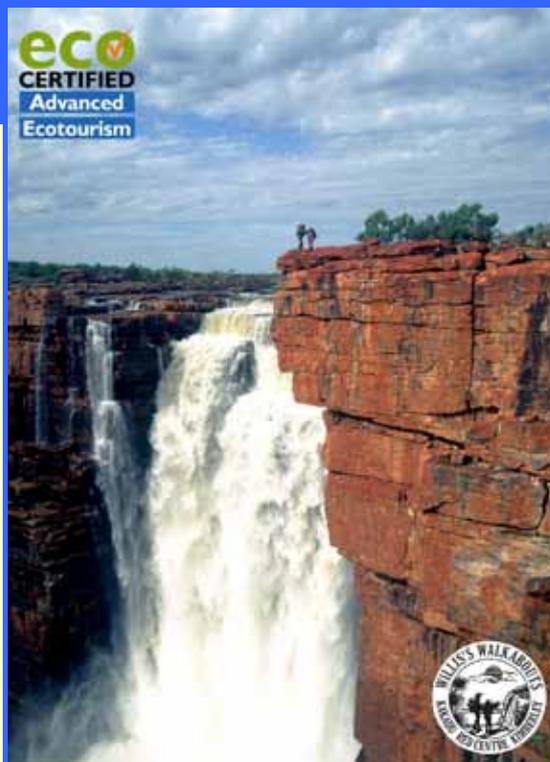
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**JOAN MACMAHON,
13.10.48 – 11.4.14**

Joan Locke was born in Ivanhoe. After school she worked at Fairfield Infectious Diseases Hospital, then studied microbiology at Melbourne University, where she joined Melbourne University Mountaineering Club. She worked in the Bacteriology Department of the Alfred Hospital for 10 years, cycling from her small home in Richmond when I first knew her. In the 1970s she travelled overland by truck from Kathmandu to London, through Afghanistan and Iran while it was safer to do so. She joined Melbourne Bushwalkers where I first met her when I joined in 1979. In 1981 she got to know Ken MacMahon, then MBW Walks Secretary, and in May 1982 they married in Maranoa Gardens, Balwyn, in keeping with Joan's love of Australian native plants, under a beautiful old Angophora tree. Joan moved to Ken's home in Heidelberg where she established a beautiful native garden and she and Ken, as always, had an impressive vegetable garden.

In 1983 Daniel Franklin was born, Rowan in late 1984. In 1992 the family moved to Warrandyte to a mud-brick house with a long back yard going down to the Yarra. Joan became very involved with the Friends of the Warrandyte State Park and was a committee member for many years. She did a Horticultural diploma at Burnley College, then ran her own small gardening business for about 7 years. However depressive illness disrupted her activities more and more as time went on and ECT became less effective and more damaging to her memory with time. After early retirement she became involved with the local Community Centre and enjoyed the courses offered there.

An ongoing activity in her life was camping with friends from MBW who had married and had their children at the same time. As the children grew up these camps continued with and without the children and later with some neighbours as well. Joan loved the bush and had an encyclopaedic knowledge of indigenous plants. Even more recently, when ECT had affected her memory, she could remember the names of grasses and small herbs when we were walking, both the common and Latin names. She and Ken enjoyed travelling, both in Australia and overseas, and had recently bought a campervan. She devoted a great deal of her time to volunteering and most recently worked in the garden at the Artists' Colony, Montsalvat, Eltham, where her funeral service was held.

She was passionate about the environment and always 'put her money where her mouth was' from tirelessly writing letters in support of environmental issues, to micro issues such as wearing opp. shop clothes and, with Ken, providing much of their own food. Although not religious, I remember her thanking Mother Earth for our food as a grace before meals. She described herself as a green guerrilla and when she was running her gardening business would never weed out the native bidgee widgee, the bane of the bushwalker's life because of its burrs which stick to your socks.

My/our personal strongest memories of Joan are from the past – in Easter 1982 I walked in Tasmania for the first time and remember Ken and Joan as a giggly engaged couple. In 2002 we did a great trip to the Tyndall Range in SW Tasmania and I remember how fit she was. And always we had such stimulating conversations and lots of laughs.

Jan Llewelyn

MARGARET BORDEN

Margaret Borden passed away on 3 May this year aged 88 or 89.

Margaret was an enthusiastic Sunday walker in the 80's and 90's, and was the Club's public contact officer for many years. She used to lead a Sunday walk on every quarterly program, sometimes two. Then she organised the Wednesday walks for a few years and then walked for a while with the TOFs. Margaret also cleaned the club rooms every week during all the years we were in the Horticultural Society's annexe. Her contribution to the Club was tremendous.

She had been living in a retirement village for about 9 years.

Information from Nigel Holmes and Jean Giese

Along the Track

BRISBANE RANGES BASE CAMP MARCH 2014

On the last weekend in March five lucky bushwalkers – Kate, Steve, Agajan and me – led by Judith Shaw, enjoyed two days of solid walking in the Brisbane Ranges. We camped very comfortably at Boar Gully and each day's walk covered around 20 km of varied terrain and tempo in perfect bushwalking weather, overcast in the morning and clearing to a fine warm day with gentle breezes.

We climbed some steepish hills, traversed ridges and admired views in all directions then scuttled down again for prolonged stretches of rock hopping along river and creek beds. Here we enjoyed the peace of secluded grassy stretches along the banks of these bone-dry streams and the variety of rock formations. In between times we strode out along undulating tracks lined in places with prolific stands of grass trees or, leaving the track, pushed through the bush. We were lucky not to encounter any snakes. In fact our meetings with wildlife were few apart from a wallaby here and there and some wild goats who were no more anxious to loiter with us than we were with them.

You couldn't ask for a better way to spend a weekend. Only an hour and a half from the city, strenuous walking, good company, reliable leadership by someone who loves the area, and an interesting and varied environment. Look out for the next one!

Cecily Hunter

GRAMPIANS TRACK CLEARING 2-4 MAY 2014

The weather forecast for the weekend was for cold, wet weather, but that did not deter three hardy Melbourne Bushies who set off for Halls Gap on Friday evening. After a damp and windy night in the campground, we woke to cool sunshine on Saturday, and set off to meet our fellow workers and leader David at the Parks Office. Ranger Kyle gave us a safety briefing before we drove to our work site.

It was interesting to return to the track where we had laboured the year before. Then we had been hacking through thick vegetation to clear a track to the Asses Ears. This year the fierce bushfires had burnt the scrub to leave bare ground under blackened trees. Our job was to clear fallen timber, dig drains and remark the track. It was heartening to see fresh regrowth sprouting. As we were practising our cairn building skills in the afternoon to mark a route over the rocks to the top, the rain rolled in and put a stop to work for the day.

On Sunday morning we enjoyed a visit to the historic Heatherlie Quarry and hiked up Boronia Peak to enjoy views of the area. After lunch in the sun at Halls Gap we set off for rainy Melbourne, feeling that maybe we'd enjoyed better weather where we were. Thanks to Mark for coordinating the weekend, and Steve for his hard work and company.

Deb Shand



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.mbw.org.au/mbw_activities/MBW_activities_program.php

**CUT OFF TIME FOR SUNDAY BUS ONLINE BOOKINGS
 4:00 PM THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE WALK.**

Bookings notified to busbookings@mbw.org.au after the cut off time will not be processed and a credit will be issued.

Payment to the leader of the full bus fee and late fee of \$5.00 will have to be made on the day if your booking has not been confirmed prior to the walk.



TOFS WALK

BUNDOORA PARKS

DATE Thursday 3 July 2014
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE 10–11 km
LEADER Rosemary Cotter
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Bundoora
MAP REF Melway 19

This is a repeat of a walk done in 2009 with some variations as buildings have been put up over where we walked last time! This walk will take us through woody grasslands, under river red gums and past the wetland area of La Trobe University.

We commence by following the Darebin Creek around to the moat system at La Trobe University and past the Wildlife Sanctuary. Possible detour to Gresswell Hill before returning to Bundoora Park to walk up Mt Cooper (137 metres) and affording views around Melbourne.

Meet to start walking at 10:30 am at the end of Waters Way (Melway 19 E4/F4) nearest to Fairway Drive (where cars may be parked in adjacent designated parking areas, not all of which are indicated in Melway).



PACK CARRY

VENUS BAY – CAPE LIPTRAP



DATE 5-6-July 2014
RETURN TIME Approx 7pm (could be earlier)
STANDARD Easy/Medium
DISTANCE 30 km includes 10 with day packs (some optional)
ELEVATION Sea level
LEADER Bob Oxlade
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Cape Liptrap Coastal Park. 160 km south east of Melbourne
MAP REF Walkerville and Maitland Beach 1:25,000

This is one of the few sections of coastline close to Melbourne where a walk can be done without passing through developed beachfront facilities. The first day features rugged coastline, isolated pebble coves, rock platforms and sandy beaches before arriving at a pleasant grassy campsite. The morning low tide is at 10:24 and low tide is essential for the first section.

On Sunday, instead of continuing along the beach to Venus Bay, for this winter itinerary we will return to the cars in the morning and drive on to nearby Bear Gully for lunch. This will enable us to explore more of this coastal area with day packs.

We can travel down Saturday morning and, after leaving some cars on the way, will continue on to start the walk at Cape Liptrap. There are camping spots nearby for anyone preferring to leave on Friday.

We could have coffee etc. at the cars before leaving or stop at Inverloch and still be home in time for dinner.

This interesting walk should appeal to both experienced and newer overnight walkers.

Please see me in the clubrooms or contact me for further details.

Bob Oxlade.



SUNDAY CAR POOL

WILLIMIGONGON CREEK (MT MACEDON)

DATE Sunday 6 July 2014
RETURN TIME 6:00 pm, Southbank Blvd, City
STANDARD Easy/Medium
DISTANCE 15 km
LEADER Stuart Hanham
TRANSPORT Carpool – leaving Southbank Blvd at 8:45 am
AREA Mt. Macedon
MAP REF VICMAP 1:25,000 Macedon & Woodend



DATE Wednesday 9 July 2014
RETURN TIME 2:30 pm
STANDARD Easy/Medium
DISTANCE 10 km
ELEVATION 600 m total climbing
LEADER Ed Neff
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Upper Ferntree Gully
MAP REF Parks Victoria, Dandenong Ranges National Park. Melways 74G5.5 for start

Come and enjoy a bracing winter walk in the Dandenongs followed by a social afternoon tea in the picnic ground shelter.

We will meet for a 10:30 am start in the carpark of the Ferntree Gully Picnic Ground. Take the Burwood Highway to Upper Ferntree Gully and then left up the Mount Dandenong Tourist Road. The picnic ground entrance is just a short distance along Mount Dandenong Tourist Road. Take the first carpark entrance and we will meet at the lower end of the carpark.

The walk is not long but it does include plenty of hilly ups and downs with total climb of around 600 m. It is all on well formed tracks, mostly through open bushland. We will descend from One Tree Hill down part of the 'Kokoda Trail' steps and then divert around a lovely nature trail to return to the carpark for our Christmas in July. Bring some goodies for our well deserved cheer.

If anyone feels that they are not up to the full walk. They are welcome to join us for afternoon tea.

After a beautiful drive up Mt. Macedon, the walk will start at McGregors Picnic Ground, but follow a different route to previous walks in the area. We will climb the nearby Camels Hump (1010 metres) for great views towards Hanging Rock, then pass through mossy forest on the way to Days Picnic Ground. A path through thicker, damper forest will take us to Sanitorium Lake. Soon after, we'll head off the main track, into a native forest, followed by a 'tangle foot' route through a pine plantation.

A steep and possibly slippery descent of the Link Track will lead us towards Mt. Towrong. The descent of this mountain is fairly long, steep and rocky, but offers impressive views of the Mt. Macedon Village and the Memorial Cross. Along Anzac Road, we'll see some beautiful mountain properties and pass the Willimigongon Reservoir, before we start climbing to the Zig Zag Track. Still climbing, the route veers off into a thick, damp 'jungle' section above the Willimigongon Creek. Following Barringo Rd, we'll head back towards the Camels Hump and the cars. The Trading Post Café on the mountain will be our refuelling stop.

A good level of fitness and boots with good grip are recommended for this walk. Also, be prepared for much cooler and possibly wetter conditions on the mountain than down below. There may even be snow on top.

 **SATURDAY CAR POOL**

NAVIGATION TRAINING – WERRIBEE GORGE

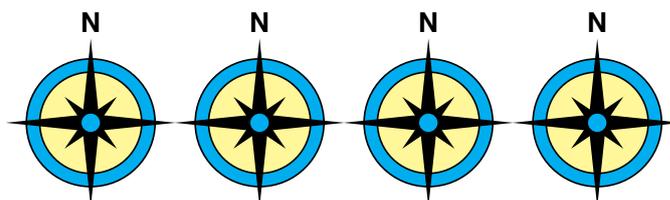
DATE Saturday 12 July 2014
STANDARD Easy/Medium
DISTANCE 5-6 km
ELEVATION 120 m fluctuation
LEADER Roger Wyatt
TRANSPORT Car Pool
AREA Werribee Gorge
MAP REF Melways Key Map 7 B5
TRANSPORT COSTS (PER PERSON) Approx \$20
TIME OF RETURN By 5 pm

We will car pool from Club Rooms, departing at 0845 and meeting in the top car park at the entrance to Werribee Gorge at approx 0945. After a short 1.5 km walk we will undertake the theory aspects in a shed (in case of rain) and then a number of group navigation tasks across country to gain experience navigating on a bearing. As well as a few tips and tricks to make navigation easy.

The group will be limited to 9 participants, so all participants will have a chance to navigate in a small group, without any pressure, as this is all about learning. Please bring a compass (borrow one from another club member) and standard day pack, as we will be away from the cars all day, but likely to be an early finish, as long as no one gets lost!

 **WEDNESDAY WALK**

ONE TREE HILL AND CHRISTMAS IN JULY





SUNDAY BUS

BULLENGAROOK

DATE Sunday 13 July 2014
RETURN TIME 6 pm to City
STANDARDS Easy and Easy/Medium
DISTANCES 12 and 16 km
ELEVATION 200 m
LEADERS Theo Mertzandis and Mark Heath
TRANSPORT Bus – Leaving Southbank Blvd at 8:45 am
AREA Gisborne
MAP REF Toolern Vale

These scenic walks skirt two old volcanic cones before heading along ridges and dropping down to Pyrites Creek. There is some walking along the creek bed before climbing back up to the road.

There are good views to be had from the ridges.

The Easy walk has some steepish sections, creek crossings and sections along creeks.

The Easy/Medium walk has some off track sections in steepish country, creek crossings and sections along creeks.



LODGE BASE CAMP

GRAMPIANS (HALL'S GAP) LODGE WEEKEND

DATE 18–20 July 2014
STANDARD Easy/Medium
DISTANCE 20–30 km
LEADER Del Franks
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Grampians (Hall's Gap)
MAP REF Central Grampians
TRANSPORT COSTS (PER PERSON) about \$60



We'll be staying at the YHA Eco-Lodge at Hall's Gap which has excellent facilities for a social/walking weekend. Accommodation costs per person per night will be about \$30.00 (4 person dorm) or \$85.00 (twin/double share).

Walks will be in the Hall's Gap area, will depend on the weather and are still to be finalised. Possible walks include the Wonderland Loop, Mt Rosea, McKenzie Falls to Zumstein.

Even if you have walked in the area before, spring is a wonderful time of year and a great experience. So hopefully you will join me in experiencing the magic of the area on this weekend.

If you are interested in doing this weekend please contact me early, so I can book the accommodation.



CYCLING

THE BASIN TO THE BAY

DATE Saturday 17 July 2014
STANDARD Easy/Medium
DISTANCE 55–60 km
LEADER Ross Berner
TRANSPORT Train to Boronia
RETURN TIME About 4:00 pm (Carrum Station or Seaford Station)
AREA Dandenong Valley
MAP REFERENCE Melway maps

The meeting place for the ride is the east side of Boronia Station (Lupton Way) (Melway 64 K9) at 10:00 am.

If you are travelling by train, you will need to take Belgrave line train departing from Flinders St at 8:47 am. PS: check timetable closer to the date.

The ride is mainly on bike trails, with a few quiet side streets. The first 4 km will be undulating, with the rest of the ride being mainly downhill.

The finish point for the ride is either Carrum Station or Seaford Station. The route of the ride will depend on weather conditions prior to and during the ride. I will choose sealed paths in preference to unsealed paths if wet conditions prevail.

The aim of the ride is to follow Dandenong Creek from near its source (in Doongalla Reserve) in The Basin down to the Bay. In the 8 years since I last did this ride, major changes have taken place, including the building of the Eastlink Trail. My preference is to follow the original Dandenong Creek Trail in most places.

The route will visit the recently constructed Corhanwarrabul Wetlands in Scoresby.

For those who wish there is an option to leave the ride early, at a station on the Dandenong line (after 40 km)



SUNDAY CAR POOL

WHISKEY CREEK CIRCUIT

DATE Sunday 20 July 2014
STANDARD Easy/Medium
DISTANCE 12 km
ELEVATION 300 m
LEADER Ron Hampton
TRANSPORT Car leaving Southbank Blvd. at 8.45am
TRANSP. COST Approx. \$15
AREA Lerderderg Gorge
MAP REF Meridian: Lerderderg and Werribee Gorges

Commencing at the intersection of Blackwood Road and Square Bottle Track we turn right and follow North Razorback Track through light forest down to the confluence of the Lerderderg Gorge and Whiskey Creek, picking up a trail which will lead us to Mine Camp and ample evidence of substantial gold mining activity. The first half of the track is rough and in some places non-existent with a few short, steep, climbs into and out of the gorge.

The second half of the track takes in sections of the Great Dividing Trail and is more benign with the trail clearly marked and undulating for most of its length.

There are three creek crossings and some rock scrambling. At the time of the preview the creeks were bone dry but be prepared for the possibility of wet feet on the day. A walking pole is recommended, as are spare socks and stout footwear and, of course, plenty of water. The walk is expected to take about 5 hours.



MOFS WALK

COLIBAN AQUEDUCT – FRYERS RANGES PARK



DATE Monday 21 July 2014
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE 10 km
ELEVATION Undulating
LEADER Alister Rowe
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Taradale
MAP REF Melway X909

Meet in park in centre of Taradale at 10:30 am at Melway ref. X909E7. Exit Calder Highway to Malmsbury and take A79 6 km to Taradale. We will travel by car about 2 km to our starting point on the Coliban Aqueduct.

Easy walking conditions with some ups and downs through attractive bushland.

Book with leader.



SOCIAL WALK

BRAESIDE PARK

DATE Thursday 24 July 2014
STANDARD Easy
DISTANCE 5 km
ELEVATION Flat
LEADER Jean Giese
TRANSPORT Private
AREA Braeside
MAP REF Melway 88 and 93

We walked in this park in 2011, so it's time for a repeat visit. It has had a chequered history but is now a very pleasant area for a winter walk with its old trees, flourishing new plantings and extensive wetlands.

Meet at 10:15 in the carpark off Governor Road (Mel 93F1). Lunch at Garden World. Book with leader.



DANDENONGS EXPLORER

KALLISTA AND THE PATCH

DATE 26 July 2014
STANDARD Easy/Medium
DISTANCE 12-14 km
LEADER Liz Telford
ELEVATION 200 metres

MAP REFERENCE Melways 124-125
TRANSPORT Private

I will be leading an easy medium walk in the Kallista and the Patch areas. The walk commences at Johns Hill Reserve on Ridge Road, Kallista. There is a steep down hill section at the start of the walk and then we will follow the Menzie Creek track until lunch. There are lots of tree ferns along this track which follows the creek. After lunch we will walk along some quiet streets back to the cars. There are lovely views on this walk and it is pleasant to walk in a quieter section of the Dandenong Ranges. Be prepared to walk a couple of hills, muddy tracks and unfortunately, there are no toilets on the walk. The meeting place is Johns Hill Reserve, Kallista (Melways 124 K11). Please arrive at 9:45 to commence walking at 10:00.



SUNDAY BUS

BOSTOCK RESERVOIR (ALT DEPT POINT)

ALTERNATIVE DEPARTURE POINT FOR SUNDAY WALKS OPPOSITE CLUBROOM

When advised, the alternative departure point for Sunday walks noted on the walks program and in previews will be at the bus stop on the northern corner of A'Beckett Street and William Street, opposite the clubrooms at the Royal Historical Society building.



DATE Sunday 27 July 2014
RETURN TIME 6.30 pm to City
STANDARDS Easy/Medium and Medium
DISTANCES 13 km, 18 km
ELEVATIONS Some hills
LEADERS Deb Shand and Richard Hanson
TRANSPORT Bus – Leaving Clubrooms at 8:45am
AREA Ballan
MAP REF Clever Hill, Yaloak

We start by walking around the shores of the reservoir, then head into the pine forest where colourful toadstools were plentiful on the walk preview. After this we reach the pleasant bush tracks of the Bungal State Forest and make our way down to the Moorabool River.

Alongside the river we get the opportunity to stretch our legs up and down some short, but sometimes sharp, hills. There are two river crossings that could lead to wet feet, so make sure you have dry shoes and socks back at the bus. We also follow an aqueduct and pipeline along the hills above the river. Those who suffer from vertigo when walking near a steep drop off may find this section challenging, although most will enjoy the fine views over the valley and surrounding farmland. There will also be a chance to visit some old mineral springs before returning to the bus.

This is a varied and interesting walk that will shake off those Winter doldrums, so please join us.



ADVANCE NOTICE CROSS COUNTRY SKIING BOGONG HIGH PLAINS



August 9-16 2014

Again we have the opportunity to enjoy the untracked expanses of the High Plains in winter. Staying in a basic but comfortable chalet 12 km away from the distractions of Falls Creek we tend to have the snow to ourselves, rarely seeing anyone else. There tends to be two or three trips organised each day catering to everyone's inclinations or skill levels. A voluntary roster is drawn up to ensure all jobs are done so the week runs efficiently giving maximum time for skiing.

Past skiers are welcome to return and newcomers are encouraged to discuss requirements for joining us.

*Doug Pocock
or Marilyn Whimpey*



CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NEW ZEALAND – JANUARY 3-18, 2015

Using Queenstown and Te Anau as a bases I am planning to do two pack carry walks on the South Island of New Zealand this coming January. We will fly into lovely Queenstown from where we have ready access to the Routeburn and Greenstone-Caples Tracks which we will combine into a 6-night, 7-day walk of around 95 km. The very popular Routeburn Track provides spectacular views from a high ridge track and contrasts with the valley route of the Greenstone-Caples Track. After a break in Te Anau on the shores of Lake Te Anau the second walk will follow the Kepler Track in the heart of the Fiordland National Park, covering 60 km over 3 nights and 4 days, again taking in stunning high mountain views. We will complete the two week trip with a short break in Queenstown with options for a further day walk or a lake cruise, or just soaking up all that Queenstown has to offer. Both walks will be challenging and open to the the vagaries of alpine weather.

To express interest in joining the group or for further information please contact Ian Mair. As the Routeburn and Kepler Tracks are part of the New Zealand Great Walks network they can only be walked with prepaid reservations. Both are popular and places may fill quickly after bookings open around 1st June. A party size limit of 12 will apply.



On the Kepler Track

THE 2014 FEDERATION WALKS

This year's walks will take place over the weekend of 8-9th November around the historic town of Walhalla, in the nearby Baw Baw National Park and along the Tyers River. The walk base at Rawson is 173 km from the CBD and you can come for the weekend or just a day.

Lodge accommodation (including meals) is available in Rawson Village for 1 or 2 nights in either bunk rooms or twin share (168.50 2 nights, \$109 1 night). Motel rooms are only available for 2 night bookings.

There is a great communal dinner and speaker on Saturday night. Accommodation bookings open 1 July.

There is a \$30 registration fee for the walks. This fee is included in the accommodation fee if you stay at Rawson.

Check out the website www.fedwalks.org.au for more details about walks and accommodation and please contact Mark Heath if you are interested.

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!

July 2014				
Thu 3	Bundoora Parks	Pvt	Easy	Rosemary Cotter
5-6	PC: Venus Bay – Cape Liptrap	Pvt	E/M	Bob Oxlade
Sun 6	Willimigongon Creek (Mt Macedon)	Car	E/M	Stuart Hanham
Wed 9	One Tree Hill & Christmas in July	Pvt	E/M	Ed Neff
Sat 12	Navigation Training – Werribee Gorge	Car	E/M	Roger Wyett
Sun 13	Bullengarook	Bus	E & E/M	Theo Mertzandis and Mark Heath
18-20	BC: Halls Gap	Pvt	Easy	Delwyn Franks
Sat 19	Cycling: The Basin to the Bay	Pvt	E/M	Ross Berner
Sun 20	Whiskey Creek Circuit	Car	E/M	Ron Hampton
Mon 21	Coliban Aqueduct – Fryers Ranges Park	Pvt	Easy	Alister Rowe
Thu 24	Braeside Park	Car	Easy	Jean Giese
Sat 26	Dandenongs Explorer TBC	Pvt	E/M	Liz Telford
Sun 27	Bostock Reservoir (Alt Dept Point)	Bus	E/M & M	Deb Shand and Richard Hanson

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