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**THE NEWS OF THE**

# Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.

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October 2016

**Melbourne Bushwalkers  
2016 Christmas Party**

**Monday 12th December, 7pm to 10pm**

**Melbourne City Bowls Club  
Dudley Street  
West Melbourne  
(Opposite the clubrooms)**

**BYO Plate to Share  
Drinks can be purchased  
from the bar.**



- 1 Great Ocean walk  
May 2016 – photo by  
Stephen Ingrouille
- 2 Grass tree walk Sept  
2016 – photo by Ian  
Mair
- 3 A fine pair of legs –  
Wilpena Pound Sept  
2016 – photo by Ray  
Spooner or Judith Shaw

**Due date for contributions (including December previews)  
to November News: 21 October**

MEMBER OF



Bushwalking Victoria

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.

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Please note:

Next committee meeting will take place on  
**Monday 3 October 2016**

## VALE BRIAN BUSBY

Brian passed away peacefully on 24th August aged 86. He was born in Romford, Essex and came to Australia in 1964. He was active in the Bushies during the late 1970's and 80's and it was then that he met and married Margaret. Brian enjoyed the Australian bush, bushwalking and camping. The week before Brian died, his son visited from the UK and his nephew and wife visited from S.A. Our thoughts to Marg Busby, Brian's family and Marg's family.

## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members:

Quoc Chunh NGUYEN,  
Trang Ngoc CAO,  
Marco DIVINCENZO,  
Michel WORTMAN,  
Ramesh RAJAH,  
Ross DAWSON,  
Stefan BARTL,  
John JOSKE,  
Colleen PEARCE

## SAFETY IN A NUMBER

Before going on a Club trip, walkers are advised to let those at home know of the location of the trip, the method of travel, the expected time of return and the **Club Emergency Mobile number: 0447 489 661**. The mobile is used to record the names and numbers of our Club Emergency Contacts, as well as trip delay information.

For all activities, the leader will call the mobile, then notify a C.E.C. of any significant delay. Consequently, the C.E.C. will put the delay message on the recording. It's recommended that walkers take their own mobile, so they can directly notify those at home if they will be late in returning.

However, in case there is major delay, but also a communication problem, family or friends should be pre-advised to check the Club Emergency Mobile, and if still concerned, use the recorded information to ring a C.E.C. Leaders, especially on pack carries and walk-in base camps, should have the emergency number saved on their phones, but **0447 489 661** is also an important number for walkers to keep.

*Stuart Hanham  
(General Walks Secretary)*

### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN – OCTOBER 2016



Flushed with the excitement of the occasion it is easy to get carried away during the club's AGM and foreshadow untold successes to flow in the year ahead. Six months into the year it is time for more sober reflection and to take stock of how the club is faring. I am pleased to say that on most measures the club is going very well.

At a fundamental level our Membership of 414 at the end of September is in line with the same time in 2015. We have aspirations to build the Membership over time to 500. The apparent pause in growth this year follows a healthy increase in 2015. Contact with those members who had not renewed their membership by end-June gives us confidence that we shall continue to see some of them become active again as the year progresses. Coupled with a higher level of Temporary Members (visitors) walking with the club and an

improving rate of membership take-up, now in excess of 27%, we can expect to finish the year with a strong Membership total. It is also notable that we are experiencing a declining average age of new member approvals.

More important than Membership numbers is the extent to which we engage in the activities of the club. In his report presented in the September newsletter our General Walks Secretary, Stuart Hanham, provided a comparison of participation levels in our different activities for the period January–June for the years 2015 and 2016. Notably, most of our activities showed an increase in participation level year-on-year. Indeed, projected total participation levels for the full year show a 5% increase overall, excluding social activities. We do not have participation levels for social activities from previous years with which to make a comparison; however, the fact that we are averaging around 40 members at each of our social events (Wine and Cheese evenings, Movie nights, Bush Dance etc.) is gratifying to see.

Marketing is as much a part of running a bushwalking club as it is in achieving success in all other competitive endeavours. Competition from online providers of bushwalking activities is as prevalent as it is in the more talked about 'bricks-and-mortar' versus 'online' retail sector. Communication channels like Facebook and MeetUp stand out, but are not unique. Adaption and adoption have to be the drivers of our future planning. Our historical experiences, practices and deep skills base provide us with a sound platform upon which to build but must be flexible enough to adjust to new expectations. Our Facebook presence was in place prior to the last AGM and has now expanded to over 2,500 who follow our posts and note the activities we offer. Our MeetUp portal was launched in April this year with thanks to the efforts of Vice-President Nigel Holmes. Already we have over 220 'registered' followers and a growing interest in our listed activities through this channel. Both channels have contributed to our sound membership position and participation levels.

Running a vibrant and challenging activities program cannot be achieved without experienced and willing leaders and presenters. It was foreshadowed in my AGM comments that we hoped to launch a re-focused leader training program in 2016 to ensure we have a pool of capable members leading us into the future. Past-President Mick Noonan completed an in-depth evaluation of training materials available from Bushwalking Victoria and provided us with a set of recommendations on a way to adapt them to our requirements. Our Training Officer, Angela Vetsicas, has enthusiastically picked up the recommendations and launched a modular training program which began in mid-August, open to all members. The modular approach will enable those interested in becoming leaders, or just keen to enhance their skills in specific areas, to participate to the level of their availability and interest. Repetition of modules at different times will help to overcome some of the constraints that can stand in the way of participation. Check elsewhere in this and future newsletters for upcoming modules, or visit the Training Page on the website.

An important part of our training activities is the events we run to enable members, and prospective members, to enhance their skills and give them confidence to participate in an expanding selection from our program. To this end we are ensuring we have an increased number of 'easy' day walks and beginners' pack carry activities. Notable has been the interest shown in the Beginners' Pack Carry trips as we seek to build a larger core of active members in this quintessential bushwalking activity.

Not so encouraging has been the low level of participation experienced in the diverse mix of conservation activities which we include on our program, whether they are for track maintenance or to support activities more rooted in environmental improvement, such as the tree-planting weekends for the Regent Honeyeater Project. I encourage all members to review these events in more detail and share with the few that make it a regular part of their club involvement. They are as much a part of being a bushwalker as is the walking itself.

*Ian Mair*

# 2016 Social Calendar

**Wednesday 26 October**  
**RESTORING AUSTRALIA'S LOST AND DECLINING BIODIVERSITY**  
**- BY ZAC LEWIS**



Zac is passionate about science and conservation. This passion led him to the Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC), where he works as a Development Executive based in Melbourne.

Zac has previously worked across environmental science, management and policy.

**Back from the brink: restoring Australia's lost and declining biodiversity**

Across the continent, many of Australia's precious natural assets are in steep decline: 25 native terrestrial mammals have gone extinct since European settlement, giving Australia the worst rate of recent mammal extinctions in the world. A further 1700 surviving animals and plants are threatened with extinction and every year more species are being added to this tragic list. Even our most heavily protected natural areas have not escaped: Kakadu National

Park for example has experienced a 75% decline in species richness in the last 15 years.

This highlights an urgent need for a new approach to conservation in Australia.

Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC) is an independent, non-profit organisation that is transforming conservation on the ground. AWC is dedicated to saving Australia's threatened wildlife and habitats. During this presentation you will learn the key factors that are driving the decline of Australia's natural assets and about some major new initiatives that are stopping and reversing the decline of Australia's biodiversity. Come along and be inspired!

**Wednesday 23 November**  
**HIKING IN ICELAND**



Iceland is situated in the North Atlantic, is less than twice the size of Tasmania, but is high on the list of places for many travellers to visit.

Iceland has recovered from the banking financial crisis and is now booming.

This is an island where there is a volcanic eruption on average every 4 years. In 2010 the volcanic ash from Eyjafjallojokull resulted in the largest air traffic shutdown across Europe since WWII.

Iceland offers spectacular scenery with mountains, glaciers, waterfalls, thermal regions, lava and of course very few trees.

Many travellers to Iceland only venture to Reykjavik and the 'Golden Circle'.

Four lucky travellers, Jenny, Denise, Meredith and Steve, did a 5 day hike with a local Recreational Group – similar to MBW – and explored other areas of Iceland.

They are happy to share their experience and provide information on hiking in Iceland and Greenland.



## TREE PLANTING WITH THE REGENT HONEYEATER PROJECT



Helen places the guard.

On the weekend of 10–11 September five Bushies (Deb, Mark, Bob, Helen and John) joined about 70 other walkers and nature lovers of all ages on the fourth of five tree plantings for 2016 with the Regent Honeyeater Project. Although much of the previous planting has been in the hills surrounding Benalla and Winton, this time we worked along the irrigation channel which used to divert water from the Broken River to the former Lake Mokoan, now under restoration as the Winton Wetlands. It had rained heavily in the previous few days and the ground was damp, indeed boggy in places. We were glad we'd brought our gumboots!

First timers Helen and I were pleased to find that the whole process was very well organised, as you would expect from a project that has successfully revegetated over 1600 hectares in the last 21 years. The Project staff had already placed the seedlings in position, ensuring a variety of species suitable for the location. A small group dug the holes, then we planted the seedlings, making sure to tap down the soil to prevent air locks. After watering we placed guards and hammered in stakes to protect the seedlings from rabbits, wallabies and other hungry herbivores. During lunch

and tea breaks coordinator Ray Thomas, along with Project staff and regular volunteers, told us about the Project's efforts in restoring habitat for a wide range of bird, mammal, amphibian and reptile species, giving us an insight into the complexity of the ecosystems being recreated.

On Saturday night we were treated to an excellent smorgasbord meal at the local bowling club after which the younger members (and the younger at heart or in our case softer of mind) adjourned to the scout hall for several hours of riotous bush dancing called by the indefatigable Ray. We slept well after that and woke on Sunday ready for another half day of planting, culminating in a barbecue.

We were very impressed by the enthusiasm and professionalism of all involved with the Regent Honeyeater Project. Tree planting is now finished for 2016 but from April next year they will start checking nest boxes for the sugar gliders, squirrel gliders and phascogales that rely on them for habitat. See [www.regenthoneyeater.org.au](http://www.regenthoneyeater.org.au) for details of their activities.



Mark drives in the stake.

## SOME COMING ACTIVITIES YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN:

Friends of Bogong was formed in 1984 to provide an avenue for people interested in the Bogong High Plains and adjacent peaks of the Alpine National Park to give something back to the environment they gain so much enjoyment from. The annual Friends of Bogong work party and AGM is on 12–13 November. Meet at the Mt Beauty Parks Victoria office at 8:00 to 8:30 am Saturday to co-ordinate activities, then leave for the High Plains. Activities and locations will depend on weather conditions at the time.

Don't forget to bring your lunch, suitable clothing, footwear and gloves. Accommodation is likely to be at Mountain Creek campsite, at least on Friday night.

Deb Shand is coordinating a group from MBW so contact her for more details. Or go to [www.friendsofbogong.org.au](http://www.friendsofbogong.org.au).

BTAC (Bushwalking Tracks and Conservation) has several track maintenance activities on 25–27 November at the Upper Howqua (contact Charlie Ablitt, [conservation@bushwalkingvictoria.org.au](mailto:conservation@bushwalkingvictoria.org.au)) and Snowy River National Park (contact Peter Maffei, [tracks@bushwalkingvictoria.com](mailto:tracks@bushwalkingvictoria.com)). Although they particularly want accredited chainsaw operators, there are jobs for people with all levels of experience and skills.

*John Terrell*

## MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS (INC.) BY-LAW CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

The club Committee at its September meeting approved several changes to the club's By-Laws. These are an outcome of increased emphasis on the inclusion of activities outside of Australia and New Zealand, and the inclusion of more activities that require the outlay of significant sums of money to secure bookings.

### (a) New By-Law 4.8:

A new *Acknowledgement of Risk and Indemnity – Overseas Trips* form has been prepared, adapted from a document developed by Waverley Bushwalking Club and promulgated by Bushwalking Victoria. The form will be distributed to participants by the activity leader of an overseas trip and recognises the club's limited expertise when travelling in overseas locations. Copies of the form can be downloaded from the Members' Area of the website. The new By-Law 4.8 gives effect to the new form.

### '4. Booking and Transport for Activities

4.8 All participants in overseas activities arranged by the club must complete and sign an Acknowledgement of Risk and Indemnity – Overseas Trips form.'

### (b) By-Laws 5.9 to 5.11 replaced by By-Laws 5.9 to 5.17

The club from time-to-time organises group activities for which a deposit or advance payment is required. The By-Laws identify the responsibilities of the leader and participants for the financial success of the activity. A complementary *Guideline for Collection and Refund of Deposits for Club Activities* has been prepared to assist leaders. Copies of the Guideline can be downloaded from the Leaders' Area of the website.

### '5. Activity Fees and Costs

- 5.9 If the leader of a private transport activity is likely to incur any costs before the activity exceeding \$300 the leader should previously obtain the Committee's approval to incur the costs. If a loss is incurred on the activity the Committee may reimburse the leader for the loss if the leader has:
- (a) made all reasonable efforts to recover the loss; and
  - (b) applied to the Committee in writing for reimbursement of the loss.
- 5.10 If an activity requires outlays exceeding \$300 to service providers leaders are responsible for managing the financial success of the activity and should understand the terms and conditions regarding cancellation of a booking or service before paying any deposit. Leaders must collect deposits from sufficient participants to cover non-recoverable costs before paying the deposit to the service provider(s). This is particularly important where there are long lead times and where deposits may be forfeited if the trip does not eventuate.
- 5.11 If a leader requires financial assistance to pay a deposit that is less than \$300 for a Club activity, the leader, after consultation with the relevant Activity Coordinator, may apply to the Committee which must consider the request. The Club may pay an amount not exceeding \$300 to assist the leader to pay the deposit in these circumstances.
- 5.12 The preferred option is for the leader to seek Expressions of Interest from participants well in advance of the activity taking place and to collect a deposit from participants before making an outlay.
- 5.13 Participants' deposits may be forfeited if the trip fails to eventuate due to cancellations or other reasons beyond the leader's control. The leader is responsible for informing participants that their deposits may be forfeited if the trip fails to eventuate. To avoid problems with participant cancellation, leaders should collect the balance of money for the trip and collect full payment for the service(s) as early as practicable.
- 5.14 Leaders should avoid getting involved with the payment of any costs that can be paid directly by individual participants.
- 5.15 Any refund relating to private transport activities for deposits, transport, booking fees or other costs paid to the leader will be dependent on whether the leader can reasonably recover those costs. A person who has paid any costs for the activity directly is responsible for recovering those costs.
- 5.16 Refund of non-recoverable payments paid on behalf of participants who withdraw from the activity will only be considered if they find a suitable replacement.
- 5.17 A Temporary Member fee will only be refunded if the leader is satisfied that a visitor's non-participation was due to illness, a situation under the Club's Fire Season, Total Fire Ban and Extreme Heat Policies or other unavoidable circumstances and that the visitor made a reasonable effort to notify the leader before the walk.'

Ian Mair, President



# Bushwalking Victoria

## Bushwalking Tracks and Conservation

### Two Activities on the Same Weekend

### The Silver Mine Track – Snowy River NP and Upper Howqua

### 25–27 November 2016

#### Upper Howqua

We have been invited by Parks Victoria to assist with track maintenance in this area. We will be camping by the river and walking out from there each day.

You need to be reasonably fit, as we will be carrying tools, there are river crossings, and we are working on an ascending track. Tools used are brush cutters, hedge trimmers, rakes and loppers. If you have no experience and would like to learn how to use the brush cutter and hedge trimmer, we are happy for you to join us, there are jobs for all to do.

Due to chainsaw work, chainsaw accredited volunteers are required.

You'll need to bring your breakfasts, lunches, evening drinks and Fridays' evening meal. Saturday evenings' meal is a BBQ, provided by the Ranger.

We arrive on Friday and camp at the cars ready to start work Saturday morning. We leave after lunch on Sunday to return home.

If you would like to join this crew please reply directly to Charlie Ablitt – details below.

Regards

**Charlie Ablitt**

**Track and Conservation Coordinator**

**Email:** [conservation@bushwalkingvictoria.org.au](mailto:conservation@bushwalkingvictoria.org.au)

#### Silver Mine Track

We have been contacted by Gary Bellesini, Parks Victoria Ranger Team Leader – Bendoc Snowy – Croajingalong to assist with a range of track maintenance activities on the Silver Mine Track, McKillop Bridge in the Snowy River National Park.

Gary advises that there are sections that are overgrown and need cutting back and clearing, we also need to put in more track markers. Other works if time allows include:

- \* Possible relocating the overnight camp on the track
- \* Dealing with any hazardous trees that we identify
- \* Identify and deal with any parts of the track that are subject to erosion and doing what we can to minimise any further erosion
- \* Some benching works

There will be opportunities for volunteers to exercise their newly acquired chainsaw skills.

You need to bring your breakfasts, lunches and evening drinks. Saturday evening meal is a BBQ complements of the Ranger. Your Friday evening meal is also one you need to bring.

Parks Victoria will provide water for the group along with some sunscreen and other PPE.

Camping is available at McKillops campground which is reasonably close to where the works will be undertaken, there is also an alternative for people to stay at the Parks Victoria house at Deddick, or alternatively we could all camp at the Deddick depot and a few may opt to stay in the house and a few camp. Please let me know what accommodation option would prefer. We are looking to limit this activity to approximately 12 people.

Please contact me directly regarding this activity and transportation to McKillop Bridge.

**Peter Maffei**

**Convener, Bushwalking Tracks & Conservation**

**Email:** [tracks@bushwalkingvictoria.com](mailto:tracks@bushwalkingvictoria.com)

### WILPENA BASE CAMP 3 TO 10 SEPTEMBER

Ten Melbourne Bushies met at Adelaide Airport at 10 am Saturday for our trip to Wilpena, on the way stopping at a local shopping centre to collect food and goodies for the trip and Port Wakefield for lunch. We arrived at Wilpena at approximately 5:30 pm, meeting Wendy who was touring the area.

#### Sunday 4 Mt. Ohlssen-Begge

Our first hike was to Mt. Ohlssen-Begge, a rocky outcrop of 923 metres south-east of Wilpena. Morning tea was taken half way up the mount. As we climbed the track become rocky and provided a bit of a challenge. On reaching the summit we were afforded 360° views, the ABC range to the east, the Wilpena Range to the west, north to the resort and south to Rawnsley Bluff. On the descent we took the alternative route along the Boom or Bust track which had plaques showing images of wildlife living in the pound and the challenges they face to survive .

#### Monday 5 St. Mary's Peak

At 1100+ metres, St. Mary's Peak is the highest in the Wilpena Range. Crossing the Pound on the inside track, the terrain was very flat and looked like a manicured park, bright green grass with strands of eucalypts and native pine. The going got a bit tougher as we started the ascent scrambling over rocks. Upon reaching the half way point, some walkers elected to not to continue to the peak and after lunch returned to Wilpena. Four enthusiastic bushies continued the climb to the peak, although we did not climb the final pinnacle as it is sacred territory. Again the views were spectacular, mountain ranges as far as the eye could see and the Pound itself. The climb was well worth the effort.

#### Tuesday 6 Malloga Falls

On a bright sunny day we headed west along the Pound, experiencing much the same as the previous day, passing the restored Hill Homestead and reading about the history of past residents and the hardships they faced in trying to forge a living in the harsh climate . We soon sped across the Pound and upon reaching Cooinda Camp we diverted to left on the Malloga Falls Track. The going was easy at first, but the last 1.5 km provided a challenge with an uphill rocky climb to Edowie Gorge. The falls were not very impressive (due to low water flow). The gorge was very interesting and would be well worth exploring in the future. On the return we inspected the Cooinda Camp situated along a running creek. It would be an excellent base camp for further exploring Edowie Gorge and the outside track to St. Mary's Peak. We spotted a small goanna and a brightly coloured lizard sunning themselves along the track .

#### Wednesday 7 Bridal Gap/Black Gap.

After crossing the Pound we joined the Heysen Track and headed towards the Wilpena Pound Range. Crossing the North Wilpena Creek, some elected to wade barefooted, others went further downstream for a dry crossing. Approaching the Gap the track became steep and rocky. A prominent landmark west of the Gap was curiously named Dick Nob for no obvious reason. (Maybe a guy named Dick lived in the area?) Lunch was taken at the Gap. The descent from the Gap was steep with varied vegetation – the first section was through a thick grove of wattles in full bloom; further down we encountered the familiar native pine (*Callitris* species). We headed to Brachina Gorge creek and on reaching the bottom followed the dry creek bed lined with magnificent ancient gums until Black Gap was reached. Our bus driver (Michael) was waiting for us for the return to Wilpena Pound.

#### Thursday 8 Trezona Walk/Brachina Gorge.

As rain was forecast for the day it was decided to do a short walk along the Trezona Circuit (8 km) which incorporates the Heysen Trail. From the trail head the track followed the Enorama Creek, passing Yougoona Hut (morning tea). Further along the creek exposed Stromatolites were found. (These are domed layers of silt trapped by blue-green algae forming the layered rocks, some 600 million years old). Further along the creek we located the 'Golden Spike', a significant geological site. The Circuit also provided excellent views of the Heysen Range, St. Mary's Peak and the Sawtooth Range. We then bused to Brachina Gorge for lunch which was interrupted by rain. Michael drove through the Gorge indicating various landmarks which whetted our appetites for future walks. On the way back to Wilpena firewood was collected for the nightly campfire. However on our return a thunderstorm put paid to any campfire.

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# Along the Track

## WILPENNA BASE CAMP (continued from page 8)

### Friday 9 Painters of the Flinders Ranges/Rawnsley Bluff

The heavy rain on the previous night closed many roads north of Wilpena, necessitating our planned walk for the day to be revised. Our first stop was to check out the art show showcasing the works of prominent local artists. Paintings were purchased by the more affluent members of our group.

Our next stop was Rawnsley Bluff in the Ulowana Range south of the Pound. We commenced walking along a well graded track at the junction of Ferntree Falls and the Bluff tracks. Several members chose to do the Falls and the remainder continued to the Bluff. The Bluff track was well graded until the base, followed by 2 km of serious rock scrambling to the ridge. Once on the ridge the track provided extensive views of the Red Range and surrounding areas. We detoured to the Wilpena Lookout giving great views of the Pound. Back on the main track we reached the Bluff which is marked with a very large cairn.

### Saturday 10 Return to Adelaide

Our final trip in the Pound was to the Cazneau tree. The tree, a river red gum, became internationally famous in 1937 then known as 'Spirit of Endurance'. The photo was taken by Harold Cazneau a pioneer of photography in Australia. We stopped for lunch at Quorn, a town which time has forgotten. It has many buildings reminiscent of our colonial history with intricate wrought iron lacework on verandahs and balconies.

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Many thanks to our leader Judith for planning such an interesting walk which has whetted my interest to do further walks in this spectacular country. Thanks also to my fellow walkers Cecily, Jacqueline, Jeri, Lesley, Margaret, Maureen, Stephanie, Susan and Wendy for their companionship.

*Ray Spooner*

P.S many of the highlights are on the Club's photogallery.

## WALK PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PREVIEWING UNIT 2 LEADER TRAINING

Wednesday 12th October, 2016, 7:30-9:00 in the Clubrooms

Now that the club has begun its commitment towards its training don't feel like you should have attended Unit 1 to be eligible to participate in Unit 2. All are welcome to undertake all the components of the training modules or only specific needs required by individual leaders. Of course successful trips require many elements to be factored into the planning.

Come along to discuss the following areas:

- Selecting the environment to take a group
- Sourcing the location of your walk
- Accessing and selecting appropriate resources and of course
- Planning procedures to include safety, enjoyment.

If interested please contact me on

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*Angela Vetsica (Training Officer)*

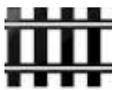
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A reminder that to view all available previews and any notifications of changes to walks, just log on to the walks program and previews pages on the MBW website: [http://www.mbw.org.au/mbw\\_activities/MBW\\_activities\\_program.php](http://www.mbw.org.au/mbw_activities/MBW_activities_program.php)

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

Bookings notified to [busbookings@mbw.org.au](mailto: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.



**SUNDAY PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

FRANKSTON-EDITHVALE (TRAIN WALK)

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Sunday 23 October 2016</b>
<b>RETURN TIME</b>	<b>6:00 pm to City</b>
<b>STANDARD</b>	<b>Easy/Medium</b>
<b>DISTANCE</b>	<b>15 km</b>
<b>ELEVATION</b>	<b>Minimal</b>
<b>LEADER</b>	<b>Denise Charman</b>
<b>TRANSPORT</b>	<b>Train leaving Flinders St Station at 8:58 am</b>
<b>AREA</b>	<b>Melbourne</b>
<b>COST</b>	<b>\$6.00 Full Day Zone 1 &amp; 2 Sunday fare.</b>

NOTE: Due to high tides at Edithvale at 9:15 am, it has been decided to do this walk starting in Frankston. We will take the 8:58 am train from Flinders Street and will alight at Frankston and walk to Edithvale.

A train departs at 8:58 am on Sundays. It arrives at Frankston at 10:02 am. We will gather on the platform at Frankston and make our way to the Frankston Pier, where the Kananook Creek meets the sea. From here we will walk along the Kananook Creek to Mile Bridge. The creek runs along a very small valley and is well vegetated. This constitutes a very interesting urban and creek-scape. At the bridge we will diverge left to enter the Seaford Foreshore Reserve. It is one of the oldest reserves in the Frankston area and has remnant indigenous coastal vegetation. This 5 km corridor goes all the way to Carrum. However we will go off this track at Seaford and re-enter the Kananook Creek Reserve, which runs parallel to the coastline. This is one of Frankston's most beautiful natural environments, in the midst of an urban landscape. This Reserve ends at Eel Race Road. Walkers will get to sample the beginning and the end of the Kananook Creek. From Eel Race Road, we will make our way to back to the Seaford Foreshore Reserve to Carrum. From Carrum it will be a beach walk to Edithvale. The tide is expected to be low, so that beach walking will be easier than it would be with a high tide.

It is important for walkers to have a hat and sunscreen. There should be time for coffee and cake (or fish and chips) or a swim, so bring your swimsuits, if you wish. Walkers will then make their way to the Edithvale Station to return to Melbourne. Trains depart approximately every 10 minutes. Please ensure you bring your MYKI card.

Return trains from Edithvale run approximately every 10 minutes, and stop at all stations. The journey back to Flinders Street will take approximately one hour and ten minutes.



**SUNDAY BUS**

THE TRAMPOLINE WALK

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Sunday 30 October 2016</b>
<b>RETURN TIME</b>	<b>6:30 pm to City</b>
<b>STANDARDS</b>	<b>Easy/Medium and Medium</b>
<b>DISTANCES</b>	<b>14.2 km and 17.7 km</b>
<b>ELEVATIONS</b>	<b>710 m and 1010 m</b>
<b>LEADERS</b>	<b>Halina Sarbinowski and Richard Hanson</b>
<b>TRANSPORT</b>	<b>Bus – leaving Southbank Blvd at 8:45 am</b>
<b>AREA</b>	<b>Dandenong Ranges</b>

The Trampoline Walk that MBW will be doing this day is an adaption of a walk that the Waverley Bushwalking Club included in its 20th anniversary booklet (1987–2007). Prior to previewing the walk it was difficult to explain why it was called the Trampoline Walk as none of the tracks followed had this name. After the preview there were two possible reasons for its name. Could it be because we bounced from one track to another often following tracks that the club had never followed before OR was it because there very little walking on the flat? During both walks we were either walking up or walking down.

The Dandenong Ranges, so close to Melbourne, has so much to offer the walker ... gullies filled with tree ferns, exceptional views, tall forested areas and an excellent cardiovascular workout.

Both walks start at the same point; however, the walks are soon parted and the medium group heads off to do the most extreme section of the walks. The medium group follow an ungraded track to ascend to the Channel 10 and ABC telecommunication towers. The track is one that walkers training to go to Nepal often use. Little known compared to the 1,000 steps this track is great preparation for any walk requiring elevation. It mimics the uneven tracks that are encountered while walking in remote areas.

Once this section has been completed the two groups will follow the same route. Some of the walking is along well defined tracks and other sections along tracks that are only known to locals (thank you Waverley Bushwalking Club for sharing your knowledge). The tracks followed go through a variety of vegetation and the experience constantly changes. One thing common to all the tracks was the variety of the birdlife. On the preview we often stopped to view the fluttering bird that had caught our eye or try to locate a bird whose song was serenading us.

This is a lovely walk ... close to Melbourne ... lots of variety and a great workout. For anyone intending to do a walk

involving elevation just to discover the great training track that the medium group will follow will be invaluable. I hope that you will join us.



## TOFS WALK

NEW: CAIRNS BAY–THE BLOWHOLE–FLINDERS

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Thursday 3 November 2016</b>
<b>RETURN TIME</b>	<b>3:30 pm</b>
<b>STANDARD</b>	<b>Easy</b>
<b>DISTANCE</b>	<b>11 km</b>
<b>ELEVATION</b>	<b>100 m</b>
<b>LEADER</b>	<b>Graham Hodgson</b>
<b>TRANSPORT</b>	<b>Private</b>
<b>AREA</b>	<b>Southern Mornington Peninsula</b>
<b>MAP REFERENCE</b>	<b>Melway 260, 261, 262</b>
<b>FIRE BAN DISTRICT</b>	<b>Central</b>
<b>TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE</b>	<b>Frankston</b>

This walk has not been scheduled before. It is well worth a day trip to experience the wild beauty of a rarely frequented stretch of coast.

This is a walk with towering black lava cliffs, pounding surf and even a reef (not quite the Great Barrier but our own Mushroom Reef, Flinders Marine Park)

The walk starts by heading down a picturesque track to the spectacular basalt cliffs at Cairns Bay. We will then climb up the grassy slopes and follow the cliff tops to The Blowhole where more spectacular coastal scenery can be viewed. We will then do some more cliff top walking before descending to the beach, walking past Mushroom Reef and eventually climbing back to the cliff tops where a good view of the entire walk may be gained from the West Head Lookout.

The walk has some short, sharp, possibly slippery climbs, some loose pebbles near the headland of the beach and depending on the tide we may have to alter the route, so there will be a mystery element thrown in. Come prepared for gale force winds or maybe gentle zephyrs. Anything is possible.

Meet at the Flinders Hotel car park (corner of Wood St and Cook St) Melway 261 K8 at 10:15 am for a 5 km car shuffle.



## PACK CARRY

NORTHERN VIETNAM ADVENTURE TOUR

<b>DATE</b>	<b>5–25 November 2016</b>
<b>STANDARD</b>	<b>Medium</b>
<b>LEADER</b>	<b>Halina Sarbinowski</b>

This trip is closed. No further bookings accepted.



## TRAINING

NAVIGATION TRAINING FIELD DAY:  
PRACTISE BASIC NAVIGATION SKILLS

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Saturday 5 November 2016</b>
<b>VENUE</b>	<b>Dandenong Ranges National Park</b>
<b>STANDARD</b>	<b>Easy</b>
<b>ORGANISERS</b>	<b>Bushwalking Victoria</b>
<b>TRANSPORT</b>	<b>Private</b>
<b>START TIME</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>FINISH TIME</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
<b>ESTIMATED COST</b>	<b>\$2 (to cover printing costs)</b>
<b>BOOK WITH</b>	<b>See below</b>

**ACTIVITY AREA** Dandenong Ranges National Park  
**APPLICATION CLOSE DATE:** Friday 7 October  
**MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:** 16  
**FIRE BAN DISTRICT** Central  
**TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE** Mt Dandenong

Bushwalking Victoria education trainers will conduct a navigation training field day so that new and potential club walk leaders can learn and practise basic navigation skills. The course is complementary to Melbourne Bushwalkers navigation field training.

Participants will be provided via email with some pre-reading outlining some navigation techniques.

At the start of the day there will be a short theory and map reading skills session.

Participants will then set off in small groups to navigate a route in the park. The route will involve locating specific features at grid references, walking on a bearing, and timing and estimating distances.

Note the day does not cover advanced navigation.

BYO: Lunch, water, wet weather gear, sunhat and sunscreen if hot, compass (preferably a Silva compass) pen or pencil, clipboard

Email applications to participate in the course to [training@bushwalkingvictoria.org.au](mailto:training@bushwalkingvictoria.org.au) with a copy to [training@mbw.org.au](mailto:training@mbw.org.au)

Please include:

- Name
- Club/individual member of Bushwalking Victoria
- Contact phone/mobile number
- Contact email address
- A brief outline of any walks you have led for your club.

(Judy Hunter, Bushwalking Victoria Training Coordinator)



## SUNDAY CAR POOL

MT IDA–DARGILE FOREST CIRCUIT (HEATHCOTE)

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Sunday 6 November 2016</b>
<b>RETURN TIME</b>	<b>6:30 pm to Southbank Boulevard</b>
<b>STANDARD</b>	<b>Easy/Medium</b>
<b>DISTANCE</b>	<b>15 km</b>
<b>ELEVATION</b>	<b>About 250 metres of ascent</b>
<b>LEADER</b>	<b>Christopher Collett</b>
<b>TRANSPORT</b>	<b>Carpool – leaving Southbank Blvd at 8:45 am</b>
<b>TRANSPORT COST</b>	<b>\$20 per person</b>
<b>AREA</b>	<b>Heathcote</b>
<b>MAP REFERENCE</b>	<b>Costerfield 7824-S (1:50,000)</b>
<b>FIRE BAN DISTRICT</b>	<b>North Central</b>
<b>TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE</b>	<b>Seymour</b>

This activity is located in the Heathcote Graytown National Park; the park was declared in 2002 to protect the remaining sections of box-ironbark forests which were once prolific in this part of central Victoria before the arrival of settlers.



The walk commences with the ascent of Mt Ida, which is at an altitude of about 450 metres. From near the rocky outcrops of the summit there are panoramic views across the Heathcote township, as well as the surrounding farmlands, vineyards, and forest.

The excellent views continue as we follow the ridgeline, before descending to follow a combination of vehicular and walking tracks to reach the delightful, grassy surrounds of the Dargile picnic area for lunch.

After lunch the walk continues through the undulating terrain of the open box-ironbark forests. A short drive at the end of the walk will return us to Heathcote for a cup of coffee.

The spring wildflowers, the views of the surrounding landscape, and the local wildlife (kangaroos and wallabies were noted during the preview) add to the enjoyable aspects of the walk.



## WEDNESDAY WALK

### SIMMONS REEF – LERDERBERG HERITAGE RIVER TRAIL, BLACKWOOD

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Wednesday 9 November 2016</b>
<b>RETURN TIME</b>	<b>Back to the cars around 4:00 pm</b>
<b>STANDARD</b>	<b>Easy/Medium</b>
<b>DISTANCE</b>	<b>14 km</b>
<b>ELEVATION</b>	<b>Mostly flat with some gentle ups and downs and a bit of a descent</b>
<b>LEADER</b>	<b>Sandra Mutimer</b>
<b>TRANSPORT AREA</b>	<b>Private Lerderberg River west of Simmons Reef, out of Blackwood</b>
<b>MAP REFERENCE</b>	<b>Meridian Productions: Lerderberg &amp; Werribee Gorges and Wombat State Forest Touring Guide 1:50,000; Vicmap Trentham 1:35,000</b>
<b>FIRE BAN DISTRICT</b>	<b>North Central</b>
<b>TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE</b>	<b>Ballarat</b>

The walk will start and finish at Simmons Reef, which was one of the small mining towns that developed after gold was discovered in the Blackwood area and where the sandstone cottage of the Garden of St Erth was built in 1860. On the walk we will see evidence of former gold mines, water races and timber mills.

We will travel westwards, gradually climbing to some good viewpoints of the area and then descend to the western section of the Lerderberg River, joining the Lerderberg Heritage River Walk section of the Great Dividing Trail. This declaration of a Heritage River was based on its 'outstanding nature conservation, scenic, recreational and cultural heritage values'. We will gently wind our way eastwards back to the Garden of St Erth.

I enjoy walking and leading walks in this area; however ... the last time I led this walk things didn't go to plan when I retired hurt so now I will be returning to lead it I would appreciate your help and support to make this an enjoyable day. I will mention the added inducement of the traditional Wednesday walk afternoon tea.

We will meet at 10:15 am outside the Garden of St Erth at the Simmons 2 km along Simmons Reef Rd, a left-hand turn off from Greenvale-Trentham Rd, Blackwood.



## PACK CARRY

### MORE PLATEAU EXPLORATIONS (changed from Strathbogies No. 2)

<b>DATE</b>	<b>12-13 November 2016</b>
<b>RETURN TIME</b>	<b>Return to cars early to mid afternoon</b>
<b>STANDARD</b>	<b>Medium</b>
<b>DISTANCE</b>	<b>22 km</b>
<b>ELEVATION</b>	<b>370 m – 840 m – 370 m</b>
<b>LEADER</b>	<b>Ray Thomas</b>
<b>TRANSPORT AREA</b>	<b>Private 15 Mile Creek – Drum Top – King River</b>

<b>MAP REFERENCE</b>	<b>Whitfield North 1:25,000</b>
<b>FIRE BAN DISTRICT</b>	<b>North East</b>
<b>TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE</b>	<b>Benalla</b>

I've decided to leave the Strathbogies and go exploring a totally different plateau area between the 15 Mile Creek and King River, west of Whitfield and Cheshunt. It's sandstone and conglomerate country, with spectacular cliffs and grand views down the valleys and up to the nearby alps. I have driven through this area but never been walking off track, so it should be interesting.

I plan to walk from 15 Mile Creek, up and over the plateau near Drum Top, and drop into a fertile forested valley to camp near the creek. We'll then climb to the eastern escarpment of the plateau to admire the magnificent views across the King River valley and beyond. It should be worth taking a side trip to check out some of the extensive and more remote cliff lines near Power's Lookout, before descending a windy spur to the river and the car shuffle.

For meeting points etc, please contact Ray.  
Email [raydavidthomas@hotmail.com](mailto:raydavidthomas@hotmail.com)



## SUNDAY BUS

### HAWKES HILL – MOLLISONS CREEK

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Sunday 13 November 2016</b>
<b>STANDARDS</b>	<b>Easy/Medium and Medium</b>
<b>LEADERS</b>	<b>Nik Dow and Roy Rossebo</b>
<b>TRANSPORT</b>	<b>Bus – leaving Southbank Blvd at 8:45 am</b>
<b>FIRE BAN DISTRICT</b>	<b>North Central</b>
<b>TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE</b>	<b>Seymour</b>

For details of this walk please contact the leaders, or check the Club's website [mbw.org.au/mbw\\_activities/MBW\\_activities\\_program.php](http://mbw.org.au/mbw_activities/MBW_activities_program.php)



## SUNSET WALK

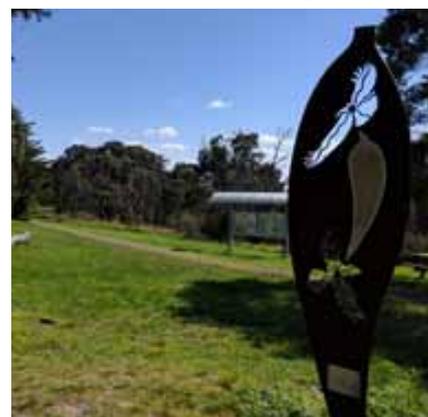
### FERNTREE GULLY

Followed by dinner at Shiraz Indian restaurant

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Friday 18 November 2016</b>
<b>STANDARD</b>	<b>Easy</b>
<b>DISTANCE</b>	<b>5 km</b>
<b>ELEVATION</b>	<b>Gentle</b>
<b>LEADER</b>	<b>Susan Maughan</b>
<b>TRANSPORT</b>	<b>Private, or I can pick up from Upwey Station</b>
<b>AREA</b>	<b>Glenfern Valley Bushlands</b>
<b>MAP REFERENCE</b>	<b>Melway 74 F10</b>
<b>FIRE BAN DISTRICT</b>	<b>Central</b>
<b>TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE</b>	<b>Mt Dandenong</b>

In 2000 a group of concerned residents decided to preserve and rehabilitate this bushland that is bordered by Ferny Creek and Glenfern Roads. Thousands of trees, shrubs and grasses have been planted over the years and walking tracks established.

Meet at the carpark on Glenfern Road, 300 m up



from New Road, at 6:30. The walk will be about 90 minutes and end at Shiraz Indian Restaurant, 1206 Burwood Highway (opposite the Royal Hotel – the top pub). Sunset is 8:13.

We need to organise a car shuffle prior to the walk, so when booking let me know if you can get there early. Book no later than Wednesday 16 November, please.

## **CYCLING**

### STRATFORD-TRARALGON (GIPPY PLAINS RAIL TRAIL)

**DATE** Saturday 19 November 2016  
**START TIME** Depart from location in notes below at 9:45 am  
**RETURN TIME** 7:00 pm  
**STANDARD** Easy/Medium  
**DISTANCE** 68 km  
**ELEVATION** 200 m rise  
**LEADER** Philip Brown  
**TRANSPORT** Private  
**TRANSPORT COST** See arrangements below. To be advised by Leader if carpool proposed.  
**ACTIVITY AREA** Central Gippsland  
**MAP REFERENCE** Ride with GPS search Gippsland Plains Rail Trail  
**FIRE BAN DISTRICT** West Gippsland  
**TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE** La Trobe Valley

The plan is to drive cars to Traralgon and catch the 9:45 am train to Stratford, arriving at 10:35 am where the ride starts.

We will pass through generally flat dairy farm country with views of the Great Dividing Range. We ride through several towns so we can have coffee and buy lunch if needed.

The surface is fine gravel and there are around 200 metres of ups and downs. The end of the ride is back at the cars in Traralgon.

Limit of 6. To book in or for more info contact Phil.

## **SUNDAY CAR POOL**

### DOMINO RAIL TRAIL

**DATE** Sunday 20 November 2016  
**RETURN TIME** Return to Southbank Boulevard at 6:30 pm  
**STANDARD** Easy  
**DISTANCE** 12 km  
**TOTAL ASCENTS** 200 m rise  
**LEADER** Brett Daniel  
**TRANSPORT** Carpool – leaving Southbank Blvd at 8:45 am  
**TRANSPORT COST** \$15.00 per person  
**AREA** Wombat State Forest  
**MAP REFERENCE** Vicmap Topo 7723-2-S Trentham South  
**FIRE BAN DISTRICT** Central  
**TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE** Ballarat

The walk is in the Wombat State Forest. Starting from Lyonville opposite the Radio Springs Hotel, the trail begins at the former railway line opened in 1880, and closed in 1978. The dense eucalyptus forest, scattered with gold-rush era equipment, is invigorating in the morning when the mist is still rising. The vegetation is kept green by underground springs that can be found throughout the region. Lunch will be in the rural township of Trentham.

This is an ideal walk for beginners and people wishing to get into hiking.



## **MOFS WALK**

### LAVERTON – ALTONA ESPLANADE

**DATE** Monday 21 November 2016  
**RETURN TIME** Approximately 2:00 pm  
**STANDARD** Easy  
**DISTANCE** 11 km  
**ELEVATION** Flat  
**LEADER** Keith White  
**TRANSPORT** Train  
**AREA** West of CBD  
**MAP REFERENCE** Melway 53 D10  
**FIRE BAN DISTRICT** Central  
**TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE** Melbourne

We will meet at Laverton Railway Station (Werribee line) at 10:30 am. Trains leave from Flinders Street Station at roughly 10 minute intervals and take approximately 30 minutes.

This is a linear walk tracing Laverton Creek to its mouth, where we may stop for lunch and check for wading birds resting on the spit. We cross Laverton Creek and follow the shoreline past Altona Beach to finish the walk at Seaholme Station.

On other occasions, some walkers have chosen to continue the walk through the Altona Coastal Park and Jawbone Conservation Reserve to finish at Williamstown Beach Station. This option adds approximately 6 km of easy walking with the promise of a coffee stop before catching a train back to Flinders Street.



## **SOCIAL WALK**

### JENKINS PARK, DOMAIN WETLANDS

**DATE** Thursday 24 November 2016  
**STANDARD** Easy  
**DISTANCE** 5 km  
**ELEVATION** Flat with a few short inclines  
**LEADERS** Jean Giese and Alister Rowe  
**TRANSPORT** Private  
**AREA** Templestowe  
**MAP REFERENCE** Melway 34  
**FIRE BAN DISTRICT** Central  
**TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE** Melbourne

After a circuit of Jenkins Park, we will walk along Green Gully Linear Park to Domain Wetlands and Mullum Mullum Creek. This we will cross and follow it upstream to Domain Reserve to lunch at Beasley's Nursery Café. A car shuffle of 3 km will be necessary so be sure to be at the meeting place by 10:15.

Meet in the carpark in Shakespeare Drive on the edge of Jenkins Park, Melway 34 C7.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL NOT BE A SOCIAL WALK IN DECEMBER.



## **SATURDAY WALK**

### OLINDA AREA (Changed from Sassafras Area)

**DATE** Saturday 26 November 2016  
**START TIME** Depart from the location noted below at 10:00 am  
**RETURN TIME** Return to start location by 3:30 pm  
**STANDARD** Easy

**TOTAL ASCENT** Gentle  
**LEADER** Helen Geddes  
**TRANSPORT** Private  
**MAP REFERENCE** Melway 122 B9  
**FIRE BAN DISTRICT** Central

**TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE** Mt Dandenong

We will meet at the Woolrich Lookout in Chalet Road. From the Olinda–Monbulk Road, turn into Woolrich Rd, then proceed into Chalet Road where you will find the Woolrich Lookout.

We will walk via the following tracks: Dam, Sequoia, Mathias, KC, Rifle Range, and Hermons tracks, with lunch at Eagles Nest Picnic Ground.

The return journey will follow Chamberlain, Prices, Simmons, Mathias tracks on up through the R J Hamer Arboretum onto the Silvan Road and back to our start.



**SUNDAY BUS**

BUNYIP STATE FOREST–GREVILLEA AND BORONIA RES.

**DATE** Sunday 27 November 2016  
**STANDARDS** Easy and Easy/Medium  
**LEADERS** Cathy Merrick and Jenny Andrewes  
**TRANSPORT** Bus – leaving Southbank Blvd at 8:45 am  
**FIRE BAN DISTRICT** Central  
**TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE** Mt Dandenong

For details of this walk please contact the leaders, or check the Club’s website [mbw.org.au/mbw\\_activities/MBW\\_activities\\_program.php](http://mbw.org.au/mbw_activities/MBW_activities_program.php)



**WEDNESDAY WALK**

WARBURTON RIVERSIDE RAMBLE

**DATE** Wednesday 30 November 2016  
**START TIME** 10:15 am for 10:30 am  
**RETURN TIME** 2:30 pm  
**STANDARD** Easy  
**DISTANCE** 11.5 km  
**ELEVATION** 130 m total ascent  
**LEADERS** Ed Neff and Mary Daley  
**TRANSPORT** Private  
**AREA** Warburton  
**MAP REFERENCE** Melway 290 H3 for start  
**FIRE BAN DISTRICT** Central  
**TEMPERATURE REFERENCE SITE** Yarra Glen

This is your opportunity to preview a lovely easy walk which will be offered for our Federation Walks program in October 2017.

We will meet at 10:15 am for a 10:30 am start at a grassy parking area on the south side of Woods Point Road, opposite No. 175. This is 2.9 km from the Information Centre in Warburton.

A pretty, mostly flat walk along well-formed tracks on both sides of the Yarra River from East Warburton to Mayer Bridge, passing six bridges and a Californian Redwood plantation. A short detour to Dolly Grey Park will give us a change of scenery. Lunch can be taken in Warburton township with an opportunity to explore a little before walking the final 3.5 km back to the cars.



**TRAINING**

**LEADERS: UNIT 3 – PAPERWORK**

**DATE** Wednesday 30 November 2016  
**TIME** 7:30–9:30 pm  
**LOCATION** Clubrooms  
**COORDINATOR** Angela Vetsica

Bushwalking Victoria has developed modules for training which provide a framework for our future training program. Following a review of our requirements and opportunities, a schedule of evening and day sessions has been prepared to suit those interested in undertaking this training.

**Objectives of Unit 3: Paperwork**

On completion of this unit you will be aware of the need to document:

- \* The grading for your walk;
- \* The walk proposal to Club Co-ordinator and members;
- \* A transport plan if required;
- \* Walkers registration;
- \* Acknowledgement of Risk and Obligations by Members;
- \* Temporary Membership;
- \* Personal Emergency detail;
- \* Walk briefing;
- \* Incident Report Form.

Potential Leaders or current Leaders looking to upgrade their skills are welcome to register.

**Expressions of Interest  
 5 DAY TRIP TO DEAL ISLAND**

**Base Camp**

**3 Days of Walking and Exploring**

The last two years have seen four trips to Deal Island for the Melbourne Bushwalkers. We made history as the first Bushwalking Club to go there. Each group has had such a fantastic time we want to return in 2017. Check the website photogallery for trip photos (<http://mbw.org.au/zenphoto/index.php>; search on ‘deal’).

As with previous years, there are very limited sailing opportunities next year so we need to reserve our trip by the end of September. We are booking only one trip for 2017 with a proposed sailing window of early- to mid-February. There is space for only 12 walkers for this sailing season.

The cost for the boat for 12 walkers is \$459 per person, along with \$30 for a Tassie Parks Pass. The trip dates will only be finalised if we get enough expressions of interest and bookings confirmed by deposit payment.

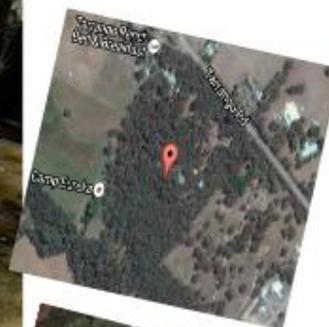
Contact Meredith Quick to register your interest on this great adventure or to find out more information!



# CHRISTMAS BASE CAMP CAMP EUREKA YARRA JUNCTION



Sat 24-Wed 28 Dec



These base camps are always popular as they give us a chance to run a series of day walks and then come together at night for our renowned convivial evenings and not-so-typical Christmas bonhomie!



More details in next month's News.

**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!**

**November 2016**

Thu 3	TOF: NEW: Cairns Bay–The Blowhole–Flinders	Pvt	Easy	CN:fr	Graham Hodgson
5–25	PC : Northern Vietnam Adventure Tour	Pvt	Med		Halina Sarbinowski
Sat 5	TRG: Basic Navigation Training	Pvt	Easy		Bushwalking Victoria
Sun 6	DAY: Mt Ida–Dargile Forest Circuit (Heathcote)	Car	E/M	NC:se	Chris Collett
Wed 9	DAY: Simmons Reef – Lerderderg Trail – Blackwood	Pvt	E/M	NC:ba	Sandra Mutimer
11–13	PC : More Plateau Explorations	Pvt	Med	NC:se	Ray Thomas
<b>Sun 13</b>	<b>DAY: Hawkes Hill – Mollisons Creek</b>	<b>Bus</b>	<b>E/M&amp;M</b>	<b>NC:se</b>	<b>Nik Dow &amp; Roy Rossebo</b>
Fri 18	SOC: Sunset walk, Ferntree Gully	Pvt	Easy	CN:md	Susan Maughan
Sat 19	CYC: Stratford–Traralgon (Gippy Plains Rail Trail)	Pvt	Med	WG:lv	Philip Brown
Sun 20	DAY: Domino Rail Trail	Car	Easy	CN:ba	Brett Daniel
Mon 21	MOF: Laverton – Altona Esplanade	Pvt	Easy	CN:me	Keith White
Wed 23	SOC: Walking in Iceland				Jenny Andrewes
Thu 24	SOC: Jenkins Park, Domain Wetlands	Pvt	Easy	CN:me	Jean Giese
Sat 26	DAY: Sassafras area	Pvt	E/M	CN:md	Helen Geddes
<b>Sun 27</b>	<b>DAY: Bunyip State Forest–Grevillea &amp; Boronia Res.</b>	<b>Bus</b>	<b>E&amp;E/M</b>	<b>CN:md</b>	<b>Cathy Merrick &amp; Jenny Andrewes</b>
Wed 30	DAY: Warburton riverside ramble	Pvt	Easy	CN:yg	Ed Neff & Mary Daley
Wed 30	TRG: Leaders: Unit 3 – Paperwork				Angela Vetsica (Coordinator)

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