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Copy for December to: David Ikin - Phone: 9878 6301
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by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 2nd November

Circular Preparation: 3rd Thursday - 17th November at 2:00 pm

Venue: John Horan's home at 9 Oxford Street, Malvern 3144.

Bushwalking News Victoria (BNV)

The Melbourne Walking Club is affiliated with Bushwalking Victoria which publishes a monthly "**Bushwalking News**" on the Internet. For those interested, the Current and past BNV's can be read from their web page at:

<http://www.bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/what-we-do/publications/newsletters>

Talk Over Lunch

All members are reminded of the regular social event which occurs on the **2nd Tuesday of each month (except January)** at the **Charles Dickens Tavern Bistro**, in the basement of 290 Collins Street Melbourne, at **11:45 for 12:00**.

Barry Revill, Phone: 9555 1114 or email: barryrevill@bigpond.com

The Donna Buang Hut

The Donna Buang Hut is available for use by members and their family and friends at most times of the year. You may choose to visit either for the day or an overnight stay. The Hut is in terrific condition. It's bright, clean and tidy. The only restricted times are days of total fire ban or high risk of fire.

For bookings contact Barry Revill on 9555 1114 or at email barryrevill@bigpond.com

Laugh With Lance

A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was the nurse said "No change yet"

Notice to all Walk Leaders

Attendance sheets are to be returned to the **new Membership Officer, John Rankin** at the following address:

13 Verdi Court, Templestowe 3106, Phone 9842-1350

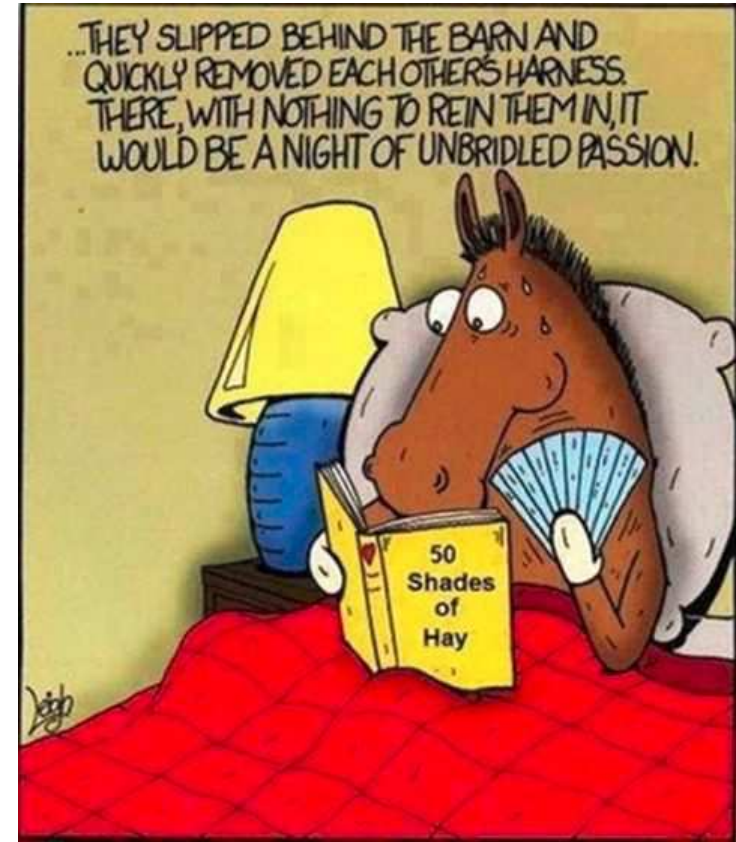
Archives Sub-Committee

For many years past, the membership of this sub-committee has comprised of Robin Bailey, John Horan and John Moore. As these people are all members of the OBE Club, new and younger blood is required on the sub-committee.

There is great history attaching to our club, being the oldest walking club in the country established in 1894.

Those of you who have an interest in history and our past, and who are somewhat younger than the above trio, are encouraged to join this sub-committee to ensure our past continues to be recorded for future generations.

John Moore



VALE DAN CONDON

Members who knew him will be saddened to learn of the recent death of Dan Condon.

Dan joined the Club seventeen years ago and in that period he was a keen participant in many walks. He also gave regular help in the preparation for posting of the monthly Circular. Prior to email, that was a much bigger job than it is now.

In his youth he had been an active member of the Melbourne Athletic Walking Club and in his later years he found a new outlet for his walking ability. As his walking ability became more limited he found particular pleasure in the Club's periodic bus trips to country walking venues. Members who knew him will miss his company.

The Club extends its sympathy in his loss to his widow, Josephine and their family.

John Horan



Bushwalking Victoria

Parliamentary Inquiry into the Control of Invasive Animals on Crown Land

On 5 September, Charlie Ablitt and I provided input and feedback to a hearing of the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Control of Invasive Animals on Crown Land. We stated that deer should be reclassified as feral/pest animals and that we support humane eradication programs for deer, goats, pigs, foxes, horses, rabbits, dogs and cats on public land including national parks.

Bushwalking Victoria considers that the safety of all users of public land is a paramount concern, noting that all shooting activities on public land pose very significant risks. We are concerned that increasing access for recreational shooters on public land and national parks will not eradicate pest animals and will increase risks to bushwalkers.

Our national parks must not be used as game reserves. The recent decision to allow recreational shooters on Snake Island is a worrying precedent in this regard. We also included the specific feedback on feral animals that was provided by Bushwalking Victoria clubs and members.

Now it is time for some bushwalking! I am looking forward to attending the Federations Walks Weekend in the Grampians in October and hope to see you there.

Peter Campbell, President, Bushwalking Victoria

Strengthening Parks Victoria - Your Vision for Parks

In December this year Parks Victoria will reach its 20th anniversary. As part of the celebration it is undertaking the Strengthening Parks Victoria project to reflect on what parks mean to Victorians.

Bushwalkers should take this opportunity to share their experiences, expectations and aspirations for Victorian parks.

Go to <http://lets-talk.parks.vic.gov.au/strengtheningparkss> for more information.

NOVEMBER WALKS

Wednesday 2 November Werribee - State Rose Garden - Hoppers Crossing

Leader: Marshall Schaeche

Phone: 9899 7830

Rendezvous: 9.43 at south side of Werribee Railway Station.

Maps: Melway 201, 205, 206 Grading: Easy Distance: 9 km

Transport: 9.00 Werribee train ex Flinders Street, arriving Werribee at 9.43. Return trains to City from Werribee at 20 minute intervals.

Morning Tea: 10.00 at Chirnside Park football ground, Medway 205 H9

Walk Details: The highlight of this walk is a visit to the Werribee Park Mansion and the adjacent Victorian State Rose Garden, with over 5000 rose bushes, which should be at their peak at this time of the year. Lunch is here. We return to Werribee Station by the #439 bus.

Monday 7 November 2016 Redhill Country Lanes

Leader: Ron Anderson

Phone: 5983 5088

Rendezvous and Morning Tea: 9.45 at the corner of Point Leo Road & Callanans Road, Melway 191 A7.

Maps Melway 191

Grading: Moderate

Distance 13 Km

Transport: Private car

Walk Details: From the reserve we walk via Baynes Rd. to Stony Creek Rd. then along a Bridal track on Mornington – Flinders Rd. to the Redhill Showgrounds and back to the start.

This is a pleasant walk through different country scenery, but note there are some long hills on the way.

Wednesday 9 November Eltham Walk and Social Barbeque

Leader: Hugh Gibson

Phone: 9897 3645, 0429 173 501

Rendezvous: 10:00 at Eltham Station.

Maps: Melway 21, 33. Grading: Easy. Distance: Approx. 7 km

Transport: 9.00am Hurstbridge train ex Flinders Street, arrive Eltham 9:55.

Private Car Transport: Park at Westerfolds Park Porter Street car park (Mel. 33 F3). Drive through entrance and continue **past** toilets on right into car park. BBQ area and shelter in front of car park. To join walk at rendezvous walk back approximately 400 meters to Fitzsimons Lane to catch the 9.49am #902 Airport West bus to Eltham Station. (bus stop around corner in Fitzsimons Lane just past Shell Service Station).

Members not wishing to walk but would like to join the Social BBQ should arrive at the Porter Street picnic area around 12 noon. A number of buses can be taken which drop off either in Porter St or in Fitzsimons Lane at the corner of Porter Street. Buses are # 293 Box Hill to Greensborough, #901 Frankston to Melb. Airport, #902 Chelsea to Airport West, #905 City to Pines S.C.

Morning Tea: 10 :10 at Eltham Central Park football ground.

Lunch: 12:30 at Westerfold Park Porter Street picnic area, Melway 33 E3 for social BBQ. BYO Meat and drinks. Leader will provide bread, sauce, BBQ tools etc.

Walk Details: From morning tea along Diamond Creek Trail, through Eltham Lower Park, through Candlebark Park and into Westerfold Park.

Sunday 13 November Airey's Inlet/Moggs Creek (Part of Great Otway National Park)

Leader: Ewan Colson Phone: 9846 6734, 0447 674 533

Maps: Google Map of this portion of Great Otway National Park.

Grading: Easy, morning, afternoon harder, with some climbs, or an easier option to be decided on the day. Water should be carried.

Rendezvous: 10.00, Aireys (Inlet) Pub Carpark. From city 123 km, or 1 hour 37 minutes (according to Google).

Transport: Private Car – For those interested, our Member, Lachlan Richardson, who lives at 4 Federal Street, Aireys Inlet, (near lighthouse), has offered to accommodate starters overnight Saturday/Sunday. His contact numbers are 5289 7029, 0428 897 029.

Morning Tea: 10:20 at Distillery Creek Picnic Area (area with toilets, South West of Bambra Road). Lunch will also be in this area, on return from the a.m. walk.

Walk Details: The morning walk will be a circuit of Ironbark Gorge (**4.8 km**). After lunch, **Option 1** is that one or more cars will drive to the Moggs Creek Picnic Area, where we shall take the walking track to the

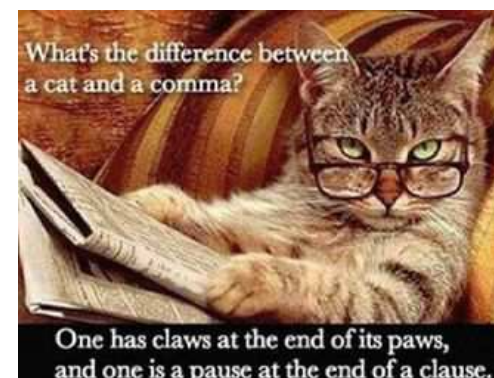
Clyde joined the Club in 1922 and no finer tribute can be paid to him than Alan Budge's reference in "*No End to Walking*". Alan calls Clyde "A Prolific Walker - Writer - he was a pioneer walker in every sense. He preferred to walk with two or three companions. He was a prolific writer between 1948 and 1969 and contributed seventeen articles to *The Melbourne Walker*, each a narrative of a long mountain walk. He indulged in great detail, delved into historical aspects of the country he walked over and dug out stories about the old mountain characters who were part of folklore and unknown, or perhaps derided by today's bushwalkers. He made fulsome use of similes, metaphors and other figures of speech as he wrote in an old fashioned style. Perhaps in the future students will turn to Clyde Grant when engaged in research of life in the high mountains during the mid-20th century".

For those who walked in Clyde's footsteps, by his writings they could relive their experiences, and for those who never followed Clyde, they must regret that they never did.

Clyde sub-titled one of his articles "*Seeking Our Most Inaccessible Mountains*" and this line could well apply to almost all of his trips.

In addition to the seventeen articles mentioned by Budge, Clyde was with Bill Waters on Mt Bogong-Big River– Bogong High Plains in 1924 and was also a member of the famous 24 day trip in the same year. In 1926 he accompanied Bill Waters and three others in a marathon trip from Glencairn to Mt Skene, finishing at Mt Bogong and Tawonga. Sadly no account of this trip nor the route taken survives. In 1928 Clyde was Joe Matthews' companion on the second known crossing of the Barry Mountains. In 1940 he made the first known ascent of Snowy Bluff and repeated the climb a dozen years later.

The name Clyde Grant must surely deserve a place amongst the Club's finest explorer-bushwalkers.



a very remote area. They were sitting around the camp fire, miles from anywhere, a beautiful clear night, stars in the sky, the only sound being the gentle hissing of the billy on the boil. Then, from out of the darkness came a man who, without any introduction, came and sat at their fire. He sat there for a while, and then said, "Do you know, the book, My Universities, by Maxim Gorky, was the best book I have ever read" He then stood up, walked off into the desert, and they did not see him again. Strange things can happen in the bush. **Barry Revill**

Pain in your big Toe?



If so, you may be eligible to participate in a clinical trial being conducted by *La Trobe University* and funded by the *National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia*. The aim of the study is to determine the effectiveness of shoe inserts combined with physical therapy for reducing big toe joint pain.

To be eligible, you need to be aged over 18 years and have had pain in your big toe joint for more than 3 months.

To participate, you need to attend 3 appointments at the Health Sciences Clinic at La Trobe University and complete monthly mail-out questionnaires over a 12 month period.

All participants will receive treatment free of charge. For further information, please contact **Maria** on (03) **9479-5258** or email: **m.auhl@latrobe.edu.au** or visit: **www.toepain.com.au**

La Trobe University Human Ethics Committee application reference number HEC15-128

Stalwart Walkers of Our Earlier Days

Clyde Grant

Painkalac Dam (now decommissioned as Aireys Inlet water storage), and continue on to the Distillery Creek picnic area (**7.5 km**). **Option 2** is a clifftop/beach return walk. After undoing any car shuffle, we can return home.

Monday 14 November – Castlemaine Historical Walk & Kalimna Reserve (train trip)

Leader: Richard Simpson Phone: 0419.528.130

Rendezvous: 8.45 at Southern Cross Station Melbourne (at historical Clock-tower near Ticket office)

Map: Mt Alexander Shire Historic Walk brochure.

Grading: Medium Distance: 8km

Transport: V-line Sprinter (Bendigo line) train departs 9.15am – Myki Card required (anyone utilising private transport meet at Castlemaine railway station at 10.45)

Morning Tea: On the train.

Walk Details: Circular walk initially heading east through Castlemaine to Burke & Wills Memorial before heading north through the extensive Kalimna bushlands, before looping around the top of town and Golf course, then south through Botanic Gardens and historic Gaol precinct and returning to the Station.

Toilets at Station, township and Botanic Gardens only. No facilities at lunch spot. Sturdy footwear is recommended. Plenty of options for escapes to shorten walk and return to Station if required. Return train times are 2:00, 3:00 and 3:30, travel time approx. 1.5hours.

3rd Wednesday 16 November Black Rock (Clock Tower)

Leader: Alan Hosking Phone: 9570 3695

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 10.30 at the foreshore Black Rock Children's Playground opposite the Clock Tower, Melway 85 K4.

Maps: Melway 85, 86 Grading: Easy Distance: 4 km am, 2 km pm

Transport: **Car** - There is a car park on the foreshore near Children's Playground but is expensive, \$5.30 for one hour or \$16.80 all day. However there is plenty of free street parking around the CBD.

Train - Flinders Street station train leaves at 9.09 and arrives at Moorabbin Station at 9.38. **The Leader will meet this train.**

Then #825 bus leaves Moorabbin station at 9.55 and reaches Black Rock at 10.11.

Walk Details: The morning walk is to and around Back Rock House which was built from 1856 to 1858 and was built by Charles Ebdon. The "Elite" were invited here to get away from city living. Then back to the foreshore and south along the trail. The afternoon walk is north along the foreshore trail.

Friday 18 & Saturday 19 November - Work Party at Walter Briggs Hut, Mt Donna Buang

Leader: Barry Revill. 95551114, barryrevill@bigpond.com

Please advise leader if you are coming.

Rendezvous: 9.30am at the Bakery at the far end of the Warburton township, on the left hand side. This is an old garage site.

Help is required as there are a few jobs in and around the hut which need to be addressed. Some of us will be staying at the hut on the Friday night, and those members who wish to do so, and have not been to the hut, are welcome.

People are welcome to come up just for the Friday or the Saturday. Help is required, the work is not strenuous, endless billy tea can be guaranteed.

Sunday 20 November Creswick to Dean

Leader: Colin Crook Phone: 53342682, or 0418 386 459

Transport: Private car. If coming from Melbourne, take the Western Freeway and turn off at road C291 to Creswick. The leader will arrange a car shuffle.

Map: Melway X909 Grading: Easy Distance: 12 km

Rendezvous: Meet at the front of Creswick Visitor Information Centre, 41 Albert Street, Creswick at 10.00. The information centre is at the North end (far end) of the picturesque Creswick shopping centre. There are toilets there and plenty of parking behind the centre. Arrive early and have a coffee at Smokey Town Café at the south end of the shops.

Walk Details: The walk is easy through the Creswick Forest passing historic gold mining areas. Morning tea will be at St George's Lake. The walk will follow the Goldfields Track.

62 Hudson's Road, Corner of Hall Street, Williamstown at 12.30 (Melway 41 K12).

Seniors Lunch is 2 courses for \$15.00, with a good menu selection. There is ample car parking opposite the hotel off Hudson's Road.

Sunday 18 December Skiers Walk - O'Shannassy Rail Trail Circuit

Leader: Ernie Lawrence Phone: 9598 2094

Rendezvous: 9.00 at Warburton Bakery at the east of town.

Maps: Melway 289, 190. Grading: Easy/Hard Distance: 10 km

Transport: Private car - park below the bakery by the Yarra. Allow 1.5 hours plus from Melbourne.

Morning Tea or Coffee: At the bakery. Toilets at start by the bridge.

Walk Details: After crossing the bridge, follow the north bank of the Yarra and recross the Yarra by footbridge to toilet block. South bank is followed past a row of California Redwoods planted in 1922 and cross the main road bridge. O'Shannassy Trail is reached after a hard climb up Yuonga Road. Plenty of stops allowed and toilets and tables at the track start. Level walk for 3 km to lunch and then down Surry Road to Yarra for a rest and toilets before crossing the main road to the rail trail which is followed back to the rail yard and finish at the bakery.

A very scenic walk with plenty of tall Mountain Ash stands and views across the valley. Bring water, lunch and a hat.

Wednesday 21 December Victoria Park - Amphitheatre - Clifton Hill

Leader: Max Taebring Phone: 9878 6621

Wednesday 28 December Upper Ferntree Gully - Knox Shops

Leader: Bruce Armstrong Phone: 9578 2221

Tales from the Campfire

This story was told by the actor, Peter Ustinov, based on his experience in the Australian outback. They were camped one night in

investigate the park environs. Then to Moonee Ponds Creek via our lunch spot. The creek is followed for a short distance and then we return to lunch with a street walk. **PM:** A return to Pascoe Vale Road Tram stop for some.

Notes: **1:** Individual ordering/payment at the Register. Remember your Table Number.

2: Seniors Menu is \$12 (1course); \$14-90 (2 courses); \$16-90 (3 courses).

Menu currently offers:

Entrees; Soup, Garlic Bread, Wedges, Vegetable Spring Rolls.

Mains; Lamb Shank, Beer-battered Fish, Chicken Parma, Lamb Cutlets, Garlic Prawns, Spicy Meatballs, Pork Ribs, Cajun Chicken Strips, Fettuccine Carbonara.

Dessert; Ice Cream, Vanilla Slice, Fruit Salad, Pavlova.

Two courses comprise entrée/main or main/dessert.

3: Leader must have your **BOOKING** for the Bistro seating by Sunday 4th December at the **LATEST**.

Wednesday 14 December Metro Group Christmas Lunch

Walk Williamstown – Spotswood

Leader: Graeme Barker Phone: 9874 6938

Rendezvous: 9.40 at north side of Williamstown Railway Station.

Maps: Melway 56, 41.

Grading: Easy Distance: 7 km

Transport: 9.10 Williamstown train ex Flinders Street, 9.13 Southern Cross, arriving Williamstown 9.37. Return trains from Spotswood to the city at 10 minute intervals.

Morning Tea: 10.00 at Port Gellibrand Park. Toilet available. (Melway 54 E11).

Walk Details: An interesting historic walk at a leisurely pace, past many old houses in the streets of Williamstown and allowing a visit to the Williamstown Botanic Gardens.

Then along pathways beside The Strand where fine views of the local harbour and the city can be seen. Lunch is at the Spottiswoode Hotel,

Monday 21 November Bike Ride - Mixed

Leader: David Watkins

Phone: 9870 3782, 0414 547190

Email: mdwatti@bigpond.net.au

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 10.30 am in car park of H E Parker Reserve Heathmont (Melway 64 D2)

Maps: Melway: 64, 72, 71, 62, 63

Distance: Approx. 25 km

Transport: 9:26 Belgrave Train ex Flinders St, Camberwell 9.38, **does not go through loop.** Arrives at Heathmont 10.04.

If arriving by train, leave station, cross Canterbury Road & take bike / walking track along west side (right) of railway line. Follow for approx 1 km to rendezvous point.

Car drivers turn South from Canterbury Road into Heathmont Road and proceed to parking area alongside netball courts. (Melway 64 D2)

Ride Details: Easy ride on designated bike tracks, following Dandenong Creek, Blind Creek to Jells Park, through reserve & park land. Only two hills of any significance, one before and one after lunch. Return along Eastlink track & Dandenong Creek to Heathmont.

PLEASE NOTIFY LEADER IF COMING.

Wednesday 23 November Whittlesea to Laurimar

Leader: Stewart Stanlake

Phone: 9870 9061, 0468 300 132

Rendezvous: South Morang railway station 9.28.

Morning Tea: Dead centre of Whittlesea. ES Map 624 - D10

Maps: ES Map 624, 647, Melway 391 Grading: Easy Distance: 12 km

Transport: 8.36 train ex Flinders Street arriving South Morang 9.28. Whittlesea bus #382 departing 9.38. Return bus 381 to South Morang.

Walk Details: Flat easy walk on seldom used country roads to Yan Yean Reservoir. Lunch in very pleasant surroundings. Walk to Laurimar along pipeline then path alongside creeks and ponds. No escapes.

Monday 28 November Easy Metro Westerfold Park Ramble

Leader: Hugh Gibson

Phone: 9897 3645, 0429 173 501

Stewart Stanlake

Phone: 9870 9061

Rendezvous: 9:30 at Box Hill railway station Bus Terminal number 5.

Morning Tea: 10:20 at Westerfold Park picnic area, Melway 33 E2.

Maps: Melway 21, 33 Grading: Easy with some short steep pinches.

Distance: 9 km

Transport: 8:59 Blackburn train ex Flinders Street, arriving Box Hill at 9:26; Then the 9:45 #293 bus to Porter Street, Templestowe, arriving at 10:10. Return via various buses from the Miniature Railway at Eltham Lower Park, Melway 21 H10.

Walk Details: a.m. 5 km loop walk to Odyssey House and return via interesting side streets. Lunch back at morning tea location. P.m. Walk through Westerfold Park to Fitzsimons Lane to Eltham Miniature Railway.

Wednesday 30 November Eltham - Sweeney's Flats - Eltham

Leader: Trevor Jupp

Phone: 9802 3355

Maps: Melway 21, 22 Grading: Medium/ Hard Distance: 12 km

Rendezvous: 9.35 Eltham Railway Station

Transport: 8.40am Eltham Train ex Flinders Street; 8.43am Southern Cross; 8.49am Parliament arriving Eltham at 9.35am. or Use Smart Bus 902 to Eltham. Could use own transport and park in 5hr parking area in Youth Rd near tennis courts. Melway 21 J5.

Morning Tea: In playground in Grove Street, Melway 22 A4 - No toilets, no shelter.

Walk Details: This is a very pleasant walk through linear parks & quiet roads to Sweeney's Flats by the Yarra River for lunch, Melway 22 B11, no toilets, no cover, bush seating. Then return to Eltham via river bank, some roads and finally the Diamond Creek trail.

A number of hills in the mid part of the walk. Escapes available at 2km, 4km, 10km. Return City trains at 1min, 21mins, 41mins past the hour, #902 Bus to Chelsea or Airport West.

DECEMBER PROGRAM

Monday 5 December Coolart Wetlands BBQ Lunch

Leader: Ron Anderson

Phone: 59835088

Rendezvous Morning Tea: 10am Melway 193 J 9

Maps: Melway 193

Grading: Easy

Distance: 4klm

Transport: Private car

Walk Details: Meet at Coolart car park for morning tea, we will then take a bush walk around the wetlands and the foreshore also the bird hides and buildings of Coolart.

For our Xmas break up lunch we shall set up in the lawns and BBQ area at approx. 12 pm.

Wednesday 7 December – Christmas Lunch – 3rd Wed Group

Leader: Travis Clark

Phone: 9874 6326, 0407 272 333

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 10:30 at Queens Park, Moonee Ponds, near playground at Queens Park Café. Melway 84A D1. (Larger Scale), or 28 J6.

Lunch: Moonee Valley Racecourse Legends Bistro, corner of Wilson & Thomas Streets Moonee Ponds by 12:30, Melway 84A G2 (At Tabaret).

Map: Melway 84A. (28 & 29 for total walk). Grading: Easy

Distance: **am**: 4.5 km, **pm**: 0.5 km

Transport:

Tram. 9.53am from Flinders St. Station [Elizabeth St. Tram Stop]. Take Route 59 Tram to Airport West alighting 10.21am at Stop 35 Queens Park [Wilson St. Moonee Ponds] on Pascoe Vale Road. Walk to rendezvous through Queens Park keeping the lake on your right-hand side. Return at 8 min. intervals.

Car. Park in Tabaret carpark near the Legends Bistro and, if walking, walk up Wilson Street to head for the rendezvous. Cross Pascoe Vale Road at lights and walk through Queens Park to other side of lake. Keep lake on your right hand side. [0.5km]. To halve the walk, you could wait until the Queens Park starters pass by the Bistro after Morning Tea.

Train. To Moonee Ponds Station with a 0.75km street walk to Queens Park. Use Melway and own timetables.

Walk Details: **AM**: Walk from rendezvous at Queens Park to