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# THE NEWS OF THE Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.

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## PHOTOGRAPHS FROM RECENT CLUB TRIPS



Sunday walk to Lake Elizabeth, 2 June 2019. Photographer Ian Mair or John Morris.



Great South West walk, 19 April 2019.  
Photographer Jill Allen or Ian Mair.



Lake Tahune, Tasmania, September 2018.  
Photographer Ian Mair.

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21 July**

## MEMBER OF



Members of the Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc meet on Wednesday evenings between 7:00 and 9:00 pm in the club rooms at:

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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 1 July 2019**

## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members:  
Olivia Dotto, Fiona Bilbrough,  
John Widmer, Ewelina Madry,  
David Hancock, Kerry McKenzie,  
Judith Willetts, Maree Gibson,  
Anagha Khedkar

## PRE-LOVED PACK CARRY GEAR FOR SALE



The gear is suitable for someone who wants to try pack carries before spending money on new gear.

It comes as a set, which includes the following:

- Macpac Revine Pack 65L and 50L Pack liner
- Lux Firefly 1 man tent (includes footprint) Stand alone tent
- Neo-air Thermorest sleeping mat
- Titanium Cooktop, with 1 full can of gas and a ½ can of gas and billy

Selling cheap at about \$80 for the whole kit but open to negotiation to anyone who want sto give Pack Carries a go but doesn't want to spend a lot of money on gear.

## BASE CAMP GEAR ALSO FOR SALE

- Escape Adapt 2 man stand alone tent, 3.3 kg, good for base camps
- Single gas cooker with 2 full bottles (like spray cans)
- Camp chair and folding table
- 5 litre plastic water container.

Selling cheap, so open to any offers.

If Interested please contact Del Franks before 19 July 2019.

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN JULY 2019

Earlier this month I had the opportunity to spend three days in the company of funny, wonderful and amazing people all dedicated to working to avert a climate crisis. Former US Vice President Al Gore conducted the 41st climate change leadership training for over 700 people from across Australia and the Pacific in Brisbane. The three-day event – run by the Climate Reality Project – saw business and community leaders trained to be educators and take action with climate solutions, as the world moves to meet its commitments under the Paris Agreement. Following my personal training in 2011 in Jakarta I mentored and trained a group of these future leaders. The event left me inspired and energised and ready to get out and make a difference and to share my learning.

During the training the recent extreme weather and climate events that we have experienced here in Australia in past months and years were referenced frequently. However, it doesn't stop here; just in the past weeks there have been record breaking heat waves and the global trend is clear: 18 of the 19 warmest years on record have occurred since 2001. Heatwaves are getting more frequent and intense!

- India last week was in the grip of its worst heat wave, based on how much of the country was affected, according to the National Disaster Management Authority. The capital, Delhi, reached a daily record of 48 degrees Celsius, on June 10.
- On the other side of the hemisphere, San Francisco peaked at 37.8 degrees Celsius on June 12, also a daily record.
- Heat also spread unusually far north, even up into the northern reaches of Scandinavia.

Returning from Brisbane I often get asked What can I do? For this newsletter and in light that many of you are travelling to enjoy the great outdoors I thought I'd share my tips for sustainable responsible travel.

- Opt for eco-friendly transport.
- Go green with accommodation – find out how much importance the accommodation places on sustainability.
- Say no to single use plastic.

On your next holiday, play your part in promoting sustainable travel by prior planning and responsible choices. You can have an epic holiday while protecting the environment. Better yet, you can lead by example and encourage others to do the same.

Wishing you a healthy and safe hiking month whether you brace for the winter weather here in Victoria or venture far to explore some memorable hikes overseas. We love to hear from you and see your photos. Please contact me on [president@mbw.org.au](mailto:president@mbw.org.au).

*Susanne Etti*



# Social Events

**Wednesday 24 July, 8:00–9:00 pm**  
**WALKING IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA**  
**Presenter: John Chapman**



John Chapman will be presenting his experiences of walking the Gammon Ranges plus the link from the Gammon Ranges through to the north end of the Heysen Trail (passes through ranges but it's private property for which permission to cross was obtained). Including a section (the last 2 weeks) of the route Warren Bonython used when he first followed the Flinders Ranges from south to north.

*Bonython is credited with the conception of the Heysen Trail. In 1973, he and friend Charles McCubbin walked 463 kilometres north-south across the Simpson Desert, pulling a 250-kilogram loaded trailer dubbed 'the Comalco Camel', the trek lasting 32 days.*



**Wednesday 28 August, 8:00–9:00 pm**  
**TIPS ON TAKING BETTER PHOTOGRAPHS**  
**Presenter: Travis Easton**



Travis Easton, the author of 'Melbourne's Waterfalls – 314 Waterfalls within 100 km of Melbourne' and 'The Prom – Wilsons Promontory National Park' is returning to offer some tips on taking better photographs, specifically focusing on waterfall photography with a DSLR. Along the way he will showcase many of his own photographs of the waterfalls around Melbourne with the stories behind their discovery and the technical aspects of how he captured these images. For those who are interested, his books will be for sale on the night as well.



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### **NEEDED: ASSISTANT SUNDAY WALKS BOOKING OFFICER**

After over 12 years as the Assistant Sunday Walks Booking Officer supporting Halina, Del Franks will be leaving us to return to New Zealand. The Club thanks Del for her contribution and sends her the very best wishes for the future. Del has always been there to cover for Halina when she was exploring the world, so we now need one or more members to help as Assistant Sunday Walks Booking Officer(s).

The Assistant Sunday Walks Booking Officer role is an important position for the smooth running of the Club and a wonderful way to get to know other members.

The role of the Sunday Walks Booking Officer (SWBO) can be divided into 2 parts:

1. Responsible for attending the clubrooms on Wednesday nights to collect all monies payable to the Club. These monies include bus fees, temporary membership fees, membership renewal fees and equipment hire monies. On Wednesday nights the SWBO is also responsible for updating the Sunday walks bookings lists. The monies are then banked and the SWBO needs to email the treasurer to advise the break-up of monies collected.
2. Monitor the [busbookings@mbw.org.au](mailto:busbookings@mbw.org.au) email address and update the Sunday walks bookings lists based on the emails.

These duties can be covered by one person or by several. Wednesday nights also can be covered by a number of people each doing a different Wednesday night. Attention to detail and enthusiasm are the only requirements to fill this role. If you are happy to do either or both aspects of the role please contact me.

Thank you.

*Halina Sarbinowski*

### **WHERE CAN I FIND LEADER CONTACT DETAILS?**

Activity leaders are the backbone of the Club and volunteer a significant amount of their time to ensuring the Club's activity program runs smoothly. The Club respects their privacy when not directly undertaking Club activities and for this reason does not make their contact details available on the public web site.

Members who need to contact the activity leader to either book or cancel participation can find activity leader contact details in the Quarterly Activities Program forwarded to all members or in the Members' Area of the website by accessing the Members' Contact Details form. (The latest Quarterly Activities Program can also be downloaded from the Downloads page in the Members' Area of the website.) In the event of a change of leader notified on the website members can log in to the Members' Area or look for prior activities by the same leader to access contact details.

For Sunday walks, if you need to cancel after 4 pm on the Thursday before a walk you are expected to contact the leader direct. There is no assurance that emails sent to [busbookings@mbw.org.au](mailto:busbookings@mbw.org.au) will be monitored. Likewise it cannot be assured that personal messages sent to the Sunday Walks Secretary or the Sunday Bookings Officer will be actioned as they may be otherwise engaged or away.

### **HELP OUR GPS FIND ITS WAY HOME!**

The Club owns two Garmin Oregon 650 GPS units that can be borrowed by walk leaders and members for use on Club trips. There is no charge for their use; however, the details of who has borrowed the unit and when should be recorded in the Club's equipment hire book. If you are currently holding GPS Unit 1 can you please contact the Club on [equipment@mbw.org.au](mailto:equipment@mbw.org.au) so that we can advise others who wish to borrow a unit when it will be available.

### EAGLES PEAKS PACK CARRY, MAY 4-5 2019

This two day walk started with camping on Friday night at Sheeppark Flat, which was not without incident. We had an evening around the campfire after an earlier sunset stroll along the Howqua River up to the historic Chimney site. So it was an early night into bed for a good rest, only to be disturbed by the ferals – and not the 4-legged variety. Amazingly we were woken by a chainsaw in full action in the nearby forest area which continued until eventually the tree creaked and cracked and was heard to come tumbling down. Then around midnight a gunshot was heard to go off, also not too far away. Next time it may be preferable to walk into the camping site a couple of kilometres along the river and set up for the night away from the popular Sheeppark Flat.

Saturday morning we had an early start after Andrew arrived from Euroa to make up our small group of five with Clare leading and also Bruce, Howard and Dianne along for the walk. The morning walk up past Fry's Hut and off onto the Lickhole Creek Track brought us eventually into leech territory, and along with the thick blackberries and damp overhangs they were our constant companions for most of the day, and even into the tent for Andrew. After a lunch along the narrow track we made our way down to a stream to collect plenty of water to last us for the evening camp and all the next day. This was carried up the steep switchback climb which brought us near the top of Mt Darling later in the afternoon.

Our intention was to camp off the saddle past Lickhole Gap and en route to our Eagle Peaks destination for the next day. So after a bearing was taken we proceeded in the rain down off track bashing through thick and log-strewn undergrowth looking for that magical cleared spot to accommodate our five tents. On dark we settled for a fallen tree area that had created some clearing just enough to strategically erect tents amongst the overhangs and wooden protrusions. No campfire that night, the tents were up pretty quick and bodies disappeared very quickly to dry off and warm up, get some tucker in and hatch down for the night.

Sunday morning we were well recovered and set off sprightly on a very clear day making our way without much track again, but finding a way up the steep inclines and rock scrambles to the various Eagle Peaks. On the first peak we magically had an accompanying eagle drifting just above us. From the top we had far views taking in

sights such as Timbertop, Buller and The Bluff. After lunch we then headed mostly down with undulations following the Eagle Peak Track and finishing with a very steep 2 kilometre descent that joined the road leading into Sheeppark Flat. Along this road near camp we found the remains of the huge eucalypt tree that had been felled Friday night, now just a stump and mostly saw dust. It seemed to be that it had been logged for the wood. On route home we had a dinner at Mansfield. Our drive home was made easy as most of the group (except for Andrew who had a different destination) had car pooled in one vehicle from Lilydale. A great walk thanks Clare, well enjoyed by us all.

*Di McKinley*



### FRASER ISLAND, MAY 2019



Walking through the rainforest

On Friday evening we stayed at the YHA Hervey Bay with its beautiful landscaped gardens. The next morning our 'limousine' arrived at 7:30 am to take us to River Head to board the ferry to Kingfisher Bay. The trip provided great views of Fraser Island, building our excitement for the walk ahead. On arrival we were met by Steve who transported the group to Happy Valley, the start of the walk on the other side of the island. The ride along the sandy track was long and bumpy until we reached Eastern Beach where Steve put his foot down, skimming along the sand and passing many other vehicles

From Happy Valley the first day was a short walk to the Lake Garawongera campsite. The campsite was well appointed and one member had a dip in

the lake along with two Danish lads. At 8:30 am we headed to the Valley of the Giants. The track was solid sand and bordered on each side by lush rainforest. Although it was not really hot the humidity was high, sapping our energy and drenching clothing. The damp conditions were a haven many leeches and our donation to the leech blood bank was very generous.



Lake Boomanjin at sunrise

The following morning en route to Lake Wabby was a side trip to the Giant Tallow Wood Tree. The weather was similar to the previous day, but being in a rainforest a few light showers were encountered followed by sunshine. On either side of the track the understorey was the ideal site for the many types of unusual fungi, red, blue and white in colour. Lake Wabby is the victim of a sand blow which is slowly encroaching on the lake. In time the lake will disappear. The walk to the campsite some 2 km from the lake was energy-sapping – up a very steep spur.

From Lake Wabby our next stop was Central Station, along the way stopping at Lake McKenzie, a very sought-after tourist destination. After a quick dip and lunch, walking again through dense rainforest, we almost reached the campsite when it commenced raining heavily enough to don wet weather gear. On reaching Central Station luckily we had some shelter before seeking our campsite for the next two nights. The walkers' camp was somewhat disappointing, being overgrown, so we camped in the 4WD sites. After setting up camp, hot showers were very welcome, Heavy rain persisted through the night; however next morning it was bright and sunny. Without packs the walk to Eurong Beach (22 km return) along a beautiful rainforest stream was very pleasant. On reaching the coast we were greeted by a number of resorts and a bakery. It was great to eat some 'real food'. Whilst enjoying our lunch, we were astonished at the number

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## Along the Track

### FRASER ISLAND (continued from page 7)



Track through the rainforest

of the lake prior to sunrise and walking back to camp, when a dingo appeared, we eyeballed each other for a while, before the dingo cocked its leg on a nearby tree and walked off. On returning to camp I learnt that a dingo (the same one?) had challenged Sylvia en route to the toilet. Fortunately she made it back to camp without incident.

Later that morning we headed to Dilli Village, the official end of the Great Walk, and continued to our last campsite at Jabiru Swamp. It was easy walking along an old 4WD track, on one side the swamp, the other side scrubby bush. We had no great expectations for the campsite, no toilets or tap water and limited campsites. With some clever planning we managed to fit all seven tents on three campsites which were nestled into an interesting natural setting with lots of grasstrees and ferns. The walk for water was located around 1 km from the camp.

Our final day was to Hook Point to catch the barge to the mainland. Again following the 4WD track we were about halfway to the Point, when four dingos emerged from the bush about 50 metres in front of us. Three dingos walked on but the alpha male kept a close check before following the pack. When we reached Point Hook another dingo appeared and followed us up the beach for a while. The barge took us to Rainbow Beach (congested with 4WDs) for our transport back to Hervey Bay, a 2 hour trip.

Back at the YHA we had a celebratory dinner in the bistro. The next morning our 'limo' driver showed us around Hervey Bay before heading to the airport.

Congratulations to Meredith for organising a wonderful trip – transport, accommodation and everything else was spot on.

Many thanks to my co walkers Agajan, Marion, Roz, Sylvia and Tracey for their companionship and support.

Ray Spooner

of tourist buses ferrying tourists to and from the resorts. The group was divided on whether to walk back to camp or catch the taxi back to camp. Four decided to walk and the others opted to stay and enjoy the hospitality and taxi back.

Our next destination was Lake Boomanjinn, no longer walking through dense rainforest. The terrain was more open, although well forested. Gone were the towering trees of the previous days. The walk, around 20 km, was fairly easy, reaching the lake around noon. We lunched on the shore, before walking around to the campsite. The lake was well serviced, two fenced campsites, a fenced day visitor area and flush toilets. A quick dip in the lake was enjoyed before mealtime. After six days walking we finally encountered a dingo. I was taking photos



Fungi growing on tree stump



### PACK CARRY 8-10 JUNE, HATTAH-KULKYNE NATIONAL PARK

Fifteen walkers met on the Friday evening, 7th June, in the campground at the Hattah-Kulkyne National Park camping area. The drive up was very pleasant and it was encouraging to see the green crops coming through after the recent rainfall. A very social evening around the campfire preceded what was a very chilly night.

The group of very organised walkers had the cars at the carpark and ready to undertake the start of the walk along the Woodland Track just after 9:00 am. Beautiful blue skies and sunshine with a temperature around 17 degrees made for ideal walking conditions. The Mallee has extensive low scrub and open native pine woodland and this was in evidence along this part of the walk. Wildlife seemed to have eluded the group. The search was on for the Lace Monitors that the Rangers had previously informed our leader were around and very 'chubby', having been well fed on the dead carp that were left after the receding waters of the lakes.

After a mix of on-track and off-track walking we arrived at Lake Mournpall with magnificent red gums encircling the lake with pelicans and black swans cruising by. Blue-green algae prevented the lake water being used for human water activities but the bird life didn't seem to care. A scenic walk along the perimeter before heading off track under the gums gave the group a short respite out of the sun. Most of the smaller lakes were dry and had been for quite a while but still made for interesting walking. Lunch was partaken next to the Kangaroo Fence before passing through to head across country to the first overnight campsite near the Chalka Creek. Our leader had previously done a water drop and luckily he was clever enough to find the stash, much to the relief of the group. A short afternoon walk to the old Stockyard before returning to camp to undertake cooking the evening meal stretched out the tired leg muscles. No fire tonight due to park restrictions and it was very chilly overnight once again.

On the Sunday the group headed along the Chalka Creek which was bone dry with evidence of cod skeletons showing how quickly it had dried up. The changes in soil from hard packed white sand to the soft red sand with associated variations in vegetation was truly beautiful. A couple of emus and a few kangaroos were sighted, along with a few wild goats. Skirting the Reference Area had us at the Murray River for an enjoyable lunch on the banks. A few feral goats on the other bank entertained the walkers and did bring about some conversation about some 'old goats'(?). Camp was made a bit further along the Murray on a sandy area of the Murray, a beautiful campsite. Following tent set up and water collection, a fire was started on the beach just before a light shower of rain. Great timing. An early evening for all, with a warmer overnight temperature than the previous two nights.

Another rain shower in the early morning stopped as the time for departure arrived. Perfect timing! Our leader had all bases covered. The walk back along the red sand of the Mallee with the green grass starting to grow made for scenic walking. A few big red kangaroos showed their speed in the distance. Some colourful parrots and some choughs (thank you Kerry) were sighted along with a few other species. The cockatoos heralded our presence at various stages. Prickly pear still grows in this area and it is hoped that this will be controlled very soon before it proliferates as quickly as it seems to be doing at the moment. Superior climbing

skills had the group over the Kangaroo Fence gate at Lake Nip Nip with no injuries. Once again all these lakes were dry. Lunch was had at Lake Brockie under the gorgeous huge red gums before heading towards the end of the walk along Bugle Ridge walking track.

Yet again a brilliant walk in a beautiful and sometimes desolate part of the country. A huge thank you to our leader Ian, Halina, Alex, Jamie, Jeanette, Kerry, Ralph, Yiting, Megan, Lynn, David, Ros, Marion and Annamarie for once again a thoroughly enjoyable social and educational walk in an underrated part of the state. To the Lace Monitors, we will find you next time!!!



*Gayle Cameron*

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.

**DEPARTURE POINT  
 FOR SUNDAY WALKS**

The current departure point for Sunday walks noted on the walks program and in previews is at the bus stop on the northern corner of A'Beckett Street and William Street opposite the Royal Historical Society building.



**ACTIVITY AREA** Ballarat  
**MAP REFERENCE** Creswick walking and cycling map & Creswick Regional Park map & Parks Victoria

To passengers on this car pool – bring a change of shoes please.

This nice at times undulating walk starts and finishes at St Georges Lake (Creswick). Just to let you know, the preview walk was done after a lot of rain in the area.

On the preview walk I saw a wallaby and other mammals that were too quick for me to see what they were! Finishing at St Georges Lake, there was a variety of birdlife to see.

The walking tracks range from single tracks, but mostly wide maintenance tracks and a dirt road. Also part of the walk will be very briefly on slippery tracks – both up and down hills – about 500 m all up. So bring poles if you want.

About the overall walk – the first half of the walk is fairly flat, the second half after Slaty Creek picnic area becomes undulating for about 6 km.

Walking back to the cars – we shall pass Blue Waters. Once an open cut mine, Blue Water now is a gorgeous scenic area fantastic for bushwalking. Surrounded by striking red cliffs, the water is incredibly clear and shines an iridescent blue when the sun hits it.

Then – optional for all – we do the extra 2 km circuit walk of the St Georges Lake, undulating. The lake started as a mining dam for the Creswick State battery which crushed quartz for gold, but now has a diverse birdlife and fishing people drawn by the variety of fish in the lake.

Also it may be muddy – bring a change of shoes!!



**TOFS WALK**

WANDIN – SEVILLE

**DATE** Thursday 1 August 2019  
**STANDARD** Easy  
**DISTANCE** 11 km  
**LEADER** Doug Pocock  
**TRANSPORT** Private  
**MAP REFERENCE** Melway maps 119, 285

This walk combines back roads of Wandin and Seville and the Warburton Rail Trail. We start at Wandin Station yard and walk the rail trail to Seville. Leaving the trail we take some backroads leading back to the trail. We will have lunch at Seville station. After lunch we have a short sharp hill before



**SUNDAY CAR POOL**

ST GEORGES LAKE – SLATY CREEK – ST GEORGES LAKE

**DATE** Sunday 21 July 2019  
**RETURN TIME** 6:30 pm to city  
**STANDARD** Easy/Medium  
**DISTANCE** 14 km or 16 km  
**TOTAL ASCENT** 500 m  
**LEADER** Theo Mertzaniadis  
**COST** \$15 per passenger  
**TRANSPORT** Carpool – leaving cnr A'Beckett and William Streets (opposite old clubrooms) at 8:45 am

levelling off on a road with surprisingly extensive views of Yarra Valley. We will have afternoon tea at a private house before returning to the cars.

Meet at the parking area where the trail crosses Warbuton Highway just before the Post Office (Melways 119 B10). Toilets in the shopping centre. Be ready to walk at 10:15 am.



## BEGINNERS' PACK CARRY

### UPPER LODDON STATE FOREST

**DATE** Sat 3 to Sun 4 August 2019  
**START TIME** Depart from location in notes below at 9:30 am  
**RETURN TIME** Return to city by 5:00 pm  
**STANDARD** Easy  
**DISTANCE** 20.5 km  
**TOTAL ASCENT** 350 m rise  
**LEADER** Ian Mair  
**TRANSPORT** Private  
**ACTIVITY AREA** Upper Loddon State Forest  
**MAP REFERENCE** Vicmap Topo 1:30,000 A4: 7723-4-2-3, 7723-4-2-2

This delightful Easy pack carry is in a relatively isolated section of the Upper Loddon State Forest that provides an opportunity to enjoy the open box-ironbark forests of the goldfields region as we follow a route that combines a section of the Great Dividing Trail with off-track walking along undulating ridge lines and grassy flats beside the course of Tarilita Creek, all with minimal 4WD road walking. It includes a creek gorge and relics of the gold mining days as it passes through dry open forest with some rocky sections and numerous dry creek crossings.

If we are lucky we will likely spot swamp wallabies, eastern grey kangaroos, echidna and the colourful eastern rosella. We may also see a fox or two.

We should aim to meet at the Information Centre in Daylesford by 9:30 am.

We will spend Saturday night camped along the grassy flats of Tarilita Creek.

Walkers should be prepared for walking on sections of rough rocky terrain and through dense waist-high undercover. Good footwear and protection for arms and legs are recommended. We will also cross the creek bed numerous times but, provided we do not experience heavy rain, this will be easy going.

This is an enjoyable and varied walk suited to those just getting into pack carry activities and keen to extend their skills. The emphasis on this trip will be on enjoying the surroundings while sharing tips and advice on equipment selection, what to eat and how to prepare for longer trips, and at the same time experiencing a night outdoors. There will be enough challenges to make it interesting as well as enjoyable. The Club's selection of equipment for hire is an ideal way to test out some of the alternatives before making an expensive purchase.



## SUNDAY CAR POOL

### NEW: DEVILBEND RESERVOIR

**DATE** Sunday 4 August 2019  
**START TIME** Depart from cnr A'Beckett & William Sts at 8:45 am  
**RETURN TIME** Return to city at 6:30 pm  
**STANDARD** Easy  
**DISTANCE** 14 km

**TOTAL ASCENT** 80 m rise  
**LEADER** Brett Daniel  
**TRANSPORT** Carpool – leaving cnr A'Beckett and William Streets (opposite old clubrooms) at 8:45 am  
**ACTIVITY AREA** Hastings North  
**MAP REFERENCE** Vicmap 1:25,000 Hastings North



This is a new walk in the Mornington Peninsula.

This reservoir, situated in the Devilbend Natural Features Reserve, is the largest inland water body on the Peninsula. Lowland forest, grassy woodland and shoreline provide valuable Waterbury habitat; there are expansive views as the track circumnavigates the reservoir.



## CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

### ROVER CHALET, BOGONG HIGH PLAINS

**DATE** Sat 10 to Sat 17 August 2019  
**STANDARD** Various  
**LEADER** Doug Pocock  
**TRANSPORT** Private  
**ACTIVITY AREA** Bogong High Plains

Once again we have been offered the use of the Rover Chalet for a week's X-C skiing. The chalet is an 11 km ski in from Falls Creek so is well away from the crowds. The chalet is well fitted out with a commercial grade kitchen, mattresses for sleeping on in the loft, internal toilets and hot showers. There is a washing machine and a drying room. 240v power so you can charge your phones even if reception is restricted.

We run the week with a voluntary roster covering all the chores that need to be done, cooking, cleaning, wood chopping, bread baking etc. We try to organise full day trips every day taking lunch with us, usually at least two standards, an easier and a harder. If the weather is lousy we often play around on sheltered slopes near the chalet, perfecting (in my case trying) telemark turns.

The week includes Tawonga hall to sleep in on Friday night and a bus up and down to Falls Creek. To ski in we have to carry our fresh meat and vegetables; all the other food is stored in the large pantry in the chalet.

To go in you need to have had experience on skis and to be able to carry a pack. The pack can be kept fairly light as you don't need many clothes because you can wash and dry them up there.

If you are interested talk to Doug Pocock or Marilyn Whimpey or send an email to [xcski@mbw.org.au](mailto:xcski@mbw.org.au)



**SUNDAY BUS**

**LAKE DAYLESFORD – WOMBAT CREEK**

**DATE** Sunday 11 August 2019  
**RETURN TIME** Approx. 6 pm to city  
**STANDARDS** Easy and Easy/Medium  
**DISTANCES** 16 km and 19 km  
**TOTAL ASCENTS** 486 m and 680 m  
**LEADERS** Jamie Brawn and Nik Dow  
**TRANSPORT** Bus – leaving cnr A’Beckett and William Streets (opposite old clubrooms) at 8:45 am  
**ACTIVITY AREA** Daylesford



Daylesford township is located between Ballarat and Bendigo, 1.5 hrs east of Melbourne. The area is well known for a history of gold mining, logging and mineral spas.

We will start our walks near a spring east of Lake Daylesford. Walking along on well known tracks like the Dry Diggings and Lerderberg trails. Along the way we will see Lake Daylesford and other water bodies and parks before continuing on along an old railway line into the forest.

Terrain is undulating gold mining country with no large hills. Distances are 16 and 18 km approx. Both walks are similar in what you see and we hope you can join us for this relaxing walk.



**WEDNESDAY WALK**

**MERRI CREEK, YARRA RIVER, DAREBIN CREEK CIRCUIT**

**DATE** Wednesday 14 August 2019  
**RETURN TIME** 5 pm or earlier to cars  
**STANDARD** Easy/Medium  
**DISTANCE** 18 km  
**TOTAL ASCENT** Minimal  
**LEADER** Jerry Grandage  
**TRANSPORT** Private  
**MAP REFERENCE** Melway maps 19, 30, 31

Melbourne’s creeks and rivers offer pleasant walking even if it isn’t ‘real bushwalking’. The walking/cycling tracks are well segregated from roads and on this walk we will hardly see any vehicles, but we will hear them. We pass tranquil stretches of the Yarra, the basalt cliffs of the lower Merri Creek, and the varied landscapes of Darebin Creek, notably Darebin Parklands. The distance of about 18 km is longer than average for Wednesday walks but the walking is straightforward and

there are no hills. It is a non-circular walk and we will use a tram to get from the meeting place to the start – so bring your MYKI card! Meet at 10:00 am at the C T Barling Park car park off Plenty Road, Reservoir, Melway map 19 C7.



**SUNDAY CAR POOL**

**EASTERN VIEW**

**DATE** Sunday 18 August 2019  
**WALKING TIME** 5 hours  
**STANDARD** Medium  
**DISTANCE** 13.2 km circuit  
**TOTAL ASCENT** 490 m  
**LEADER** Jill Allen  
**TRANSPORT** Carpool – leaving cnr A’Beckett and William Streets (opposite old clubrooms) at 8:45 am

Starting at the Great Ocean Road memorial arch and largely on tracks, this varied walk meanders through heathland and open bushland on the ridges to the west of Moggs Creek behind Eastern View. It includes a pleasant circuit around moggs Creek then follows a winding track through mixed forests to a great view over the coast. It descends to the coast and concludes with a stroll along a sandy beach to return to the Great Ocean Road memorial arch. Moggs Creek picnic area has tables and toilets.



**MOFS WALK**

**HILLCLIMB TRACK – SHERBROOKE FALLS – PADDYS TRACK**

**DATE** Monday 19 August 2019  
**RETURN TIME** 3 pm  
**STANDARD** Easy  
**DISTANCE** 11 km  
**TOTAL ASCENT** 160 m  
**LEADER** Graham Hodgson  
**TRANSPORT** Private  
**ACTIVITY AREA** Dandenongs  
**MAP REFERENCE** Melway maps 75 and 124

We will start the walk with a moderate climb through cool fern gullies and mountain ash until we reach Sherbrooke Falls which hopefully will have water tumbling over the rocks. The rest of the walk is on undulating tracks in Sherbrooke Forest where hopefully we will hear lyrebirds imitating everything from other birds to chainsaws and jet planes. This is a very picturesque walk with typical Dandenongs scenery but could be slippery in places so wear sturdy footwear.

We will be meeting at 10:30 am in the carpark at the back of Micawber Tavern in Belgrave which is marked P on Melway map 75 F/G 7/8 Micawber Tavern is just past a plant nursery on the left about 1 km out of Belgrave.

For booking and further info ring Graham.



**SOCIAL WALK**

**BLACKBURN CREEKLANDS**

**DATE** Thursday 22 August 2019  
**RETURN TIME** 12:15 pm approximately  
**STANDARD** Easy  
**DISTANCE** 5 km  
**TOTAL ASCENT** Flat

**LEADER** Eleanor Weekes  
**TRANSPORT** Private car  
**ACTIVITY AREA** Blackburn Creeklands  
**MAP REFERENCE** Melway map 47 D11

Meet at RHL Sparks Reserve (Box Hill City Archers) at 10:15 am, entering via Albion Road Box Hill. Walk commences at 10:30 am.

A pleasant walk in urban bushland in track beside a creek. After reaching Main Road Blackburn we return via the other side of the creek.

Lunch at Laburnum – with short walk back to our cars afterwards

Book with Leader.



**SATURDAY WALK**

**PLENTY RIVER AREA**

**DATE** Saturday 24 August 2019  
**RETURN TIME** Before 4 pm to cars  
**STANDARD** Easy/medium  
**DISTANCE** 15 km  
**ELEVATION** Minimal, but some short ups and downs  
**LEADER** Jerry Grandage  
**TRANSPORT** Private  
**MAP REFERENCE** Melway maps 183 and 184

Start at 10:30 am at the Hawkstowe Picnic Area close to the LePage Farmhouse (Melway map 183 J7), not to be confused with the Red Gum Picnic Area – suggested access Plenty Road and Gordons Road. We will walk generally north, close to the river, as far as Mernda, returning via the Morang wetlands and lakes. You will see kangaroos and birds, red gum woodlands and river scenery. Please note that, while we will be on a track, the track is at times quite narrow and traverses broken ground with short ups and downs. Phone me to book in or enquire.



**SUNDAY BUS**

**TRAMPOLINE WALK**

**DATE** Sunday 25 August 2019  
**RETURN TIME** 6:30 pm to city  
**STANDARDS** Easy/Medium and Medium  
**DISTANCES** 14 km and 18 km  
**TOTAL ASCENTS** 710 m rise and 1010 m rise  
**LEADERS** Bettina Brill and Meredith Quick  
**TRANSPORT** Bus – leaving cnr A'Beckett and William Streets (opposite old clubrooms) at 8:45 am  
**ACTIVITY AREA** Dandenongs  
**MAP REFERENCE** Melway maps 66 and 65

This is a great and a bit challenging walk in the Dandenongs that includes the much talked about firebreak track (Glasgow Track) (Medium group).

Both walks will commence on a track south of Glasgow Road, Montrose and follow the tracks till Camelia Track where the two groups will take separate routes. The Easy/Medium Group will continue along Camelia Track until Doongalla Homestead is reached.

The Medium Group will continue up Glasgow Track and will eventually reach Doongalla Homestead.

From Doongalla Homestead both groups follow the same route to the end at Wicks Reserve in The Basin.

There is a fair bit of hill walking involved and, weather permitting, we should expect some excellent views.

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST  
 DEAL ISLAND  
 SUNDAY 29 MARCH TO  
 THURSDAY 2 APRIL 2020**



The Kent Group consists of three spectacular islands, Deal, Erith and Dover, which are situated in the middle of Bass Strait, halfway between Wilsons Promontory and Flinders Island.

The Club is offering another opportunity to visit these remote islands. This will be our 8th visit in 5 years. No punches are pulled in letting you know what to expect but the numbers who have already made the trip, some more than once, speak for themselves.

Please read the following information – if you are still interested in coming along please contact Geof Martin.

If we don't have sufficient Expressions of Interest by end of August the trip may not proceed.

- Costs (at this stage) – Boat trip \$500 pp, Tasmania Parks Pass (min cost \$30) and Pre-departure accommodation in Port Albert (\$30-50) and transport costs to get there.
- We will have three days of walking and exploring on the islands and two days of sailing.
- The trip departs Port Albert, which is 3 hours from Melbourne and the boat takes 9 hours to get to the islands. It can be rough and even hardened sailors can or will get sick if the weather is rough (but these islands are worth it!).
- The trip back takes 9 hours but feels like 19 hours!!
- There are NO facilities on the island, it is a base camp and there are NO showers or toilets. You have to take all of your own camping gear and supplies.
- You have to allow an extra day before and after in case the trip is delayed or extended due to bad weather, so if you are limited in leave, this is a consideration.
- A deposit of \$200 is required to book on the trip and final payment will be required in February and the amount paid is NOT REFUNDABLE unless we can find someone else to take your place.

Bus transport meets at cnr A'Beckett and William Streets, Melbourne, before 8:45 am. Leader or deputy will be there rain, hail or shine!

August 2019				
Thu 1	TOF: Wandin – Seville	Pvt	Easy	Doug Pocock
3–4	PC : Beginners PC: Upper Loddon SF	Pvt	Easy	Ian Mair
Sun 4	DAY: NEW: Devilbend Reservoir	Car	Easy	Brett Daniel
10–17	SKI: X-C Skiing: Rover Chalet, Bogong High Plains	Pvt	various	Doug Pocock
<b>Sun 11</b>	<b>DAY: Lake Daylesford – Wombat Creek</b>	<b>Bus</b>	<b>E&amp;E/M</b>	<b>Jamie Brawn and Nik Dow</b>
Wed 14	DAY: Merri Creek, Yarra River, Darebin Creek circuit	Pvt	E/M	Jerry Grandage
Sun 18	DAY: Eastern View	Car	Med	Jill Allen
Mon 19	MOF: Hillclimb Track – Sherbrook Falls – Paddys Track	Pvt	Easy	Graham Hodgson
Thu 22	SOC: Blackburn Creeklands	Pvt	Easy	Eleanor Weekes
Sat 24	DAY: Plenty River Gorge	Pvt	E/M	Jerry Grandage
<b>Sun 25</b>	<b>DAY: Trampoline Walk</b>	<b>Bus</b>	<b>E/M&amp;M</b>	<b>Bettina Brill and Meredith Quick</b>