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Reflections on Lake Catani, Mt Buffalo - R.I Mair

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New Members

We welcome the following new members:

Anne Wilkins
Matthew Potter

Christopher Fleming
Mubashar Rashid

Deb James
Nicole Crockford

Greta Cunningham
Susan Ullert McErlain



Rock isotomes and kunzia at Mt Buffalo - R.I Mair



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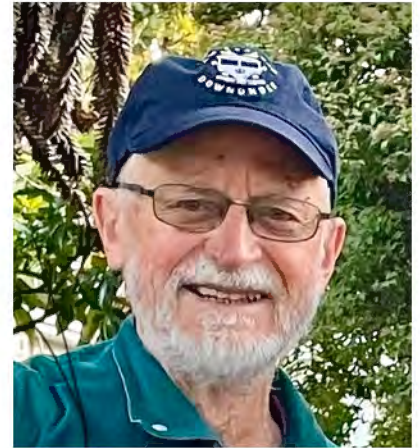
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President's column

Summer is here! The (expected) better walking weather is reflected in the December programme's larger number of walks. At our November committee meeting it was recorded that we had 541 members with 152 temporary members so there may be some competition for the more popular walks. Just a word of caution here, please be aware that when you book on a walk please take this booking seriously. Unlike elsewhere where one needs to make a significant financial commitment it is very easy to cancel an MBW booking but please consider the effect on the leader, it's all extra work. And where there is a small number of walkers involved, a cancellation may affect the viability of the walk. It can be more than a little frustrating for the leader when several people cancel, especially at the last minute.



It's fast approaching the season of goodwill so let's be extra nice to one another, especially our leaders. There's likely to be a number of new and newish people on many of our walks so please look out for these and ensure that you have a chat with them. And maybe consider taking some photos and put up the best ones on our website photo gallery. It's easy to do, full instructions are provided. Go down in history!

I hope to see you at the party on the 12 December. Happy and safe walking!

Derrick Brown

Vale Sylvia Andrews

Derrick Brown

We have heard sad news that Sylvia Andrews (nee Withall) died on 3 November 2023. Sylvia was a Club member from 1975 to the turn of the century. She met Dave Andrews and they had a Club romance, marrying in 1978. It transpired that they both had German ancestors and they visited the area in Mecklenburg Pomeria where the ancestors came from on one of their many trips overseas during retirement.

Sylvia was a strong walker and backpacker and a stalwart club supporter. Both Sylvia and Dave were very interested and knowledgeable in Victorian Flora. Sylvia introduced ex-president Jean Giese and many others to backpacking and was a much valued Club member and personality, often being the 'meet and greet' person at Club meetings. Dave was the Club Treasurer for the years 1973-74.

The News records them both at the Rawson Ski weekend led by Ralph Blake in August 1999, which became a walking weekend due to the lack of snow. On retirement around 2001 they moved to Deloraine in Tasmania where they settled into the local community. They had a fine garden and grew many indigenous plants. They have hosted Melbourne Bushies at their Deloraine home and have kept contact with the Club, being recipients of the newsletter for many years.



Sylvia with Jean Giese



Editor's note: It's obvious that Graham Wills-Johnson was a highly esteemed member of the club – after Jerry's tribute in the News last month, here is another colourful perspective on Graham. Those of us who didn't know earlier members can gain inspiration by reading about their exploits. Thanks, Geoff.

Vale Graham Wills-Johnson 1938-2023

Geoff Law

When I joined the Melbourne Bushwalkers in 1974 at the tender age of 16, I was quite in awe of a major club figure named Graham Wills-Johnson. Not only was he a very experienced bushwalker, he was also articulate on a huge range of other subjects, from technology to music, and a prolific writer. Graham was a lecturer in physical chemistry at the RMIT, so as a science student, I was very interested in his insights into related disciplines.

Despite his obvious gravitas, Graham could be very self-deprecating when it came to his own fitness as a bushwalker. A written preview for a walk he was leading into the scrubby Serra Range of the Grampians/Gariwerd in 1975 was full of mock gloom and doom. Suits of armour would have to be worn while pitching tents. The proposed escape route was something he had only managed to view 'lugubriously from afar' (which had me scurrying for the dictionary). As it happened, Graham's pessimistic prognostications came to fruition when our party of about 10 was forced into an ignominious retreat from the ridge in vile weather. We camped in what was effectively a swamp, in which three of us managed to suffer 'leech in the eye'.



Graham's record as a bushwalker is impressive. For the club, he led walks into rugged parts of the Victorian Alps (including a very tough first stage of the Alpine walking track) and cross-country skiing trips to far-flung destinations such as The Bluff and the northern parts of Kosciusko National Park. He led extended summer trips to Tasmania's wilderness and the mountains of New Zealand.

Many of these expeditions were chronicled in the club's annual magazine, *Walk*, to which he also contributed learned articles about a diverse array of subjects that included the computer revolution, the scientific principles behind making maps, and astronomy. He also researched and wrote an inspirational series of biographies on influential Australian bushwalkers such as Paddy Pallin, Jack Thwaites, Warren Bonython and Myles Dunphy.

Graham was a voice for wilderness conservation at a critical time. In the mid-1980s, he served as president of the Victorian National Parks Association (VNPA). This was a very fruitful period for the VNPA, with new national parks being declared in the Grampians/Gariwerd, East Gippsland and the Victorian Alps.

Graham had his idiosyncrasies. He disliked the prickly feeling of a two-day growth, so would shave on bushwalks. This led to some rather incongruous situations on the Sunday morning of a bushwalk, particularly if it was raining. When climbing hills carrying his large Flinders Ranges pack, he would huff and puff at such a volume that fellow walkers sometimes expressed concerns for his health. Club wag, Charles Knight, referred to the noise as Graham's 'afterburner'. Graham's preferred evening meal on weekend walks was steak barbecued on the campfire. This meant adding to his pack the weight of a greasy, blackened griller wrapped in layers of newspaper and plastic. (His companions made free use of this filthy implement to cook their own steaks.) He

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could whistle, and the sounds of nature at a club campsite would often be embellished by Graham's clear and true musical phrases from cantatas by his beloved JS Bach. He could also sing. On one long night-time van trip to north-east Victoria, I sat next to Graham while we all sang club favourites such as 'Rum by Gum' and 'On Ilkley Moor Bar t'At'. Graham's adventurous harmonies were sung so strongly that I completely lost the main tune.

Graham Wills-Johnson (sometimes known as GWJ or Yeti) was a polymath who was very generous with his time and knowledge. He served as president of the Melbourne Bushwalkers in the period 1977-79, as editor of Walk magazine in 1974, and in various other office-bearing positions. Many of the images available online on the website of the Melbourne Bushwalkers were taken by Graham. As a bushwalker, conservationist and scientist, he was an extremely influential and erudite figure who enriched the lives of his many friends and colleagues.



December Safety and Risk Reminders

Mick Noonan, Risk Officer

This month the main theme is "**safety**". Members, Leaders and the Club all have key safety roles. Individual members also need to take responsibility for their own safety. When you come prepared then you and your fellow walkers will have more fun and reduce the impacts if something does go wrong.



Whistle Codes: Remember the Whistle Codes?

- **3 blasts** indicate an **emergency** and all walkers should move to where the signal originated e.g. a missing person.
- **2 blasts** indicate a need to **regroup** e.g. a person needs first aid, the group is too spread out.
- **1 blast** indicates **acknowledgement** and lets everyone know that a message has been heard and is being actioned.



If an acknowledgement whistle is not heard then it is important that a message is **relayed** (repeated) so that all walkers, especially the leader and Whip, are aware of either an emergency or the need to regroup. It is essential that all walkers carry a

whistle. Have you got a good quality Whistle? Get one for just \$2 at the Christmas Party!

<p>Safety Guidelines One-Day Walks With the Melbourne Bushwalkers</p>  <p>ALWAYS CARRY THESE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sufficient water, lunch, spare energy food, toilet trowel.• Pencil, paper, first aid kit, whistle, torch, matches in waterproof container• Raincoat, warm extra clothing, beanie• Sunhat, sunscreen <p>WHAT TO DO IF YOU ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• get ahead of the leader<ul style="list-style-type: none">– wait at EVERY track junction• lose contact with the person behind you<ul style="list-style-type: none">– stop & wait for them to catch up• make a toilet stop<ul style="list-style-type: none">– leave your pack on the track <p>IF SEPARATED FROM THE GROUP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Don't wander – STAY PUT (searchers will begin where you were last seen)• Intermittently blow your whistle and/or shout• If night falls, take shelter from the wind	<p>Courtesy Guidelines For walks with the Melbourne Bushwalkers</p>  <p>BY PARTICIPATING YOU AGREE TO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Respect the rights of other walkers• Follow instructions of the leader, "whip" or bus driver• Turn up on time <p>CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take your rubbish home – even if biodegradable• Avoid trampling on sensitive, new or rare growth• Minimise plant damage – don't cut track corners• Leave wildlife alone – whether native or introduced• Keep at least 100 metres away from watercourses for toilet stops• Bury toilet waste at least 15 cm below the surface• Look after community property including huts
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Members Yellow Safety/Courtesy Card:

This card is a handy reminder of basic safety guidelines for day walks including what to always carry, and what to do in a few key situations e.g. if you become separated from the group. A handy companion for your Green Health Card! If you don't have a Yellow Card then cut one out from this news, fold it over, pop it in a zip bag and put it in your day pack. You can also pick one up in the Clubrooms.

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What extra things a Leader should carry and check in fire season (MOD):

An AM/FM Radio (or the ABC Listen App) to check fire *and flood* warnings. While many Leaders have their own radios, good quality radios are available to borrow for free from the Clubrooms. These items are in addition to first aid kits, and mobile phones that should always be carried. The requirements to carry PLBs now applies throughout the year.

As well as checking for Total Fire Bans and Extreme Temperatures, also see if there are any **Community Fire Refuges** (CFR) and/or **Neighbourhood Safer Places** (NSP) in the walk area and driving route (via the CFS Website). See article in this news on CFRs and NSPs.

Members and especially Leaders are encouraged to read these monthly Reminders to stay aware of their responsibilities as participants or as leaders on Club Activities: NEW = a new item; MOD= changed from last time; and the others are unchanged.



Community Fire Refuges & Neighbourhood Safer Places

Mick Noonan

The Club's fire policies aim to ensure that members are not exposed to fire risk through cancelling activities on days of a Total Fire Ban. All groups including multi-day groups (for which the fire danger may change during the activity) should take an AM/FM Radio or the ABC Listen App during the fire season so they can check with the local ABC emergency station on fire conditions, CFA directions, etc.

You may be visiting friends, travelling through an area where a fire develops, working outdoors in an area that becomes high risk, a health worker visiting clients, etc. so it is worth understanding what '**Community Fire CFR**' and '**Neighbourhood Safer Places NSP**' are and the differences between them. Remember, the State Government advice is "When the Fire Danger Rating is Extreme or above, leaving high-risk bushfire areas the night before or early in the day is your safest option". The only safe place to be is somewhere else!

During serious fire danger periods '**Evacuation Centres**' will often be established where people can go when they decide to leave early. For people who don't or cannot leave then '**Community Fire Refuges**' and '**Neighbourhood Safer Places**' are intended to be used **only** as a last resort when all other options for the bush fire survival plan can't be put into action safely.

Community Fire Refuges

There are currently only five official Community Fire Refuges in Victoria, at East Warburton, Ferny Creek, Millgrove, Blackwood and Lavers Hill. They are designed to strict standards to withstand bushfires. Community Fire Refuges are only activated and opened once there is significant fire in the local area. Community Fire Refuges offer a last resort shelter option if you cannot leave the area in the event of a fire. The presence of emergency services is not guaranteed at a community fire refuge. Safe travel to and from the site cannot be guaranteed. The number of people each refuge can hold is limited.



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Neighbourhood Safer Places or 'Bushfire Place of Last Resort'

There are over 350 of these places across Victoria. They are established by councils to standards set by the CFA. They **may** provide some protection from direct flame and heat from a fire, but they do not guarantee safety.

They are not an alternative to planning to leave early or to stay and defend your property; they are a place of last resort if all other fire plans have failed. They are also not an appropriate destination when leaving the area early.

They are an existing location and not a purpose-built, fire-proof structure. Many are simply a clearing that provides separation distance from the bushfire hazard (e.g. forest). Not to be confused with Community Fire Refuges, Relief Centres, Recovery Centres or Assembly Areas, each of which have a different and specific purpose. Sheltering at one does not guarantee your safety. They may offer improved protection (e.g. a safer place) if caught in a fire but they cannot be considered as 'safe'.



What's the difference?

Most Neighbourhood Safer Places - Places of Last Resort are open-air spaces such as sports ovals, whereas Community Fire Refuges are enclosed buildings that are built or modified to withstand fires.

LINKS

If you want to know more use the following links.

<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/fire-refuges-faqs>

<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/neighbourhood-safer-places>

Other states have similar constructs

[Neighbourhood Safer Places in New South Wales](#) on the NSW Rural Fire Service website

New Years Day BBQ kicking on from 12 o'clock

Back by popular demand! The Bushies' much-loved New Year's Day BBQ is returning to **BELLBIRD PICNIC AREA, KEW.**

No need to book, but bring along everything - e.g. plates, glass, tools, chair, something to throw on the BBQ and a little something to share.



There's a large parking area and the site is adjacent to a pretty section of the Yarra.

There's also a shelter, offering shade from the sun - I am ever-hopeful of good weather!

Susan Maughan





XMAS PARTY INVITATION

TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER

**MISSION TO SEAFARERS, 717 Flinders St, Docklands
6PM - 9PM**

**Finger food provided. Drinks available at the bar.
RSVP TO: social@mbw.org.au by December 1st**

**Join us to catchup & celebrate another
fabulous year!**



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What does a campground host do?

You'll spend a few hours each day:

- welcoming campground visitors
- providing general information about the area
- assisting with maintenance of visitor facilities.

Where in the Territory?

See locations on the map.

What times of the year?

Our program is seasonal (May – September) when the weather is cool and dry. Placements at each park are usually 3 weeks.

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Macalister Springs-Crosscut Saw-Mt Speculation – 10-12 November, 2023

Peter Neish

After a gruelling drive up the Tamboritha Road past Licola, eight of us camped Friday night along the banks of Shaw Creek. The next morning, a further hour of careful driving saw us arrive at the Howitt carpark eager to start our walk. The weather was beautiful, and we were soon on our way along the Howitt walking track. Our first stop was Vallejo Gantner Hut where we spent some time exploring the architecturally significant building and surroundings before heading down to Macalister Springs to fill up with water for the rest of the day.



We were soon heading up towards Mount Howitt. We decided we'd skip the ascent of Mt Howitt because the day was warming up and we still had a significant walk ahead of us. We headed out along the Crosscut Saw where the fine day gave us spectacular views. At the junction of Stanley Name Spur we happened to bump into another group of Melbourne Bushies out for a few days. One of our party decided to jump ship and spend the night with them at Macalister Springs and return with us the next day.

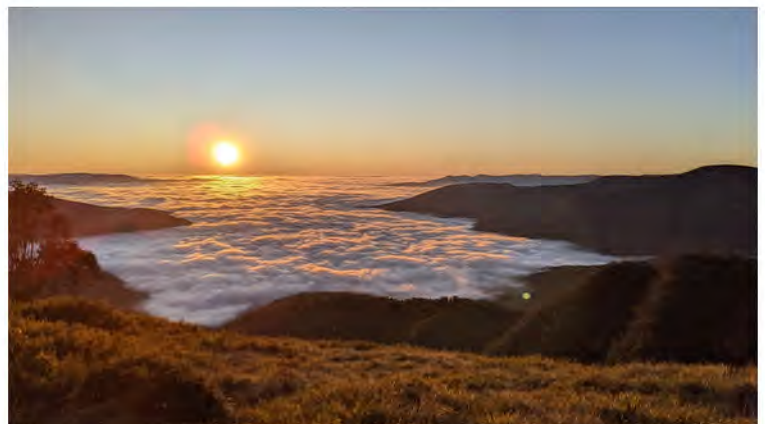
The rest of us pressed on along the Crosscut Saw, where we had a delightful lunch admiring the views out to the Viking and Mt Speculation (our destination for the night). After traversing the Crosscut Saw and Mt Buggery, we then had a few rock scrambles while climbing to the top of Mt Speculation. Our reward after our efforts were some magnificent views of the surrounding mountains including the Viking, Mt Buffalo, and Mt Bogong. After admiring the views and a short rest, we descended to our campsite just below the summit. We set up camp and a trek down the hill to Camp Creek allowed us to collect water for the night and the next day. We ate dinner while admiring the views and the colours of the mountains in the setting sun.

The next morning had us in awe as the sun rose over the cloud filled valleys. After breakfast and packing up we set out on our return journey, retracing our steps. The weather was warm and clearer than the previous day and the views were even more extensive. We met many others enjoying the mountains as we tackled the ups and downs of Mt Buggery, Horrible Gap and the Crosscut Saw. We had a well-deserved rest while lunching in the shade of the snow gums and continued our walk back to our cars arriving mid-afternoon.

The long drive home was broken in the middle with dinner at the pub in Heyfield where we reflected on a challenging but hugely rewarding hike that took in some of the best alpine walking in Victoria. A huge thankyou to David for your excellent leadership and encouragement.

Leader: David.

Hikers: Annemarie, Bettina, Eduardo, Fang, John, Peter and Rosalind



Tarra Valley Basecamp - 11-12 November 2023

Rob Jung

Fifteen of us assembled at Tarra Valley Retreat (TVR) caravan park for Jan Colquhoun's basecamp weekend in the Tarra Valley. Jan's plan was two end-to-end day walks from the Grand Strzelecki Track.

Saturday's walk started near Mt Tassie, and at first we following cleared, then logging areas. Later along the Duff Heritage Trail, we entered some of the inspiring forests, which once covered the Strzelecki Ranges. After lunch we passed through more of these forests on tracks leading to the end of the day's walk near Tarra Falls.



We had fine weather for the weekend, but in days past it had been wet and the leeches made sure we weren't too distracted looking up at the tall trees and groves of treeferns. Plenty of attention was made to flicking them off, mostly successfully. There were other things to interest us too, such as tasting pepper bushes, the displays of mint bush and the brown snake.

A rethink was required when we arrived at Saturday's end point. The cars at our start were beyond the very narrow Tarra Valley Road and that was now blocked with SES tape. There was no note describing what might have occurred nor how long it might be closed. So we retreated to the caravan park. A phone call to SES via the TVR payphone provided no information, nor did the network of people in Valley.

The caravan park has good camp kitchen facilities and we forgot our car retrieval problems with the banquet that followed for Saturday night. My food was in one those detained cars, so I was glad there was plenty of excess and very grateful for what I was offered.

A new plan was hatched by Sunday. We would do a short walk (Cyathea falls track) which started from the carpark at the end of Saturday's walk and then we would think about packing up at TVR and retrieving our other cars. When we arrived at the Cyathea Falls carpark, the SES tape had been removed, so our new plan was changed. Most of our group did that walk, while the drivers were transported back to their cars. We noted that the Tarra Valley road had been blocked by a tree about 40cm in diameter. Apparently, it had fallen at about the time we had driven past on Saturday morning, so we were probably lucky.

We finished the weekend with another short walk later with more of the outstanding forests: the short circuit walk over the suspension bridge near Balook. Many thanks to Jan for organizing and implementing these walks and for working around the problems which occurred.

Tarra Bulga Base Camp – 10-12 November, 2023

Claire Foley

Fifteen adventurers braved the drive from Melbourne – past the sad/ ugly power stations around Traralgon... and then onto the scenic Grand Ridge Road, passing through Balook. A wonderful change of scenery that got better as we turned onto the most beautiful scenic drive along Tarra Valley Road to arrive at our base camp at Tarra Valley Retreat. We were to be spending the next three days on Gunaikurnai Country.

Our first day was an amazing walk through cool temperate rainforest. The giant tree ferns only outdone in 'awesomeness' by the Mountain

Ash eucalyptus and Myrtle Beech trees. There were a number of hazards including either climbing over or sliding under trees that had fallen over the track. Leeches

also had their fun with us: when stopping for a breather it was best to keep the feet moving to ensure not too many blood suckers started to climb up your legs. Many of us spied a handsome snake. I think it was a copperhead.

The car shuttle system can often be confusing... But with expert directions from our Leader Jan, we headed off with seven cars – and ending with four cars to collect at the end of the walk. Alas it wasn't to be! At the end of an amazing day of walking, we were faced with SES tape across the road, barring our entry to where the last four cars were parked.



Jan took up the situation calmly, made decisions and let us all know 'it will all be okay in the end'. We all travelled back in the three remaining cars and 'parked' the problem until more information was to hand. Jan had made it pretty clear that there was no point making alternate plans until we knew the situation the next morning. As it turned out, a tree had fallen and the SES crews had worked overtime so that by the next morning we could get along the road to collect the cars.

Our second day walk was over the Corrigan Suspension bridge which 'stretches through the rainforest canopy, giving views of the lush fern gully below' ending with lunch at the visitors' centre.

I found this base camp to be so enjoyable; helped enormously by the clear and full guidance provided by Jan both before the camp and during; especially when a curve ball was thrown. Thanks to Jan who did an incredible job - and all the wonderful people on this trip – and by extension to all the people that work to make MBW club what it is.



Mt Buffalo Big Walk - 17-19 November 2023

Andreas Meister

On Saturday morning nine enthusiastic bushwalkers braved the Mt Buffalo Big Walk starting at Eurobin Creek Picnic ground. Our Leader Ting ominously warned this walk was uphill all the way. In perfect weather we started hiking up a steep valley under tall gum trees. The climb was so steep we quickly traversed through different vegetation zones. We were entertained by many birdcalls, which were all known to Gina, a walking encyclopedia of knowledge.



We crossed Mt Buffalo road three times, wary of reckless cyclists shooting downhill silently. After a break at Mackays Lookout, we traversed a large sloping rock plateau up a hot zigzag track between shrubs in yellow and mauve bloom. We soon reached Mariott's Lookout facing the massive rock face of Mt Buffalo. Great view but only halfway up!

The upper section of track was again shaded and less steep, passing between huge granite boulders. We stopped for lunch at Reeds Lookout and admired two hang gliders. Later we reached Eurobin Gorge, where aptly named Pulpit Rock Lookout provided splendid views of the Eurobin creek waterfall, a vertical cliff wall and the Ovens valley below.



Mt Buffalo Chalet was a zoo of motorists, so we continued to the idyllic Lake Catani campsite and soaked in the serene atmosphere there. After dinner we toured Chalwell Galleries, squeezing through narrow crevasses between the rock boulders - such fun! A perfect sunset rounded off the day.

Sunday morning was chilly, at 6-8 deg C. We hiked up to View Point Lookout with stunning surround views of the alpine panorama. Then we descended into the valley with the underground river and back to the Chalet, where - yeay - a coffee van was parked! The Rhododendrons in the Chalet garden were in full bloom and we took in the magnificent views facing East from the lookouts. Some haze in the distance blurred the horizon and caused much debate. Which ridge is Feathertop??



The descent was easy-peasy, much to everyone's relief. Halfway down we split into two groups, some relaxed, others explored Rollason's Falls. Plentiful water cascaded down two falls, each with a basin. At the lower basin, intrepid bathers plunged into the clear cold water but immediately lurched out again. The final descent was hard on the knees - by 3 pm we all made it back. What wonderful memories, thanks a million to the conscientious and excellent guidance by Ting.

Upcoming activities

December 2023

2-3	PC: Lerderderg River Ramble	Pvt	E	Robert Ian Mair
Sun 3	DAY: Marysville: Red Hill-Gilberts Gully	Car	E/M	Stuart Hanham
Mon 4	MTG: Club Committee meeting	Pvt	Soc	Derrick Brown
Tue 5	MTG: Emergency communications & getting assistance in the bush	Pvt		Mick Noonan
Thu 7	TOF: Candlebark, Eltham Lwr & Westerfolds Parks	Pvt	E	Jopie Bodegraven
8-10	PC: Beginners: Razorback-Mt Feathertop	Pvt	M	Dianne McKinley
8-10	PC: Mt Buller North Ridge	Pvt	M/H	Leigh Wykes
9-10	MNT: BTAC: Ovens Region-Mt Buffalo	Pvt		Meredith Quick
Sun 10	DAY: Mt Martha-The Briars-Safety Beach	Bus	E&E/M	Robert Ian Mair & Halina Sarbinowski
11-15	BC: Fedwalks 2024: Scoping Week	Pvt	E&M/H	Robert Ian Mair
Tue 12	SOC: Melbourne Bushwalkers Christmas Party	Pvt		Committee
13-17	PC: Fiddlers Green-Black River-Woods Point	Pvt	M	John Terrell
Wed 13	DAY: Sherbrooke Forest	Pvt	E/M	Jerry Grandage
15-17	PC: Mt Nelse-Batty Hut site	Pvt	E/M	Claire Luxford
Sun 17	DAY: You Yangs	Car	E/M	Judith Shaw
Mon 18	MOF: Maribyrnong River - Stage 3	Pvt	E	Rosemary Cotter
Wed 20	DAY: One Tree Hill, the backway	Pvt	E/M	Chris Lord
23-28	BC: Xmas in the Yarra Valley	Pvt	Var	Susan Maughan
Sun 24	NO SUNDAY WALK-option to join Camp Eureka	Pvt		Susan Maughan
26-1	PC: Jagungal Wilderness circuit	Pvt	M/H	Robert Ian Mair
27-1	PC: The Cobberas	Pvt	M/H	Rachel Keen
Thu 28	SOC: Studley & Yarra Bend Parks	Pvt	Soc	Merilyn Whimpey
Sun 31	NO WALK			

For detailed preview notes and program updates, please refer to the activities program on our website: https://mbw.org.au/mbw_activities/MBW_activities_program.php