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by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 5th April

Circular Preparation: 3rd Thursday - 20th April 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

Generally speaking, you don't learn much when your mouth is open.

Tales from the Campfire

A Kangaroo walks into a pub and orders a beer. He pays with a \$20 note and the bartender, figuring he knows little about money, give him a \$1 change. Eventually, his curiosity gets the better of him and he says to the kangaroo, "You know, we don't get a lot of kangaroos in this pub" To which the kangaroo replies, "Yeah, and at \$19 a beer you won't be getting any more."

Barry Revill

APRIL WALKS

Sunday 2 April Bunyip State Park

Leader: Michael Corrigan

Phone: 9571 3227, 0401 140 840

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 7:45 am at Gembrook Station Car Park opposite hotel. Vehicles will depart at 8:00 am sharp for Bunyip State Park.

Maps: Melway 299, Rooftop's Gembrook-Powelltown Forest Activities Map 2nd edition 2009.

Distance: approx. 14 -16 km. Grading: Medium/Hard.

Transport: Private vehicle.

Walk Details: The walk commences at junction of Bunyip River Road and Aqueduct Track and shortly later follows Freemans Mill Walking Track to the site of now non-existent Freemans Mill. There is one steep section shortly before arrival at the mill site. There are some beautiful tall tree ferns on the latter portion of this Track. An early lunch will be taken at the mill site. An escape is possible back to the cars along the Aqueduct Track which is easy walking.

After lunch the walk will follow Blue Range Road on a continual gradual ascent to the junction with Bunyip Ridge Track. Until this point only authorised vehicles are permitted. The return is along Bunyip Ridge Track to the Bunyip River Road. This section has steep uphill and downhill sections. The intersection of the Bunyip Ridge Track and the Bunyip River Road is about 2.2 km from the starting point of the walk.

A car shuttle will be used to enable walkers to be transported back to the start of the walk.

Please advise the leader if attending.

Monday 3 April Sorrento-Portsea Ramble

Leader: Ian Bell

Phone: 5932 1727

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9:45 at Sorrento Park, Hotham Road near Pt. Nepean Road.

Map: Melway 157 B7

Grading: Medium

Distance: 10-12 km

Walk Details: Front and back beaches.

Wednesday 5 April Seville East to Launching Place

Note. This walk replaces the previously listed 16 km Cardinia – Berwick walk on Tues 4 April.

Leader: Miles Pierce

Phone: 9890 8319, 0429 359 832

Rendezvous: Bus terminal at Lilydale railway station at 9.30 - 9.40 to catch the #683 bus at 9.45 to Seville East (Old Warburton Road bus stop).

Morning Tea: Arthur Hartman Reserve, Bridgewater Road, Seville East (Melway Map 285 H10). No toilet facilities.

Maps: Melway 285, 286 & 287

Grading: Medium

Distance: 13 km

Transport: 8.15 Lilydale train ex Flinders Street, arrives Lilydale 9.10,

or 8.45 Lilydale train, arrives Lilydale 9.37 (8 mins before bus departure).

Walk Details: Along tree lined High St off Old Warburton Road (some uphill here) to rejoin the latter road before crossing Woori Yallock Creek and turning southeast to Symes Road and via it onto the Warburton Rail Trail. Then, a deviation from the rail trail northward along the Healesville – Koo Wee Rup Road to the Yarra River and lunch in the Yarra Bridge Reserve (a couple of old picnic tables but no other facilities). After lunch, return to the Rail Trail and continue eastwards to the Warburton Highway and the bus stop at Launching Place General Store. (If it is hot, the second escape down Cairncroft Rd may be taken to shorten the walk).

Escapes before and after the lunch deviation via Middleton Drive, Woori Yallock, to Warburton Highway bus stop (total walk distance then about 6.5 or 9 km respectively), or later via Cairncroft Avenue, Launching Place to Warburton Highway bus stop (total walk distance then about 11.7 km).

Route #683 buses back to Lilydale station depart the Launching Place General Store stop at 55 mins past each hour. (About 2 min later at Cairncroft Avenue and 5 minutes later at Middleton Drive).

Friday 7 April 2017 – Sunday 9 April 2017

A Long Weekend in the High Country Based at Mt Beauty

The Club has organized a three day trip to the Victorian High Country based near Mt Beauty at Tawonga South.

We will stay in self-contained cabins 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. Evening meals will be at a local pub on the Friday night and at a BBQ organized by Ian and his wife on the Saturday night.

Another cabin, (three bedrooms, sleeping 4-6 people), has become available but will need to be booked in the next week. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy high country walking with an experienced local bushwalker.

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

Wednesday 12 April Kalorama - Bayswater North

Leader: Graeme Barker

Phone: 9874 6938

Rendezvous: 9.00 at Croydon Railway Station (South Side)

Maps: Melway 52, 65, 66

Grading: Medium/Hard

Distance: 14 km

Transport: 8.15 Lilydale train ex Flinders Street, arriving Croydon 8.59, then Ventura Bus #688 departing Croydon at 9.10, arriving Kalorama at 9.34. Return by Ventura Bus #737 from Bayswater North at 2.27 or 3.07 to Boronia station, then train to City at 30 minute intervals, approx. 50 minutes to Flinders Street.

Morning Tea: Ellis Jewes Reserve, Kalorama (North-West side of Mt Dandenong Tourist Road) at 9.40. (Melway 52 H9).

Walk Details: A walk in the Dandenongs on secluded bush tracks, with a number of short steep sections before lunch, finishing on the Dandenong Creek bike track to Bayswater North. The opportunity to admire fine views from near the TV towers.

Note: Toilets available at Croydon station and at lunch. There are no escapes until mid-afternoon at Colchester Road via the # 690 Ventura Bus to either Croydon or Boronia railway stations, but there is no convenient bus stop near the walking track, although services are quite frequent. There are tables and seats available at the lunch spot. It is possible that part of the tracks would be muddy if there is heavy rain in April, so it would be advisable to wear heavy boots.

3rd Wednesday 19 April Studley Park

Leader: Jim Cone

Phone: 9560 8175

Rendezvous Morning Tea and Lunch: Car Park at end of Boathouse Road (Melway 2D F.8.) Toilets available.

Maps: 2D & 44 Grading: Easy Distance: **a.m.** 6.44 km max or 4.41 km. circuit from car park: **p.m.** 850m. bush track circuit - optional.

Transport: 9.28 a.m. Hurstbridge train ex Flinders Street, 9.31 Southern Cross, arrives Victoria Park Station 9.46. Walk east along Johnston Street to bus stop. Buses 200, 201, 205, and 207 run regularly. Alight at Bus stop Yarra Bend Park. Leader will use train from Flinders Street. Alternative car parking on Yarra Bend Road near Kane's bridge.

Walk Details: Well used tracks - most are gravel, well known and popular Yarra Riverside Park which includes a slight detour to Dights Falls. Toilet facilities at car park and Dights Falls.

Sunday 23 April 2017 Mount Evelyn Forest

Leaders: Denis Ward
Alan Hosking

Phone: 9598 7397
Phone: 9570 3695

Transport: Private car.

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9.30 am at car park 800 metres down right side of Stonyford Road Sylvan

Map: Melway 120 H11 Grading: Medium Distance: 10.5 Km

Walk Details: A 3.5 hour easy circuit walk on wide track in first half, then narrow track on return. **Note**: Steep descent in one section. Please bring walking poles if you have them.

Note: Toilet on left side of car park only

Monday 24 April Kensington - Essendon

Leader: Bill Woods

Phone: 9370 7268

Rendezvous: 9.45 west side of Kensington station.

Maps: Melway 2T, 28 & 42. Grading: Easy. Distance 10 km

Transport: 9.32 am Craigieburn Train ex. Flinders Street, 9.35 ex Southern Cross, arriving Kensington at 9.42. Return train from Essendon at 2.14 (20 min service).

Morning Tea: 10.00 am at Saleyards picnic area, Melway 2TH2

Walk Details: A pleasant historic walk through the redeveloped Saleyards Estate, then along the Maribyrnong River to Aberfeldy Park and Essendon. There are plenty of escape options.

Wednesday 26 April Carrum - Patterson River - Carrum

Leader: Stephen Pfundt

Phone: 0434 199 736

Rendezvous and Morning Tea: Meet at 10.00 outside Mordialloc station, followed by an 800 m walk to the Mordialloc Creek boat ramp area for morning tea.

Maps: Melway 92, 93, 94, 97, 98 Grading: Easy Distance: 12 km

Transport: 9.14 Frankston train ex Flinders Street to Mordialloc, arriving at 9.56.

Walk Details: A pleasant walk on a flat trail following Edithvale wetlands and Patterson Lakes wetlands to the Patterson River, then following the river to Carrum station. The walk proceeds for approximately 6.5 km from the morning tea location past wetlands to Chelsea Bicentennial Park for lunch. The park has excellent and plentiful covered seating areas and toilets. After lunch the walk continues for 2.5 km past more wetlands until it meets the Patterson River and then proceeds along the river bank for

2km to Carrum station.

Note: An escape is possible after lunch by #858 bus (every 30 minutes from 11.37) or 1.5 km walk down Thames Promenade to Chelsea station.

MAY PROGRAM

Monday 1 May Shoreham Circuit

Leader: Jim Smith

Phone: 7905257, 0437 077 532

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9.45 at Shoreham Hall, Melway 256 F8.

Map: Melway 256

Grading: Hard

Distance: 11 km

Transport: Private car

Walk Details: We meet at the historic Shoreham Hall (Corner of Byrnes and Cliff Road) which was originally a School built in 1875, then walk along Red Hill Road to Punty Lane down a steep gully to a tricky creek crossing due to a steep bank, then along Tucks Road to Flinders-Hasting Road and Beach Road. to the beach. This walk can be a bit rugged in parts with a long uphill section but has nice country views and a good view of Westernport Bay. Toilet facilities available at start.

Wednesday 3 May Greensborough - Watsonia

Leader: Stewart Stanlake

Phone: 9870 9061, 0468 300 132

Rendezvous: 9.37 at Greensborough station.

Transport: 8.50 Greensborough train ex Flinders Street, arriving Greensborough at 9.37. Return trains from Watsonia every 20 minutes.

Maps: Melway 20, 10, 9, 19, 20. Grading: Medium Distance: 13 km

Morning Tea: 9.45 at Poulter Reserve, Greensborough, Melway 20 K2.

Walk Details: Through various parks and pipeline reserves with a little street walking.

Notes: Escapes just prior to lunch and several thereafter. Walkers will have to wait for leader while he rests halfway up Mt. Cooper. Coffee at Watsonia RSL.

Sunday 7 May Combined Walk with MWWC - Tanglefoot

Leader: Trevor Rosen
Alan Hosking

Phone: 9882 8593

Phone: 9570 3695

Wednesday 10 May Kalorama - Aqueduct - Mt Evelyn

(This walk replaces the Walhalla Bus trip planned by David Ellis, but deferred due to David's health problems)

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 15 May Sherbrooke - The Patch - Belgrave

Leader: John Rankin

Phone: 9842 1350, 0408 373 148

email: john.rankin@internode.on.net

Rendezvous: 10.00 at Belgrave railway station.

Maps: Melway 75, 124

Grading: Medium

Distance: 13 km

Transport: 8.27 Belgrave train from Flinders Street arriving Belgrave 9.34, then the #694 bus at 10.08 arriving crn Georges Rd and Sherbrooke Roads 10.12. (The 8.53 train from Flinders St arrives Belgrave 9.59).

Morning Tea: Grant's Picnic Ground (Melway 75K4). Seating, shelter, toilets, cafe.

Walk Details: An interesting walk along country roads and through the Dandenong Ranges National Park. We head east along Sherbrooke Rd to the morning tea spot then follow the Kallista-Emerald Road to William Rd. We then enter the Dandenong Ranges Park along the Foden Track to the lunch spot. After lunch we join the Paddy Track through the Park to Monbulk Road and Belgrave Station. There is a long climb along William Road before lunch and a short steep climb just before Belgrave station. Escape to Belgrave station on #663 bus is

available at The Patch Reserve (4 km from start). Toilets at Belgrave station and at morning tea.

3rd Wednesday 17 May Blackburn Lake

Leader: Max Taebring

Phone: 9878 6621

Sunday 21 May Swan Bay – St Leonards – Edwards Point (Bellarine Peninsula)

Leader: Kim Rosen

Phone: 9882 8593, 0422 804 816

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9.30 at Swan Bay Jetty (on Swan Bay at eastern end of Swan Bay Road), Melway 486 H1. Toilets available.

Grading: Easy Transport: Private car. Distance: Approx. 10 km

Walk Details: From the Swan Bay Jetty we will drive towards St Leonards and park at the intersection of Bluff Road and Ibbotson Street. The walk heads south from the Bluff Road car park towards Charlie's Hole Lookout and meanders to the start of the Edwards Point coastal woodlands and beach walk.

This is an easy walk at low tide. It is a great place to see waterbirds, including swans, ibis and pelicans and has magnificent views of offshore islands and marshes as well as Port Phillip Bay.

Afternoon Tea: At a café in St Leonards.

Please contact the leader if attending.

Wednesday 24 May Wendouree - Ballarat via Botanic Gardens

Leader: David Watkins

Phone: 9870 3782, 0414 547 190

email: mdwatti@bigpond.net.au

Rendezvous: 8.00 at Southern Cross station.

Distance: 9 or 11 km Dependent upon day Grading: Easy

Transport: 8.17 Ararat train ex Southern Cross arrives Wendouree 9.47.

Morning Tea: To be taken on train

Walk Details: An easy Flat walk; from Wendouree Station we enter Ballarat Botanic Gardens, pass along Prime Ministers walk, visit Australian Ex prisoner of war Memorial , into Victoria Park for lunch. After lunch walk around shore of Lake Wendouree and finally to Ballarat Station via historic Webster street.

Return trains from Ballarat at 1.18, 2.18, and 3.18, arriving Southern Cross Station 1 hour 11 minutes later.

Monday 29 May Easy Metro Richmond - Glen Iris

Leader: Jim Cone

Phone: 9560 8175

Wednesday 31 May Pascoe Vale - Mooney Ponds Creek - Broadmeadows

Leader: Peter Schulz

Phone: 9470 2189

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Bushwalking Victoria Defends Recreational Bushwalkers' Access to the Falls - Hotham Icon Walk – Media Release

“Recreational walkers must have equal access to the Falls to Hotham Icon Walk being developed by Parks Victoria and not be excluded to benefit commercial operators” said Peter Campbell, Bushwalking Victoria President.

“The Parks Victoria Draft Management Plan (DMP) currently states that there will be new restrictions on where recreational bushwalkers will be allowed to camp, and that commercial groups will have priority for booking limited campsites”, said Mr. Campbell.

“Bushwalking Victoria seeks to encourage more people to go bushwalking, but we think the restrictions proposed for the Falls to Hotham Walk may have the reverse effect.”

“We support the concept of Icon Walks, but are concerned these walks will exclude local recreational bushwalkers in favour of commercial tour groups.”

“We are also concerned that the proposal to develop a route up Diamantina Spur with luxury cabins built up high will have a negative impact on landscape values and may encourage less experienced groups to attempt to reach the cabins for shelter in dangerous inclement weather”, said Mr. Campbell.

“Commercial development, including building camping platforms and cabins, must not destroy the qualities of natural bush and alpine areas that bushwalkers visit”, said Mr. Campbell.

“Some of the proposed cabins are planned to be situated for panoramic views, but the DMP says built structures should have

minimal visual impact – it is extremely difficult to achieve both outcomes”, said Mr. Campbell.

“Victoria’s Alpine National Park is for everyone to enjoy and we do not want to see inappropriate commercial development compromise the landscape values of the park”, said Mr. Campbell.

“Bushwalking Victoria is also keen for more funds to be allocated for the maintenance of bushwalking tracks across Victoria, not just for Icon Walks”, said Mr. Campbell.

Fools Rush In

Or the Danger of Walking in the Bush Alone

So it would appear to be, as, acting on impulse rather than reason, on a sunny drowsy afternoon in April, 1936, with a heavy overcoat and a thin tattered rug on one arm, I trod, alone, at 20 years of age, the rocky road from Warburton heading for the Baw Baws and Walhalla.

My possessions consisted of a quarter loaf of bread, small quantities of butter, jam, sugar and tea in glass jars, and a few raisins in a paper bag, all packed into a linen cycle bag.

The bitterly cold crystal clear night at McVeigh’s was scarcely a prelude to the events to follow, for on approaching Yarra Falls hut, next day the sky “fell” on me and with dingoes howling all around, I sat before the fire all night long in an effort to keep body and soul together.

The following day, climbing the plateau, hell broke loose, with a blinding storm and driving blizzard of thick sleet and snow. Visibility fell to zero, the track completely disappeared and one searched for each succeeding numbered snow pole as the sole guide.

Through earlier improvidence, food supplies were virtually exhausted, and with a thick blanket of snow on the floor and stalactites of ice from the roof converting the Whitlaw and Talbot Peak huts into igloos, sleep proved impossible.

On the afternoon of the fifth day, I descended from the gloom and, exhausted after running the last mile to Erica, I flung myself into the lone carriage of the narrow gauge goods train already in motion for Moe and home.

Seven years elapsed before I was enticed to go on a second extended walk.

Tod Bleakley



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