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JANUARY WALKS

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Sunday	29	George Bass Walk	Terry Simpson

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by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 4th January

Circular Preparation: 3rd Thursday - 19th January 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>

FIRE BAN DAYS & EXTREME CONDITIONS



If a day of TOTAL FIRE BAN is declared in a walk area, all outdoor activities are CANCELLED in that area.

On other days of extreme weather conditions the leader may cancel the activity, at his discretion.

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

The reason people get lost in thought is because its unfamiliar territory.

Change of Address

Bill Moran:

Bill's new address is: 2/26A Brenbeal Street, Balwyn, Vic 3103.
Phone 9836 7977, and his email address: wk1moran@gmail.com

Our Early Beginnings - Thursday 26 May 1904

Melbourne 'Amateur Walking and Touring Club.

This was over a distance of 60 miles, and it took place on a circular track on the Scotch College Cricket Ground; Three started on the walk, two men and a youth. One Man only, J. Macdonald, completed the full distance.

One hundred and ninety-nine times he went round the track, and was it any wonder that during the last 10 miles he did not recognise some of his best friends.

Ten hours, forty minutes and three seconds Macdonald took to accomplish his task, and it took him some time afterwards to recover sufficiently to know those around him, and all this for a trophy valued at £2 2s.

JANUARY PROGRAM

Wednesday 4 January Maribyrnong River Circuit

Leader: John Ackerman

Phone: 9337 1164

Morning Tea: Canning Reserve which is about 400 metres from the rendezvous.

Rendezvous: 09.55 At the No 57 tram terminus, Cordite Avenue.

Maps: Melway 27 & 28

Transport: At the Flinders St/ Elizabeth St junction catch the 09.13 tram at the terminus. Travel the length of the 57 route to the Cordite Avenue terminus arriving at 09.55. If any walker misses the tram and catches the subsequent 09.20 tram please send a text message to the leader on 0448 168 337.

Walk Details: Easy walk that started at 10.30 and ended at 2.15 pm in 2005. One steep slope up the side of the river valley. One escape after lunch on the 465 or 903 bus to Essendon station. Estimated distance is just short of 10 km. Considerable number of natural toilets on most of the walk.

Wednesday 11 January Fishermans Bend - Newport Lakes - Tottenham

Leader: Peter Schulz
David Watkins

Phone: 9470 2189

Phone: 9870 3782, 0414547190

Maps: Melway 42, 41, 55, 56

Grading: Easy, NO HILLS

Distance: 11 km

Rendezvous: 9.05 at Westgate Punt Jetty Melway 42 C12 - across road from bus stop under Westgate Bridge. If stop is missed next is terminus about 100m along road.

Transport: #237 bus from Southern Cross Station, stop is on South side of Collins Street outside Age Newspaper offices. Buses at 8.14, 8.20, 8.30, 8.43 We shall be using Westgate Punt to cross river, **Fare is \$2.00 per person.** Last Punt for morning departs at 9.20am prompt. Anyone missing bus or not wishing to use Punt can meet at Spotswood station at 10.00am

Morning Tea: 9.30am Early short morning tea at disembarkation from

punt, Melway 56 C1 then “elevenses” at Newport Lakes, Melway 55 G3, around 11.00am Toilets available

Lunch: In Cruickshank Park close to Community Garden Melway 55 H9 approximately 12.30pm NO TOILETS or cover.

Walk Details: Leisurely flat walk along parkland and streets, using Westgate Punt to cross Yarra River at start, we walk to Newport Lakes park, then after crossing Westgate Freeway pick up Stoney Creek and follow through Cruickshank Park, then to Tottenham Station. VERY limited toilet facilities, Newport Lakes park the only one from Southern Cross to Southern Cross. Maybe possible to access facilities at Spotswood Museum.

Plenty of escapes the first being 1 km from start at Spotswood station.

Monday 16 January Merlynston - Merri Creek - Victoria Park

Leader: Marshal Schaeche

Phone: 9899 7830

Rendezvous: 9.32 at Merlynston railway station

Maps: Melway 17, 18, 30 & 44 Grading: Easy Distance: 17 km

Transport: 9.05 Upfield train ex Flinders Street, arrives Merlynston at 9.32.

Morning Tea: 10.00 at Parker Reserve, Melway 17 J7.

Walk Details: The walk follows the Merri Creek Trail until Dights Falls which is very close to Victoria Park station. There are several escape options after lunch.

3rd Wednesday 18 January Melbourne Botanic Gardens

Leader: Bruce Armstrong

Phone: 9578 2221, 0416 758 204

Rendezvous: Botanic Gardens Visitors Centre.

Maps: Melway 2G A12, 2F A1 Grading: Easy Distance: 3 to 5 km

Transport: Any tram at Federation Square travelling south along St Kilda Road, (**except route #1**) to stop #19 (Shrine of Remembrance) and take stairs to the Shrine (opposite Dorcas Street) and walk to Botanic Gardens Visitor Centre entrance.

Morning Tea: 10.15 outside Visitors Centre.

Walk Details: A pleasant stroll around Botanic Gardens and lunch around 12 noon near the Lake shop. Plenty of toilets on the walk.

Wednesday 25 January South Morang – Bundoora

Leader: Keith Tupper Phone: 9457 2595, 0434 112 192 (25 January only)

Rendezvous: 9.28 at South Morang railway station

Maps: Melway 183, 182, 9 Grading: Easy/Medium Distance: 13 km

Transport: 8.36 South Morang train ex Flinders St

Morning Tea: Lookout, Quarry Hills Park, Melway 182 K7

Walk Details: North via Civic Centre and lake, with short climb to lookout. Down to level trail, following Darebin Creek generally south to Plenty Rd tram stop 68 (Melway 9 K11).

Notes:

- (1) Apart from short climb to lookout and descent, the walk is flat all the way.
- (2) Half-way escape at Epping station.
- (3) The walk may be cancelled if the forecast is over 30° (check with leader), or shortened if high twenties (by mutual agreement).

Sunday 29 January George Bass Walk

Leader: Terry Simpson

Phone: 0400 037 291

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9.30 at Punchbowl Coastal Reserve.

Punchbowl coastal reserve parking place is reached by taking the Punchbowl Rd to the end. The turnoff from the B420 onto the Punchbowl Rd is about 2 km before San Remo, the last town before Philip Island. The road is clearly marked.

Map Melway X912, Q 11

Grading: Easy to medium given the walk is hilly and some beach walking, but nothing too difficult.

Distance: From the start at the end of Punchbowl road to the Kilcunda pub is about 8.5kms.

Transport: **Private car** - A car shuttle will need to be done as walk is one way only from Punchbowl to Kilcunda.

Morning Tea: at 9.30am, before start of walk. Car shuttle to drop some cars at Kilcunda and then walk starts at about 10am.

Walk Details: Location and access - the walk is situated 100 km south

east of Melbourne between San Remo and Kilcunda. The walk commences at the parking spot at the southern end of the Punchbowl Road, off the Phillip Island Tourist Road and finishes at the Kilcunda Pub.

The walk looks over a treacherous stretch of water known today as Bass Strait. This area is marked by middens, hidden in the dunes behind sandy beaches along the coast.

Caution must be exercised when undertaking this walk. The track follows a narrow strip of public land along cliff tops, consisting of slashed track through grassland. The track surface can be slippery, so sturdy footwear should be worn. Beaches along the walks are unsuitable for swimming due to the presence of strong undertows, rips and steep sloping sandy bottoms. Fishing or walking near the water's edge can be extremely dangerous; swells and large waves can crash up against the rocky shore line.

Lunch will be early as we will stop on the beach, an ideal spot for lunch.

Note: There are no toilets at the Punchbowl coastal reserve car park. There are toilets at Grantville, about 17kms before turn-off or at San Remo 2km past turnoff.

A LONG WEEKEND IN THE HIGH COUNTRY BASED AT MT BEAUTY **FRIDAY 7 APRIL 2017 – SUNDAY 9 APRIL 2017**

Expressions of interest now required:

The Club is organizing a three day trip to the Victorian High Country based in Mt Beauty between Friday 7 April 2017 and Sunday 9 April 2017. It is proposed that we will stay in self-contained cabins at Mt Beauty on the Friday and Saturday nights and walks will be arranged each day under the leadership of former Club President and local resident, Ian Smith.

The accommodation will need to be booked as soon as possible and expressions of interest are now sought from anyone who would like to attend. Further details will be provided once the numbers attending are known.

Initial contact should be made with assistant walks co-ordinator, Kim Rosen by email on kimtjrosen@yahoo.com or mobile 0422 804 816.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Wednesday 1 February Airport West - Maribyrnong - Essendon

Leader: Bill Woods

Phone: 9370 7268

Rendezvous: 9.00 at Essendon station.

Maps: Melway 15, 16, 27, 28 Grading: Medium Distance: 14 km

Transport: 8.32 Craigieburn train ex Flinders Street, 8.36 Southern Cross, arriving Essendon at 8.50. Toilets available. Return from Essendon tram #59 (Airport West) is taken to Hawker Street, Airport West stop #57, Melway 16 A7.

Morning Tea: 10.00 at A J Davis Reserve, Melway 15 G9.

Walk Details: Follow Steeles Creek to Maribyrnong river and on to Aberfeldie Park and Essendon station. A few medium hills are involved.

Notes: There are escape buses available at various points and nature's toilets are the most common en-route.

Monday 6 February Woods Reserve, Devil Bend

Leader: Don Ziino

Phone: 5975 6626

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9.45 at Camp Niall Scout Park, Melway 152 B5

Maps: Melway 152 Grading: Medium Distance: 10km

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: Along Gillett Road to Woods Reserve track then to Derril Road, Loders Road and Graydens Road which will bring us to Devil Bend Reservoirs picnic tables for lunch. Return by Derril Road. A good walk with moderate hills.

Wednesday 8 February Mornington - Sweetwater Creek - Frankston

Leader: Geoffrey Cohen

Phone: 9509 7853

Rendezvous: 9.10 at Frankston Railway Station Bus bay 4 (West side).

Maps: Melway 104, 105, 106, 102 Grading: Easy Distance: 14 km

Transport: 8.05 Frankston train ex Flinders Street arriving Frankston 9.06 then #781 bus at 9.15 from bay 4, arriving Robertson Drive, Mornington at 9.33. The Leader will meet the bus.

Morning Tea: 10.30 at Emil Madsen Reserve Melway 105 G11.

Walk Details: A reasonably flat walk initially following a rail track then some street walking and lastly through Sweetwater Creek Nature Reserve. Return to Frankston Railway Station by one of three buses at approximately 20 minute frequency to take train at 10 minute and lastly through Sweetwater Creek Nature Reserve.

Return to Frankston Railway Station by one of three buses at approximately 20 minute frequency to take train at 10 minute frequency. Toilets at Frankston Railway Station, morning tea, lunch and others en-route.

Monday 13 February Mulgrave - Dandenong Creek - Dandenong

Leader: Sandy Moller

Phone: 9502 3690

3rd Wednesday 15 February Croydon Town Park

Leader: Stewart Stanlake

Phone: 9870 9061, 0468300132

Rendezvous, Morning Tea & Lunch: at Croydon Town Park, Melway 50 K5, arrive at Croydon 10.45. Car parking available at south end of park adjacent to council offices.

Map: Melway 50. Grading: Easy. Distance: am 4 km, and pm 2 km

Transport: 9.45 Lilydale train ex Flinders arrives Croydon 10.23. Leader will meet train and walk the one km to the rendezvous.

Walk Details: On formed paths to trotting track, returning on alternative route for the am. The pm walk is around the Croydon Oval back to station.

Sunday 19 February Greens Bush (Mornington Peninsula National Park)

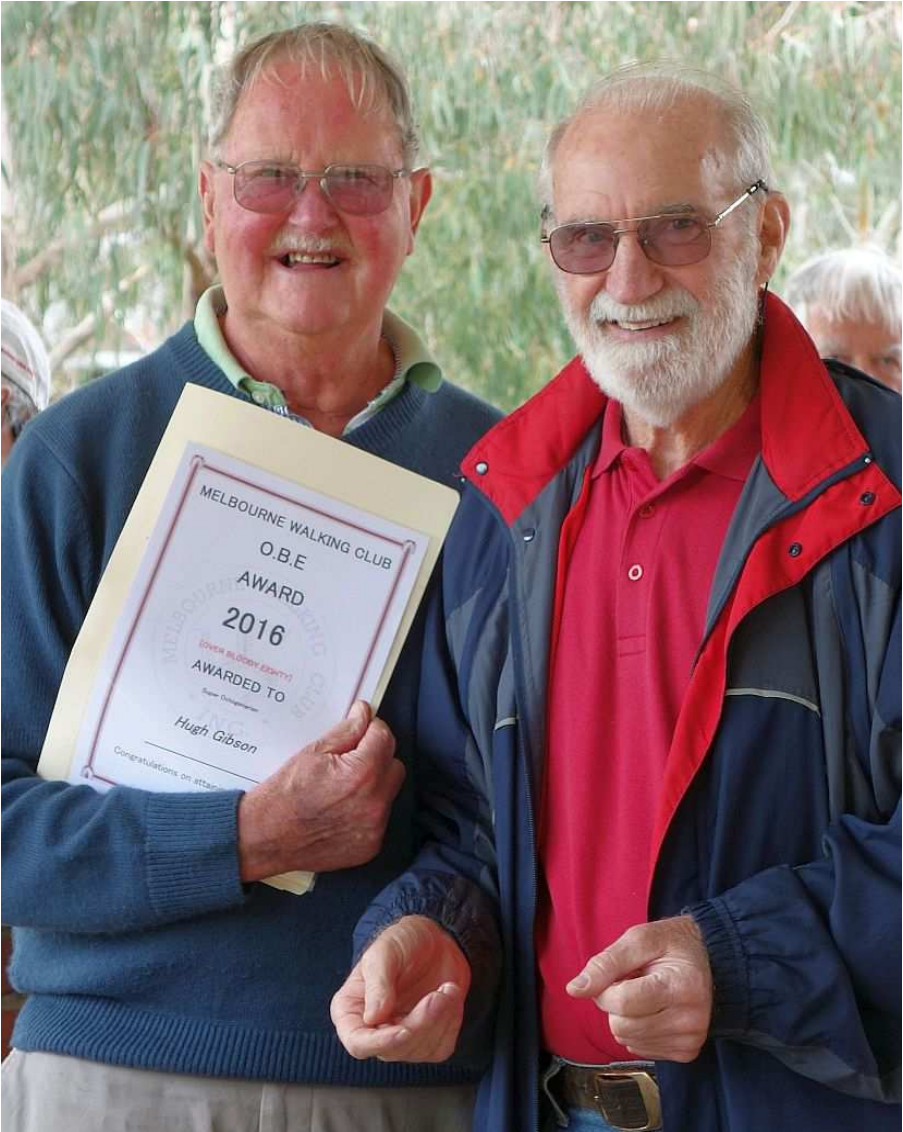
Leader: Arthur Robertson

Phone: 9580 6405, 0419 895 916

Map: Melway 259 J 7

Grading: Easy

Distance: 9 to 10 Km



Hugh Gibson Presented with his OBE Certificate by Stewart Stanlake

Rendezvous: 10.30 at Car Park Highfield private entrance on Boneo Road (approx. 2Km past Long Point Road heading to Flinders).

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: A very pleasant walk on good vehicle access tracks & walking paths Mostly broken tree cover with no serious uphill sections. No toilets (plenty of bush).

Wednesday 22 February Kalorama - Aqueduct - Mt Evelyn

Leader: Gordon De Navi

Phone: 9729 9032

Monday 27 February Easy Metro, Eltham - Westerfold Park

Leader: Hugh Gibson

Phone: 9897 3645, 0429 173 501

Rendezvous: 10.00 at Eltham railway station.

Map: Melway 21.

Grading: Easy

Distance: 5, 8 or 10 km

Transport: 9.00 Hurstbridge train ex Flinders Street, 9.09 Parliament, arriving Eltham at 9.55. Return by various busses.

Morning Tea: 10.10 at Central Park, Eltham, Melway 21 J5.

Walk Details: Follow down Diamond Street to Eltham Lower Park, then footbridge over Yarra River to Candlebark Park. Follow Yarra to Westerfold Park. Escapes at Fitzsimons Lane.

Stalwart Walkers of Our Earlier Days

Alan D Budge

Alan joined the Club in 1935, after having bushwalked from 1930. He quickly became involved in Club activities and wrote his first article for 'The Melbourne Walker' in 1937. Over the next fifty years his regular walking provided the material for more than twenty articles penned above his own name, in addition to the others he wrote over a pseudonym. A number of his walks were also recorded by companions with whom he walked. There was scarcely a forest or mountain area in the state where Alan failed to leave his footprints.

Alan served as Assistant during Reggie Mann's period of editorship of "The Melbourne Walker" and then succeeded to editorship for the fifteen years 1968-1983. During this period, Alan built the readership of what was the leading bushwalking magazine, to in excess of 3,000 copies, which represented a readership of more than ten times the Club's membership. Alan's literary ability was acknowledged by Laure Bell in a tribute he paid to Alan in the 1992 issue of the magazine - "A.D. Budge's Writings of Walkers, Gypsies of the Road and of Letters".



However, Alan's finest literary achievement was his research and writing of "No End to Walking", sub-titled 'One Hundred Years of Walking' by the Walking Club. This, Alan wrote for the Club's Centenary Year. Sadly, Alan died in 1983, a short time before his work was published by a small group of his friends and walking companions. The total proceeds from this venture were donated to the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, who acknowledged the gift by devoting it to form the 'Alan D. Budge Trust Fund' to be devoted to Cancer Research.

During his distinguished membership of almost sixty years Alan served as Tours Officer, 1954-58, President, 1958-61, was elected a Life Member in 1965 and was Magazine Editor 1968-1983.

Hearing Better Now

An elderly man was having hearing problems and went to see a specialist. He was fitted with some hearing aids that brought his hearing back to full strength.

After a few weeks the man came back to make sure the new equipment was working properly, which it was.

The specialist said, "It seems perfect. Your family should be delighted you can hear everything now".

"Oh no," the man responded. "I haven't told any of them. I just sit quietly, listening carefully. I've changed my will four times."

From a Management Course

A man is getting into the shower just as his wife is finishing her shower when the doorbell rings. The wife quickly wraps herself in a towel and runs downstairs. When she opens the door there stands Bob, the next-door neighbour.

Before she says a word Bob says "I'll give you \$800 to drop the towel. After thinking for a moment the woman drops the towel and stands naked in front of Bob.

After a few seconds Bob hands the \$800 and leaves. The woman wraps up in the towel and goes back upstairs. When she gets to the bathroom the husband asks "Who was that?" She replies "It was Bob. The next-door neighbor."

"Great" the husband says, "did he say anything about the \$800 he owes me?"

The moral of the story: If you share critical information pertaining to credit and risk with your colleagues you may be able to prevent avoidable exposure.

From the Bushwalking President

Bushwalking Australia AGM

I attended the Bushwalking Australia Annual General Meeting in Hobart in mid-November. Over two days we shared a lot of information about promoting and progressing bushwalking across Australia.



The Bushwalking Australia *National Risk Management Guidelines*

were approved. I will work with my counterparts in other states to share and develop further guidelines to guide and inform bushwalkers.

Andrew Davey from Tasmania was elected as President of Bushwalking Australia. I look forward to working with Andrew and the other Bushwalking Australia Council members over the coming year.

Chris Towers stood down after 45 months as President of Bushwalking Australia, which also marked the end of seven consecutive years in executive roles in both Bushwalking Victoria and Bushwalking Australia. Chris has made a great contribution to promoting and furthering bushwalking with tremendous support from his partner Elaine. I wish them both well for their 'second retirements'. While in Tasmania, I also picked up a freshly printed copy of *The Abels Volume One* (2nd edition) and *Volume Two* edited by Bill Wilkinson. Combined, these books contain a lifetime of great bushwalks in Tasmania.

Proposed National Australia Adventure Activity Standards (AAAS)

Bushwalking Victoria has received a response from Sport and Recreation Victoria to our request for an exemption for recreational bushwalkers and volunteer community groups. While our concerns about the potential impact of these standards on our bushwalking activities were acknowledged, there is no firm commitment to ensure recreational bushwalkers are exempted from them.

If you are concerned about the potential impact these standards may have on your club or your personal bushwalking trips, please consider contacting and meeting with your local State Member of Parliament to raise your concerns.

I will send more detailed information about this to Bushwalking Victoria clubs and members via email.

Joint Management Plan for 10 Gippsland Parks

A draft joint management plan is being developed for 10 parks and reserves that will be managed in a partnership between the Gunaikurnai Traditional Owners and the State of Victoria.

The 10 parks and reserves under joint management are:

Tarra Bulga National Park (1522 ha)

The Knob Reserve (56 ha)

Mitchell River National Park (12200 ha)
Gippsland Lakes Coastal Park (17600 ha)
Lakes National Park (2390 ha)
Gippsland Lakes Reserve at Raymond
Island (248 ha)
Lake Tyers State Park (7100 ha)
Buchan Caves Reserve (232 ha)
Corringale Foreshore Reserve (159 ha)
New Guinea Cave, within the Snowy River Nat. Park (1194 ha).

Stakeholders have an opportunity to share relevant knowledge they have of the 10 parks and reserves, and to highlight issues, concerns and ideas at this stage of the planning process.

An online survey is available for providing feedback or raising questions at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Draft-Joint_Management-Plan

For more information or to arrange to meet the planning team, email feedback@gunaikurnai.com.au.

Website: <http://www.gunaikurnai.com.au>

Future Star

One afternoon, Matt's dad picks him up from school. Knowing that the parts for the school play were chosen that day, he asks his son if he got a role. Matt answers " Yes, I play a man who's been married for 20 years".

"That's great son", says his dad.

Next time they might give you a speaking part".



About a dozen MWC members and visitors attended Kevin's Funeral Mass at St Joseph's Church, Malvern on Thursday 10th November to bid Kevin farewell.



Carrum Downs Walk

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