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by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 1st February

Circular Preparation: 3rd Thursday - 16th February 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 Reville, 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 Reville on 9555 1114 or at email barryrevill@bigpond.com

Laugh With Lance

I couldn't quite remember how to throw my boomerang, but eventually it came back to me.

FEBRUARY WALKS

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. 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.

may one day walk it.

Despite the evening getting a bit chilly, everyone seemed to really enjoy and be enthusiastic about his talk.

The walk from Zumsteins to McKenzie Falls was completed and by all accounts the falls were spectacular.

The Mt Thackeray walk ran into trouble soon after going through the gate to the Goat Track on the Victoria Range. A huge fallen tree blocked the path.

They retreated to Buandik where by good fortune they met the Aboriginal Art Site Tour group (who had decided to do their tour in reverse this day). So they tagged along with them for the rest of the day.

Several groups reported small fallen trees across roads en route to their walks, but they managed to negotiate them one way or another and continue on their way.

All leaders and co-leaders are to be congratulated on the way they managed their walks in such difficult conditions.

Despite any changes to walks, it sounds like the majority of people still managed to have an enjoyable day and in some cases a bit of an adventure.

With all groups arriving back safely to Laharum, there was much trading of stories of their windy adventures over a nice cuppa.

Fond farewells were said before the walkers started making their way for home. There was a lot of praise for Wimmera Bushwalking Club's magnificent effort in organising an enjoyable weekend.

I would like to thank all our club members who helped out during the year with the organisation and all those who helped on the weekend.

The leaders and co-leaders were great and the show wouldn't have run without the volunteers and their hard work back at the venue.

A huge thanks to all the walk leaders and co-leaders from other clubs who volunteered their time for the weekend.

We could not have done it without you. You all did a fantastic job and were very much appreciated.

Thank you everyone.

make changes to their allocated walks and other queries.

Approximately 230 walkers checked in on the Friday. The rest did so first thing Saturday.

Saturday arrived and all our prayers had been answered and we were greeted by a perfect sunny, calm, blue-sky day. We couldn't have asked for better.

It was an early start. Leaders and walkers arrived to get ready for their big day. The venue was a hive of activity over the next two hours with walk departures arranged to leave every fifteen minutes.

Groups gathered on the oval beside their walk numbers before heading off in their car convoys to their destinations and a great day of walking.

Thirteen of our own club members were tasked as walk leaders or co-leaders on Saturday and they did a wonderful and professional job leading their groups. The volunteers back at base had a bit of quiet time after the last groups left.

Chris and Steve waited nervously for a dreaded phone call advising of some accident or injury. Thankfully no such a call was received (except for one false alarm).

Mid-afternoon saw the first groups of walkers returning to the hub. All appeared excited and chatty about their various experiences. They settled in for afternoon tea and sat around swapping stories. It sounded like they had a great day in lovely weather with heaps of wildflowers on show. The beautiful calm weather held out for our Saturday evening dinner.

The Laharum Committee set up all the tables and chairs on the oval and had been busy all afternoon preparing two delicious spit roasts.

It was just how we had imagined it to be: a fine evening on the oval with the Grampians as a backdrop. The weather gods were definitely smiling on us! Everyone enjoyed their meal.

After the main course there were speeches by: Councillor David Grimble from Horsham Rural City Council; Chris Dunmill, Wimmera Bushwalking Club's President; Peter Campbell, Bushwalking Victoria's President; and Steve Knoll, Walks Coordinator.

After dessert, the guest speaker – David Roberts, Area Chief Ranger, Parks Victoria – gave a very appropriate and interesting presentation on the Grampians Peak Trail. He enjoyed speaking about it to a large group of people who really had an interest in it and

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: 10 km

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 - Moorooduc - Frankston

Leader: Geoffrey Cohen

Phone: 59741342

Rendezvous: 9.10 at Frankston Railway Station Bus stop in Young Street accessed via street on west (sea) side of station.

Maps: Melway 104, 105, 106, 102

Grading: Easy/Medium

Distance: 15 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 following a rail track then a 300 step climb followed by some street walking and lastly through Sweetwater Creek Nature Reserve.

Return to Frankston railway station by one of four buses at approximately 20 minute frequency to meet the city train at 10 minute frequency. Toilets at Frankston railway station, morning tea, lunch and others en-route.

Escape available at lunch spot after approximately 10 km

Monday 13 February Wheelers Hill - Dandenong

Leader: John Rankin

Phone: 9842 1350, 0408 373 148
email: john.rankin@internode.on.net

Rendezvous: 9.30 am at Jacksons Road Bus Stop on North side of Wellington Road (Melway 80, K2)

Maps: Melway 80, 81, 90 Grading: Easy (flat) Distance: 13.5 km

Transport: 8.41 Dandenong train ex Flinders Street to Huntingdale station, then 9.12 Smart Bus #900 towards Stud Park Shopping Centre alighting at Jacksons Road at 9.28. **Alternatively**, 8.21 Smart Bus #901 from Ringwood station towards Frankston alighting at Stud Park Shopping Centre at 8.53, then 9.01 or 9.16 #900 Smart Bus towards Caulfield (or 9.20 #691 bus towards Waverley Gardens), alighting at Jacksons Road (the stop after crossing Eastlink).

Morning Tea: Mulgrave Reserve Melway 81, A1. Seating but no toilets.

Walk Details: An easy walk along Dandenong Creek Trail through Tirhatuan Park, crossing Brady Road to lunch close to Volley Ball Centre (toilet & seating; Melway 90 G1; approx. 8 km from start).

Escape on #901 bus available.

After lunch continue on trail through Robert Booth reserve, Betula Reserve, Thomas Carroll Reserve, Dandenong Park and bowls club to Foster Road and Dandenong station.

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

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Federation Weekend 2016 a Huge Success

After a year of planning, we finally did it! We accomplished a very successful Federation event, which is something our small club – Wimmera Bushwalking Club – is very proud of.

The stress levels were high in the weeks leading up to the big weekend because of one of the wettest Septembers for quite some time was causing havoc, with the closure of roads and walking tracks.

The Grampians experienced 328mm of rain in September, and another 111mm in the first week of October – the week before the event! With Lake Wartook overflowing for weeks and GWM Water releasing mega litres of additional water, Zumsteins was completely cut off for several days.

We didn't get confirmation that Zumsteins would be open for us until 3pm on the Friday before the weekend. If it hadn't re-opened, it would have really messed with our walks program as five of our walks needed to use that route.

The two walks that were to use the McKenzie Creek Track had to be changed at the last minute to waterfall tours where participants would visit three or four nearby waterfalls.

The high water level at Deep Creek meant the Deep Creek walk had to be changed on the Saturday to a walk to the Mt Stapylton summit and back. The Deep Creek walk was able to proceed as normal on the Sunday.

Much time was spent in the week before the Federation Weekend in driving on and checking the condition of various dirt roads in the Grampians and Black Range. Some were pretty cut up and rough. Parks Victoria had kindly given us permission to use the closed Wallaby Rocks Road to access the start of the Asses Ears walk.

Finally, Friday came. We set up at the Laharum Sports Ground. Registration opened at 4pm and it was all on, with dozens of keen bushwalkers rolling up, eager to check in and receive their welcome packs. The packs included the Federation Weekend's walks booklet and the magnificent photo landscape book Gariwerd, Reflecting on the Grampians, generously donated by Gib Wettenhall.

Our registration volunteers were kept very busy on three registration tables and the Help Desk was flat out dealing with people wanting to

Sunday 26 March Bullarto - Mount Wilson

Leader: Peter Hiscock

Phone: 5341 3220

Monday 27 March Hawthorn - Fairfield

Leader: Oliver Lucas

Phone: 9571 6865

Wednesday 29 March South Morang - Plenty Park - Diamond Creek

Leader: Gordon Proudfoot

Phone: 9717 8322, 0405 083 074

Rendezvous: 9.28 at Greensborough station.

Morning Tea: 10.15 Armstrong Road (at BMX track), Melway 184 A12. There is no seating, shelter or toilets.

Maps: 183, 184, 11, 12, 13. Distance: Long 14.5 km, short 9 km

Grading: To lunch there are some hills but virtually flat after lunch.

Transport: 8.40 Eltham train ex Flinders Street platform 1, arriving at Greensborough at 9.28, then #901 bus (Melbourne Airport) to Armstrong Road. Leader will meet walkers at Greensborough station.

Walk Details: The morning walk is along quiet back roads with some hilly sections. Lunch is at Campbell Street Reserve, Melway 11 K11. There are toilets, seating and a BBQ. There are numerous escapes during the morning but none after lunch.

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

As advised in last month's Circular a long weekend has been organised in the Victorian High Country based near Mt Beauty at Tawonga South.

Walks will be arranged each day under the leadership of former Club President and local resident, Ian Smith.

To date nine people have expressed interest in coming and shared cabin accommodation has now been booked. There are still vacancies but a definite commitment is now required from anyone else wishing to come.

Please contact Kim Rosen by email on:
kimtjrosen@yahoo.com or 0422 804 816 if you would like to come.

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

Rendezvous: Croydon Station at 9.00

Maps: Melway 52, 120 Grading: Medium Distance: 15 km

Transport: 8.15 train ex Flinders Street, arriving Croydon station 8.59. Then the 9.10 bus #688 at Croydon station.

Morning Tea: At Kalorama Park Picnic Area down from Fiveways Corner.

Walk Details: Walk to Olinda Creek Road and to Silvan Reservoir for lunch. After lunch we head to Greygum Track to Olinda Creek Track, head to Aqueduct Trail and Mt. Evelyn.

Escape 1 - After lunch at Stonyford Road. Bus to Lilydale.

Escape 2 - Bus Stop opposite Priestly Court to Belgrave.

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.

MARCH PROGRAM

Wednesday 1 March Bendigo - East side of Railway

Leader: Jim Cone

Phone: 9560 8175

Rendezvous : 9.56 a.m. at Bendigo Railway Station

Map : Wilkins Bendigo Tourist map

Grading: Easy/Medium

Distance: 12 km.

Transport: 7.41 V/Line Bendigo/Eaglehawk train ex Southern Cross, arriving Bendigo at 9.56. Seniors Off-Peak Concession; or Seniors voucher (MYKI = \$20.16 return); Return train from Bendigo at 1.36, 2.38, or 2.56.

Morning Tea: On the train.

Walk Details:

An easy to medium walk with some low hills up to, and including, the Goldfields Track. Firstly along Spring Creek, then to Diamond Hill lookout for lunch: typical dryland open forest.

Notes: Good views, some wildlife.

If attending - secure an updated V/Line timetable as changes have been made and may continue. Appreciate that Bendigo is in a different Fire Zone from Melbourne; so that a fire ban can occur in Bendigo even if not in Melbourne. Bookings and tickets should be secured ahead of time: a pleasant day out in Bendigo would include lunch but without the walk - that is: if a fire ban were declared between the time the tickets were bought and the walk event.

Monday 6 March Baldry Crossing - Gwen Marlyn Road

Leader: Doug Connell

Phone: 9807 1957

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9.45 at Baldry Crossing, Melway 254 G6.

Map: Melway 254.

Grading: Medium.

Distance: 13 km

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: From Baldry Crossing we walk along Baldry Road to Meakins Road, then Gwenmarlin Road and enter Greens Bush. Return to start. This is a pleasant country walk along tracks beside the roads, then a bush walk and hopefully see some wild life.

Wednesday 8 March Scoresby - Blind Creek - Ferntree Gully

Leader: Richard Bowen

Phone: 9701 2925

Sunday 12 March Upper Yarra Trail

Leader: Steuart Meers

Phone: 9852 9121

3rd Wednesday 15 March Hurstbridge Heritage Walk

Leader: Travis Clark

Phone: 9874 6326

Monday 20 March Bike Ride From Carrum

Leader: David Watkins

Phone: 9870 3782 or 0414 547190

Email: mdwatti@bigpond.net.au

Distance: Decide on day but no further than 30kms

Maps:

Ride A: Melway: 97, 99, 100 103 107,106 or

<http://www.peninsulalink.com.au/Images/ContentEditor/Documents/Shared%20Use%20Path%20Info%20Sheet.pdf>

Ride B: Melway 97, 93, 92, 87,86.

Transport: 9.24am Frankston Train ex Flinders Street arrive Carrum 10.17 or by own transport.

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 10.30am in Car Park at Paterson River Boat Launching Ramps at end of Launching Way- Melway 97 E6.

Train Arrivals: Proceed North along Station Street towards Patterson River, then turn right along river to rendezvous point.

Lunch/ Refreshment: To be decided on day

Ride Details:

Ride A: We shall ride South along the Peninsula Link sealed bike trail through Seaford wetlands, The Pines reserve, to the McClelland Gallery Park for lunch stop, then return along same route.

Ride B: Ride North Past Edithvale wetlands to Mordialloc then along bike track following coast North to suitable lunch spot, return along same route.

Wednesday 22 March Upper Ferntree Gully - Bellview Terrace - UFG

Leader: Oliver Lucas

Phone: 9571 6865