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Volcanic Hills of Camperdown base camp - R. Jung

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Bushwalking Victoria

Members of the Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc meet on Wednesday evenings between 6.30-8.30 pm in the club rooms at:

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Calls for expressions of interest for club activities and extended trips, 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 (maximum 400 words recommended). 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 high resolution files which are capable of being edited.

Please send your contributions as unformatted text files by email to news@mbw.org.au

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New Members

We welcome these new members to the club:

Alida Hellenen
Emma Scally

Fatiha Nurfitriani
Maria Ogden

Ye Lin

Alexander Schifferegger

Opportunity to help the club and meet more members!

We need some more volunteers to help book people onto Sunday walks, taking turns with others on Wednesday evenings at the club rooms, perhaps once every six weeks. Helpers should be proficient with computer use but training will be provided.

Quentin looks forward to hearing from you on geog@bigpond.com



Would you like your trip photos featured in the newsletter?

Due date for contributions to October News: 21 September

Email: news@mbw.org.au



One important aspect of the Club is the social connections offered to us along the track, in the club room, on the bus. I believe it's worth highlighting these opportunities, when much is now written about social isolation and loneliness across all age groups. Hopefully you have benefitted from these interactions. I know I have.

This is the perfect time to thank last year's Social Secretary, Meredith, who bequeathed Bernie a terrific calendar of guest speakers and slide nights for the monthly social nights. While it is impolitic to choose favourites, it has to be noted that the recent talk on TE ARAROA, ("the path" running the length of New Zealand) proved to be immensely popular, and full credit to Bernadette for accomplishing this incredible feat, and having energy left over to present a slide night! Sadly, I wasn't able to attend, but we are hoping for an encore.

More recently, two prominent members of the WILDERNESS SOCIETY gave a thought-provoking and sobering assessment of their work, and generously contributed to the Q & A session afterwards. The remaining 2025 social nights are on the website.

Of course, our main social event of the year really isn't so far away, especially as we are now into September.
PLEASE DIARISE Tuesday, 9th December, our Christmas Party!



Training activity: Navigation by map and compass

Date: Saturday 25 October
Time: 10am-3pm
Leader: Quentin Tibballs
Venue: Chewton State Forest

This training day will be conducted on the Victorian Rogaining Association's permanent course in the Chewton State Forest.

Rogaining is an excellent and exciting way to learn map and compass navigation and involves navigating from one permanent marker to another and can fine tune reading of a topographical map. The markers are placed with a description of their locality on the map and are generally a half to one and a half km's apart. We could expect to cover up to 10km for the day.

The plan is to divide into small groups of 2 or 3 people, one of who will be familiar with map and compass navigation, and to visit several pre agreed points prior to a lunch break when we will debrief, and a further repeat of the process in the afternoon.

Maps and compasses will be supplied.

Please contact Quentin for further details on geoq@bigpond.com

Car sharing from Melbourne may be arranged.



A Varied Half Year of General Walks

Compared to the first half of 2024, the number of activities offered by our Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Social Walks and Saturday groups, during the same period this year, was quite similar. However, there were 3 less Base Camps/ Lodge trips, 2 more Pack Carries, an extra Canoeing activity, and 2 less Training events. No Conservation attendances were recorded.



Highest Attendances

Monday: May 19, **Westgate Park – Port Melbourne** – 10 (2 visitors)

Wednesday: Jan. 8, **Macleod – Darebin Creek** – 17 & Mar. 26, **Maribyrnong River, Steele Creek – Valley Lake** – 17 (1)

Thursday: Jan. 2, **Yarra River – Flockhart Reserve – Dights Falls** – 18 (3)

Social Walks: June 26, **Royal Park** – 14 (2)

Saturday: Apr. 26, **Mt. Charlie** – 18 (3)

Base Camps: Mar. 8, **Great Barrier Island (NZ)** – 17

Lodges: Apr. 17, **Easter at Falls Creek** – 30 (1)

Pack Carries: Apr. 17, **Low Saddle – Mt. McDonald – Mt. Clear – The Bluff** – 14

Canoeing: Apr. 17, **Glenelg River** - 5

Training: May 17, **First Aid** – 18



Special Mentions

Interstate Pack Carries: Feb. 14, **Three Capes (Tasmania)** – 9

May 23, **Sydney Harbour & Coast Walk (accomm.)** – 12

Beginners’ PC: Apr. 4, **Wilsons Prom – Oberon Bay** – 9 (2)

The average number of people attending our various activities, in the first half of 2025, compared to the same period last year, increased for the majority of groups, as follows:

Monday -1	Wednesday =	Thursday +2	Social Walks -1
Saturday +4	BCs/Lodges +7	Pack Carries +1	Training +1

Canoeing +5 (but no events were held during the first half of last year)

With Spring approaching, we can look forward to an impressive 14 Pack Carries on the program, a new Birding and Botanising Base Camp at Wedderburn, another classic BC at Maria Island and the FedWalks weekend at the Grampians, so attendances should really increase.

Stuart Hanham
(General Walks Secretary)

September Safety and Risk Reminders

This month's reminders are primarily about ***being prepared as we emerge from winter*** and safely getting out walking again this Spring and Summer.

Ensure as a participant that you are choosing a suitable walk: If you are not bushwalking fit after winter check the walk grading and preview description carefully to make sure you're fit enough for your chosen walk.



Snake Season: The snakes will be starting to emerge from now on. Consider wearing long pants and/or gaiters and keep alert! Put those Snake Bandages back into your First Aid Kit – and also keep an eye out for ticks.

Check that your Members Contact and Emergency Contact details on the Website are up to date: You can check and update them in the Members Area of the Club Website. This is the person who will be contacted if you are involved in a serious incident, or the group is very late or overdue

returning. Also check what information you are making visible in the Members Contacts so leaders and other members can contact you.

Previews (NEW): All Sunday Walks ***must*** be previewed by the leader(s). For other walk types it is the leader's decision if a full or partial preview is appropriate e.g. for safety reasons, unfamiliar with the area, etc.

Advice is required for every Preview: Leaders should use the Clubs online or paper ***Preview Notification Form*** to make sure that you have a Preview Contact who knows where you are going. Also, an email must be sent to the Club's Emergency Contact System Mailbox ecs@mbw.org.au (done automatically if you use the online system) to ensure there are no insurance problems if something goes wrong. If you forget you can send an email on the day using your smartphone.

New Sunday Bus Leaders should lead the harder walk (NEW): On their first few walks, unless specifically agreed by both leaders, the harder walk should be led by the new leader to reduce the number of walkers to manage and generally have a more experienced group.

Choosing the Whip when there are lots of Visitors (MOD): When there are 15 or more Visitors on a walk, primarily ***on either or both*** of the Sunday Bus walks ***or on*** a Sunday Car walk, then ***the leader*** needs to ensure that the Whip is either also a leader ***or*** an experienced whip. Remember to communicate regularly with your Whip particularly when leading large groups.

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.

Mick Noonan, Risk Officer



The Wilderness Society Presentation

John Gurskey

On Wednesday, 30 July, Bushies gathered at the clubrooms for an inspiring and interactive presentation titled ***Forests, Health & Hope – A Conservation Journey***. Guest speakers Jo Hopkins, Alex Kline, and Baeley Dear from The Wilderness

Society led the evening, engaging attendees in a passionate discussion about the urgent need to protect Victoria's Central Highlands forests. Jo Hopkins, the Victorian Campaigns Manager, shared her long journey in conservation, from her 23+ years of work with Parks Victoria, international conservation organisations and now Victoria Campaign Manager for The



Photo from Wilderness Society webpage

Wilderness Society. She spoke about her contribution to the internationally acclaimed Healthy Parks Healthy People program, illustrating the powerful link between nature and human well-being.

The presentation also highlighted the Great Forest National Park campaign, threats from logging activity, and the desire to partner with all groups who enjoy outdoor recreation. It ended with most members signing an online letter encouraging their elected parliament members to vote for the creation of this significant biodiversity reserve. We also discussed ways MBW can partner with the Wilderness Society in their campaigns and hikes. The event left many feeling informed, inspired, and motivated to protect the wild places they cherish.

You can help protect and expand Victoria's wilderness areas by sending an auto-generated letter to your local member of the Victorian Parliament via: <https://wilderness.good.do/victallforests2025/vicemailmp2025/>

Advanced Leadership Skills Series

For September we are looking at:

Dealing with conflict

- Options for conflict management • Collaboration • Compromise • Power and dominance • Suppression • Denial or withdrawal • People-centred and task-centred considerations

Note: The complete set of articles is available on the Website



This Year's "LEADERS' TRAINING DAY"

Sat 8th November, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Clubrooms

This is a great opportunity to increase your skills and build confidence to take on leading roles!

Suitable for new leaders, current leaders, and those thinking about leading.

Presenters: Angela Vetsicas, Ian Mair, and Mick Noonan.

So You Want to Become a Leader?

- The concept of leadership.
- Different styles of leadership and Key Relationships
 - Skills and Attributes of Outdoor Leaders

Walk Research, Planning & Previewing

- Why, Who, Where, When and How to organise a walk.
- Conducting a preview, what to do before, during and after.
- Resources to access when selecting a walk, especially our extensive data base.

Activity Processes, Documentation & Resources

- Walk description and grading, walker registration.
- Map, GPS track and walk notes, transport plans, emergency details, incident reports.
 - Online Website and Paper Processes.

Conducting the Walk

- Tasks which need to be completed a week and a day prior to the walk.
- Tasks to perform after you arrive at the walk but before you start walking; appointing a Whip.
 - How to conduct your walk in a safe manner so that all participants enjoy the walk.

Risk Management & Safety

- Basics of Risk Management, and how it is involved in most decisions that we make.
 - Identify and Evaluate Risks.
- Use strategies to manage risks, practical examples.
 - Legal responsibilities; Leader protections.

Critical Incident Management

- What are Critical Incidents, how to avoid them/reduce their impact.
- Dealing with the Critical Incident and with Emergency Services, Scenario Exercises.
 - Post Activity support for recovery and grieving.
- A Leader's view of the new Club Critical Incident Processes.

Overview of Further Training & Development Opportunities

- Navigation e.g. Map Reading, Field Day, GPS, Smartphone, etc
 - Bushcraft, First Aid, Light Weight Walking etc
- Advanced Training – Leadership Skills. Base Camps, Pack Carrys

Tent mesh repair with seam seal tape

Anne Wilkins

My tent mesh was damaged recently at Tidal River due to an inquisitive wombat, and I was keen to try and repair it myself. I decided to use iron-on seam seal tape from the various options I researched. This is the method I used if you'd like to give it a go:

I purchased a (20m!) roll of .1mm x 20mm 'waterproof seam sealing tape' online for around \$8. You'll also need an iron and some baking paper - one piece to put under the mesh on the ironing board, and a smaller piece for under the iron.

- Ensure the area is clean, grease-free and dry.
- Smooth out the area and the torn/cut edges with a 'just warm' iron (no steam)
- Cut a length of tape 1cm or so longer than the tear/cut, shorter pieces for curves etc. I rounded off the corners.
- Align the mesh edges and then the tape. I weighted down the surrounding areas to stop movement. (My tape is shinier on the adhesive side)
- Turn the iron up to the silk setting. When you're 100% happy with the positioning, put the baking paper and iron on top and apply firm pressure for about 15 seconds. Lift off and allow to cool.
- The tape will change from opaque to transparent when successfully bonded.

I practiced on some old mesh to feel confident about iron temperatures etc. before working on the tent itself. Once the tape is bonded, you can't reposition it!

The taped areas are flexible while being a little stiffer than the surrounding soft mesh - that's ok by me and I'm really pleased with the results. I have plenty of tape if anyone would like some!



Wedderburn birding and botanising

Deb Shand

In late June this year I joined some others from the club at Doug Pocock's bush block at Wedderburn to help restore vegetation and habitat for native species by planting out more plants on this former sheep farm. Doug has been working on this project for many years, and it is great to see how much growth has occurred and how the birds are appreciating it!

Doug is generously organising a weekend on **19-21 September** for Melbourne Bushies to base camp on his property and enjoy what nature has to offer. The walks will be easy with lots of time, while enjoying Doug's extensive knowledge and guidance, to encounter and learn about the animals and plants that inhabit this part of the world in Spring. It promises to be a special experience – full details on the website activity program. Although you might need to bring your own cake :-)

I enjoyed the weekend so much in June that I was inspired to write the following poem. Be prepared for inspiration if you come in September.



Collecting ruby saltbush seeds

Although we are only one week past the solstice
The sun is already warm through my coat
And the sky is pale blue
Over the spreading arms of a yellow gum
With its delicately patterned trunk
Daubed with buff streaks in a twisting swirl
As if the tree had turned for a better view
As it stretched upwards.

The low saltbushes are growing tenaciously
Across the slope as it falls away
From the edge of the forest.
The land is dry here, even after rain
The crust is baked hard
With small stones embedded.
This was gold country
And has been plundered
And cleared and grazed by sheep.

This country is nurtured now by a friend
A man who nods to wildflowers
Who speaks the names of birds
And who grows tiny treelings in small pots
To insert into holes he digs
In this wide expanse of emptied nature
And the tender plants strive to grow robust stems
And leaves that shiver in the wind
Encased in wire guards
So the hungry kangaroos keep away
Until the trees are tall enough
To send whispers to passing parrots.

My task today
Is to crouch over the humble saltbushes
To part their clustered leaves
And discover the ruby red berries
Not much larger than pin heads
That hold the promise of new beings
To be sprouted like the tiny treelings
In small pots and planted on a dry bank
As yet devoid of vegetation.

Already I can see slender ruby stems
Glowing in the stony soil
Around these plants
Where the saltbushes have dropped their seeds
To sprout themselves into abundant existence
Unnoticed, except by those like me
Who stoop to study this micro landscape
Where a single ant with a red abdomen
Mimicking the salt bush fruit
Totters across the uneven soil
On an excursion to gather fragments of food
For its community.

From each plant I might gather one or two ripe berries
But if I gently lift the spreading edge stems
I sometimes find more that have fallen underneath
Already burrowing into the soil
To work their magic
And I scoop them up with a fingernail
To drop them into a paper bag.
It is slow work
After two hours the berries

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Barely cover the base of the bag
My coat has been discarded
And I look up to see an eagle swoop high overhead.

To the eagle I may seem as small
As a ruby saltbush berry.
In this world of turmoil and conflict
I am an inconspicuous speck
As unseen as an ant gathering food
Simply a fragment of a community
Who relish the texture of soil
Who breathe crisp forest air
Who celebrate a patter of rain
Who delight in swelling buds
And who know that gently, slowly
They are soothing this wounded planet.



Training activity: First Aid Course

Date: Saturday 29 November

Time: 9.30am-4.00pm

Venue: Rowville

Contact: Quentin Tibballs

The **registration cost is \$135** and is an all-day course in Rowville - however, attendees will get a \$40 reimbursement or, for Bush Search and Rescue volunteers, a \$50 reimbursement from Bushwalking Victoria. MBW leaders who have led 2 or more walks in the past 12 months will get a reimbursement of \$95 so there is no out of pocket cost to them.

The required pre-reading is comprehensive and there is access to a free online first aid book. James Azzam, the provider, is an experienced paramedic - he worked as an emergency nurse at The Alfred (where all the interesting stuff goes) for 5 years and then has worked for 8 years as a paramedic in the field. He provides first aid courses for 4WD groups on subjects relevant to them and ran a one day first aid course for Melbourne Bushwalkers in May this year.

The certificates to be obtained are:

Provide First Aid (HLTAID011) + Outback First Aid variation (commonly known as a Level 2 certificate);

Provide Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (HLTAID009) (First 2.5 hours)

Topics to be covered are:

Cardiac arrest / managing an unconscious patient / defibrillation;
Fractures; Sprains / strains; Snake bites; Head injury / spinal injury;
Bleeding management; Asthma / anaphylaxis / Epipens; Burns

I attended his course in May and found it very good. Also, there is no substitute for an instructor with wide experience presenting topics for which they have had field experience.

Please email me on geoq@bigpond.com if interested and I will send you further details.

Quentin



Memorable Bushwalking Moments – Part Two

Tasmania Dec 1969-Jan 1970, Leader Felix Harding

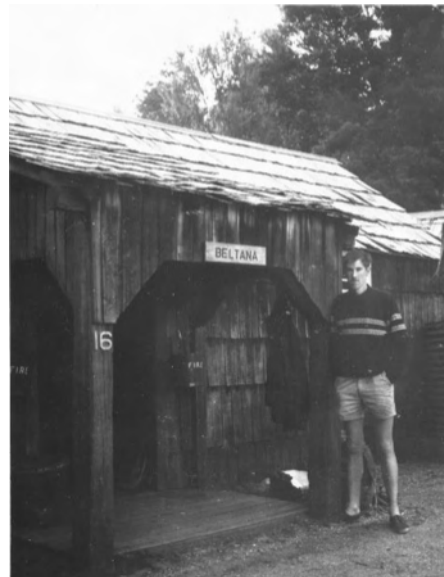
8 Days - Guildford Junction – Waldheim – Cynthia Bay

Barbara Goldsmith

Mayday Plains camp. Some local horsemen with dogs suggested a shortcut as forestry work had obliterated our tracks. We began the steep, exhausting ascent up Mt Mayday. Often prevented from seeing each other by the thick bauera scrub (*Bauera rubiodes* forms dense thickets of tangled wiry branches with toothed leaves), we numbered off frequently. One of the dogs followed us. Baulking at the scrub, it howled pathetically. We shared the dog's feelings and cursed the riders and their 'shortcut'. Slipping, a stick caught my arm ripping from elbow to underarm. I removed the stick and resumed the climb. No place for any first aid. The wound was shallow but the scar remained for years.



Climb up Mt Mayday



Jon Cairns at Beltana Hut, Waldheim

Windermere Hut. As we climbed upwards, the jagged peaks of Cradle Mountain appeared. Truly magnificent. Although the sun was shining, the wind was cold as we began to ascend Cradle, negotiating loose stones and enormous boulders. Fog. I could see the trig point but declined to continue. It was time to retreat.

We walked fast to get warm. Passing a couple having lunch, they offered me a cup of tea and a slice of fruitcake. It was what I needed hiking the endless, windswept, swampy flats.

Pelion Hut. A pleasantly warm day and I cooled off in a pool on Douglas Creek. Frog Flats and button grass jumping from clump to clump, or walking around sinking ankle deep in mud, was exhausting. Scrub, button grass, hills, a little flat, scrub, button grass, mountains. Mount Oakley with its rock chimneys was magnificent.

Du Cane Hut. From Pelion Gap the mud became depressingly worse. We side tracked to Dalton Falls thundering over rocks to flow through a narrow channel. I thought about the remoteness and what an extraordinary

achievement to be seeing these falls. That evening, I put my wet shoes above the fire. They fell in. Some of the islets burned making tying up difficult. They were my only pair.

Echo Point Hut was a long hard slog, the weather bleak. The tiny hut stood among beech trees on a narrow spit jutting out into Lake St Clair, a monotone of waves pounding the sand, driven by a fierce wind. I only had rice left and this went in one end and out the other.

Cynthia Bay. A decent meal and a shower. What I had achieved brought a sense of wonder and awe, the hardships forgotten. Was there anything in the world that could compare with this experience? Then I caught the bus to Hobart, but that is another story.

Jon Cairns' report in the Walk 22 magazine, 1971, is worth reading for a different perspective.



A floating pontoon, propelled by a cable and make-shift paddles, was used to take the group to the boat, taking them up the lake to walk the Walls of Jerusalem

Volcanic Hills of Camperdown - 15-17 August 2025

Kathleen Hirst

After a cold and often wet Friday night at the Lakes and Craters Holiday Park, Camperdown, nineteen Melbourne Bushies emerged from their cabins, tents and even cars to begin an exploration of the Western Volcanic Plains of Victoria. On the first day, the group carpooled to the Tower Hill Reserve and from the Visitor Centre (currently closed) walked several of the circular walks around the volcanic crater. These short trails included Tower Hill Peak Climb with views to the ocean, the Lava Tongue Boardwalk and Journey to the Last Volcano. During the walks we spotted wallabies, koalas, emus and other bird species. The rain cleared in time for our lunch break at the picnic ground.



After lunch we drove to Logan Beach, Warrnambool in anticipation of seeing whales but unfortunately no activity was observed. After a coffee spot in Terang, we travelled to Mount Noorat. Mount Noorat is a volcanic cone and crater of international significance and is mentioned in the autobiography "I Can Jump Puddles" by Alan Marshall who grew up in the area. The walk around the crater rim provided impressive views over the plains. The day ended with excellent food and beverages at the Hampden Hotel in Camperdown.

The next day dawned bright and sunny, and our first walk started at the adjoining and well-maintained Camperdown Botanic Gardens. From there we continued through emerald paddocks down to the shores of Lake Gnotuk and Lake Bullen Merri. Thanks for Brad for guiding us through some of the fences. Cars left near Lake Bullen Merri ferried

us back to the Holiday Park where we packed and drove to our next hike - the summits of Mount Sugarloaf and Mount Leura. At the latter we ate our lunch whilst enjoying the 360-degree views of the landscape and everchanging skies. In the distance we could see our next challenge – Mount Elephant.

To prepare us for the last and most strenuous hike of the weekend, we enjoyed a short coffee break in Camperdown. We were then ready to conquer Mount Elephant - the largest scoria cone and one of the highest volcanoes (240 m) in Victoria. The walk around the rim of Mount Elephant provided more panoramic views of the plains dotted with the mounds of extinct volcanoes. Dramatic skies of billowing clouds, distant rain and rainbows completed the vista. An excellent finale to the weekend.

Thanks to Jan for organising a wonderful itinerary and leading us through a truly fascinating part of Victoria.



Lerderderg – Bears Head Range - 23-24 August 2025

Roger Berryman

Our group of 11 met at 10am at the end of Lohs Lane on a sunny but windy Saturday morning. Having not been into Lerderderg for many years, memories flooded back of the rugged beauty of this steep, isolated gorge and its tributaries. As a twelve-year-old the gorge and surrounding ridges had etched into my psyche the importance of trusting the compass. I wondered whether, as an adult, if I would become as disoriented following the river as I had back then.

As we easily strode along Foxy Gully management Track, I reminded myself of the car conversation an hour or so earlier with our leader. "Ian what's the hardest walk you will be leading between now and Christmas?" I casually inquired.

"Probably this one" he replied. Well, I wasn't expecting that. "What about Buller west ridge and Mt Speculation" I blurted out. "No, I think this is harder" he replied.

My pace quickened in anticipation of reaching the steep rugged Bears Head Range Track so this challenging adventure could begin properly! This narrow track became more and more of a scramble as we descended towards the Lerderderg river. Lunch was taken at the base of the track at an old flat mining site. The remains of a stone chimney and numerous large holes were all that was left of thousands of hours of toil so many years before.

Upon crossing the river, we made our way upstream to the junction of Old river at which point we followed it upstream. We carefully made our way past numerous rock pools as the echo of a gentle trickle of flow bounced off the narrow gorge walls. At one point I looked high above to see a pair of wild goats bounding effortlessly to even higher ground amongst the scrub. I found myself completely immersed in the beauty and tranquility of this rocky, narrow, isolated valley.

Upon reaching old river falls we began a steep bush bash climb up to the ridgeline before again descending on Hogan Track to our campsite at Ah Kow mining ruins on the Lerderderg river. Many conversations, with new friends made, were had around a roaring fire as darkness descended.

After an amazing night's sleep I felt thoroughly refreshed and rested as we departed camp at 8.30am to continue following the river upstream. The many crossings, sounds of the water flowing and the sunlight streaming through the overhead gums made this journey an exquisite experience with nature's light and sound. At one point I paused to gaze back and take in my surrounds, the perfect subject for Heidelberg School impressionism.

A quick break at McKenzie's camp on the banks of the river was followed by more upstream scrambling and rock hopping as we finally reached Lower Chadwick track and our ascent path back to cars and civilization. A huge thank you to our leader Ian and all participants for making this a truly wonderful and memorable walk. If you have the opportunity this is a must-do.



Upcoming activities

September 2025

Mon 1	MTG: Club Committee Meeting	Pvt		Susan Maughan
Thu 4	DAY: Plenty Gorge (middle section)	Pvt	E	Jopie Bodegraven
5-9	PC: Sunset Country, NW Victoria	Pvt	M	Rob Jung
Sun 7	DAY: Macedon Ranges with a twist	Bus	E/M&M	Robert Ian Mair & Halina Sarbinowski
Wed 10	DAY: Woodlands	Pvt	E/M	Meredith Quick
13-14	PC: Beeripmo Track	Pvt	E	Yiting Zheng
Sun 14	DAY: Duck Pond Track-Aireys Inlet	Car	M	Richard G Long
Mon 15	DAY: Bayswater-Dandenong Creek	Pvt	E	Doug Pocock
19-21	BC: Birding and Botanising at Wedderburn	Pvt	Soc&E	Doug Pocock
20-21	PC: Beginners: Warburton Rail Trail	Pvt	E	Susan Maughan
Sat 20	DAY: Olinda & Dandenong Creeks	Pvt	E/M	Carole Patterson
Sun 21	DAY: Burchell Trail North	Bus	E/M&M	Hitesh Ghelani & Grant Roger
Wed 24	SOC: Preloved Bushwalking Gear Exchange	Pvt		Bernadette Prunty & Susan Maughan
Wed 24	DAY: Quarry Hills, South Morang	Pvt	E/M	Jopie Bodegraven
25-28	BC: Grampians-Halls Gap	Pvt	M/H&M/H	Babak Dadvand & Adriana Fari-palko
Thu 25	SOC: Ruffey Park, Doncaster	Pvt	E	Gillian Wainwright
26-28	PC: Western Strathbogie Ranges	Pvt	M	Ray Thomas
Sun 28	DAY: Panton Hills (Hurstbridge)	Car	E/M	Indu Devanath

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