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JULY WALKS

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Monday	31	Easy Metro Canterbury - Kooyong	Graeme Barker

Copy for August to: Charlie Freedman - Phone: 9842 5790
email: charlifreedman@yahoo.com

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

Circular Preparation: 3rd Thursday - 20th July 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 David Kerferd by phone or email at:
donnabuanghut @melbournwalkingclub.org**

Laugh With Lance

Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes.

New MWC Circular Editor

All future circulars will be prepared by the **Club's new Editor, Charlie Freedman. Therefore all Walk Leaders should email their Walk Details to him at charlifreedman@yahoo.com, or post them to his home address at 11 McCubbin Terrace, East Doncaster, VIC 3109. Charlie's home phone number is 9842 5790, or 0414 558 249.**

As this is my last circular as Editor I want to say that I have had vast enjoyment doing this task, but a couple of surgeries on my right eye have made it difficult to continue. I will be prepared to fill in for Charlie on occasions as needed.

So on this note I say - farewell **Your retiring editor - David Ikin**

JULY WALKS

Monday 3 July Blowhole, Flinders

Leader: Trevor Jupp Phone: 9802 3355

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9.45 at Mornington Peninsula National Park, Melway 261 D11.

Maps: Melway 261, 260 Grading: Medium Distance: 10 km

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: The walk starts at the Flinders Blowhole Cliff Tops car park, where we negotiate a couple of steep descents and climbs, along the foreshore to the Quarry and then head up to Flinders Road and along Keys Road to Punchbowl Road and return to the car park.

Note: This is a hilly walk with contrasting rugged coast and farm views.

appointment with your local state MP to raise your concerns. You could use the briefing note during the meeting and leave them a copy. you could also let them know your concerns via email. They might even be interested in going on a short bushwalk!

Draft AAAS Bushwalking and Camping Standards Submissions to Outdoors Victoria on the draft AAAS Bushwalking and Camping Standards close on 9.00 29 May 2017. You can view the draft standards and make a submission.

The bushwalking standard alone contains over 20 TAFE-level competencies that are not applicable to recreational bushwalkers!

Bushwalking Victoria will submit (again) that we do not support the standards due to the impacts they will have on recreational bushwalkers, reiterate our key concerns, and request that it be stated in the standards that compliance with them is not required for recreational bushwalkers.

If you have time, could you also please advise us of your concerns and any actions taken regarding the AAAS.

Peter Campbell President, 0409 417 504

2017/18 Subscriptions

Membership renewal fees are due by 30 June. By now all members should have received a subs notification by mail or email. Your prompt payment would be greatly appreciated.

Rates are unchanged from 2016/17 and are as follows:

Members -- Within Victoria and under 80 years	\$60
-- Outside Victoria	\$55
-- Aged 80 years and over	\$55

Note: As previously Life Members and those who have been members for 50 years or more are not required to pay annual subscriptions.

The following discounts apply:

Prompt Payment: \$5 (for payment by 30 June 2017.)
Emailed Circular \$10 (for 12 months, currently or advised by 30 June 2017).

Jim Thurlby - Treasurer

Mt Buller Lodge - Leaders for 2017 Ski season

<u>Month</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Phone</u>		
				<u>Mobile</u>	<u>Home</u>	
June	9-11 (QB)	Weekend	Chris Jepson	0408 034 166		
	12-15	Midweek				
	16-17	Weekend				
	18-22	Midweek				
	23-24	Weekend				
	25-29	Midweek				
July	30-1	Weekend *				
	2-6	Midweek *				
	7-8	Weekend *	Adam Shepard		9332 8273	
	9-13	Midweek *		Malcolm Howe		0422 364 482
	14-15	Weekend *		Leigh Unsworth		0408 504 087
	16-20	Midweek				
	21-22	Weekend				
	23-27	Midweek				
	28-29	Weekend	Peter O'Donoghue	0411 329 165		
	August	30-3	Midweek	Daniel Meldrum		9850 4141
4-5		Weekend	Leigh Unsworth	0408 504 087		
6-10		Midweek	Daryl Hergt	0434 140 022		
11-12		Weekend	Tom Jepson	0403 948 150	9598 1547	
13-17		Midweek				
18-19		Weekend	Ian Morton	0403 991 750	9502 0942	
20-24		Midweek	Ewan Colson		9846 6734	
25-26		Weekend	Leigh Unsworth	0408 504 087		
27-31		Midweek	Daryl Hergt	0434 140 022		
September	1-2	Weekend				
	3-7	Midweek				
	8-9	Weekend	Darren Till	0411 302 433		
	10-14	Midweek				
	15-16	Weekend				
	17-21	Midweek				
	22-23	Weekend *				
	24-28	Midweek *				

PLEASE REFER to the LODGE BROCHURE (MAY CIRCULAR) WHICH CONTAINS THE WINTER BOOKING INFORMATION, TARIFFS & BOOKING SHEET.

SHOW THE DATES OF THE **FIRST AND LAST NIGHTS** OF YOUR BOOKING.

**If an appointed Leader cannot attend, he must organise a replacement.
No ski period may be cancelled without first contacting the Booking Officer.**

If you wish to lead a vacant ski period contact Booking Officer Ian Morton
At 137 Ludstone Street, Hampton 3188. Phone: 9502-0942 or 0403-991-750.

* - School Holiday Period

Wednesday 5 July Heatherdale - Blackburn Lake - Laburnum

Leader: Ted Porter Phone: 9874 6203, 0404 911 408

Rendezvous: 9.17 North side of Heatherdale station.

Maps: Melway 49, 48, 47. Grading: Medium Distance: 12km

Transport: 8.45 Lilydale train ex Flinders Street, arriving Heatherdale station 9.17. Return from Laburnum Station at 10 min intervals.

Morning Tea: Adjacent to Heatherdale Tennis Club.

Walk Details: A pleasant walk along some streets, a couple of pipeline easements and bushland reserves, including Blackburn Lake Sanctuary, the lunch spot, concluding at Laburnum Station. Toilets at Simpsons Reserve, Mitcham and Blackburn Lake Visitor Centre.

Sunday 9 July Sugarloaf Reservoir

Leader: Tim Gatehouse Phone: 9489 2357

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9.30 at Rotunda, Ridge Picnic Area, Sugarloaf Reservoir.

Maps: Melway 264, 265, 266, 272 Grading: Medium Distance: 16 km

Transport: Private car to Sugarloaf Reservoir. The entrance is from Simpson Road and is 17 km from Eltham, or 10 km from Yarra Glen. The entrance to the reservoir and picnic area is well sign posted.

Walk Details: For most of its length the walk follows the perimeter of the reservoir, except where the track goes inland for a short distance. This is the only hilly section, the remainder being relatively level. However the distance should be borne in mind.

Notes: The track is well defined and along the wall of the reservoir is a made footpath. There are pleasant views across the water for most of the distance, and from a sheltered lookout near the wall. Toilets are located at the picnic area and there is ample foliage along the track if required. There are no escapes.

Wednesday 12 July Olinda - Centre Track - Kalorama

Leader: Trevor Jupp Phone: 9802 3355

Rendezvous and Morning Tea: 10.25 at H Norman Reserve, Olinda, Melway 66 H6.

Maps: Melway 66, 120, 122 Grading: Medium Distance: 10 km

Transport: 8.45 Lilydale train ex Flinders Street, express Richmond to Glenferrie, Glenferrie to Camberwell and Camberwell to Box Hill. Leave train at Croydon. Then take the 9.55 #688 bus to Olinda. Leave bus at Mt. Dandenong Tourist Road, Ridge Road stop at 10.22. Return bus to Croydon from Kalorama Park Lookout Mt. Dandenong Tourist Road at 2.38, 3.12 or 3.44.

Walk Details: Walk through lanes in Olinda, continuing through Dandenong Ranges National Park, along Bartlett, Rifle Range Gully & Eagles Nest Track, having lunch at the Eagles Nest Picnic Ground. The walk follows the Silvan & Olinda Creek Roads, on to a steep climb on the Wallaby Track, finishing in Childs Road and the Mt. Dandenong Tourist Road.

Note: Check train time tables close to the walk date as they may be impacted by rail and station works on-line. Car parking at walk finish in Kalorama Memorial Reserve.

Monday 17 July Clarkfield - Riddells Creek

Leader: Oliver Lucas

Phone: 9571 6865

Rendezvous: 9.00 at Southern Cross station.

Maps: Melway 660 & X909. Grading: Easy Walk 8 km or Medium Walk 13 km.

Transport: 9.14 V/Line Bendigo train to Riddells Creek.

Morning Tea: Clarkfield Sports Oval.

Walk Details: **Easy Walk** - Clarkfield to Riddells Creek. 8 km along a dirt road. Return to Melbourne on 1.35 train from Riddells Creek.

Medium Walk - Continue on to Conglomerate Reserve. Return from Riddells Creek at 3.45.

Notes: Myki card is sufficient - do not use Country Pass. Toilets at Clarkfield and Riddells Creek.

3rd Wednesday 19 July Maribyrnong and Aberfeldie Parks

Leader: Jenny Hosking

Phone: 9570 3695, 0423 627 232

Rendezvous (Morning Tea & Lunch): 10.15 at Maribyrnong Park next to The Boathouse.

Transport: 9.32 Craigieburn train ex Flinders Street, and 9.36 Southern Cross, arriving Moonee Ponds at 9.48. Leader will meet this train and

Visit the website to keep up to date: <http://www.fedwalks.org.au/>

Update on Australian Adventure Activity Standards - some progress but not yet resolved

Our ongoing concerns about the proposed Australian Adventure Activity Standards (AAAS) have recently been acknowledged by John Eren MP, Minister for Sport, Lily d'Ambrosio MP, Minister for Environment and Andrew Knight, CEO of Outdoors Victoria.

We have reiterated our key concerns to them:

- Loss of access to public land if land managers require compliance with AAAS.
- Impacts on clubs if recreational bushwalkers are forced to comply with standards developed for commercial operators.
- Legal implications for recreational bushwalkers.
- Different duty of care considerations. There is a very different duty of care between commercial adventure activities and recreational club and private bushwalks - it is inappropriate to apply compliance with commercial level standards to recreational groups.
- Likely increases in insurance costs for recreational bushwalkers.

However, we are disappointed that to date there has been no substantive amendments or inclusions to the Core or Bushwalking Standards to prevent these impacts on recreational bushwalkers.

During our recent meetings, we have emphasised again that Bushwalking Victoria and our clubs have our risk management framework, guidelines and resources for recreational bushwalkers to plan and lead trips and provide an appropriate duty of care to participants, and that we are committed to maintaining and updating these resources.

We believe that compliance with the commercial-level AAAS should not be mandated for recreational bushwalkers and the standards should clearly specify this.

Our concerns have been heard and we hope they will now be resolved.

You can read more information about our recent meetings regarding the AAAS in this [briefing note].

I would like to thank all the clubs and individuals who have already contacted their local state member of parliament to advise them of their concerns. Your voices have been heard.

If you haven't already done so, please consider making a short

Walk Details: Picturesque walk alongside Yarra River & up Mount Lofty with magnificent views of Yarra Valley (weather permitting). One hill before lunch and one short hill at end of walk. Only toilets are at Croydon station but plenty of bush opportunities. #672 bus return to Croydon Station at 1.20, 2.20 3.26 arriving Croydon at 1.43, 2.43, 3.48 for trains at 1.48, 2.48, 3.48 4.18.

Escapes: One escape near end shortens walk by 1.2 km and avoids final steep climb. Also potential to shorten walk by estimated 3kms but doesn't avoid pre-lunch steep climb.

Sunday 27 August Willimigongon Creek, Mt Macedon

Leader: Tony Cagney Phone: 0411 843 609

Monday 28 August Easy Metro, Alphington - Darebin

Leader: Alex Hordijkeno Phone: 9383 3257

Wednesday 30 August Hughesdale, Outer Circle, Surrey Hills

Leader: Alan Hosking Phone: 9570 3695

Overnight Pack Carrying Walks

Anyone interested in Overnight Pack Carrying walks?

If so, please contact Tony Cagney:

Phone: 0411 84 36 09 or email: tony.cagney@optusnet.com.au

These walks are not currently being provided by the club but have been offered in the past and proved to be very popular. Before adding to the Club's Program of Walks next year, the club would like to know if members are interested and can commit to walking overnight carrying a pack. Please email/call Tony to let the club know you are interested and share ideas for walks (e.g. duration, distance, destination) that might be of interest to you.

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Federation Walks Weekend - 2017 - 28-29 October

The 2017 Federation Walks Weekend is being hosted by Melbourne Bushwalkers in the Warburton area, 75km east of Melbourne. Registration opens on Saturday 1 July and closes on Friday 1 September 2017.

then we catch the 10.00 #467 bus to the corner of Holmes and Waverley Streets for a short walk to Maribyrnong Park. Car parking at Maribyrnong and Aberfeldie Parks. Return bus #467 to Moonee Ponds or # 468 to Essendon.

Maps: Melway 28 D7 and/or Google. Grading: Easy. Distance: 4 km am & 2 km pm

Walk Details: South along Maribyrnong River towards Riverside Golf & Tennis Centre and returning along the river to Maribyrnong Park for lunch (approx. 3.5 km). After lunch north to Poyntons Nursery & Garden centre and return to bus stop (approx. 1.5 km).

Wednesday 26 July South Geelong Circuit

Leader: Gordon Proudfoot Phone: 9465 0898, 0405 083 074

Rendezvous: 9.00 at Southern Cross station.

Transport: 9.10 V/Line train, 9.17 Footscray, arrives South Geelong at 10.15.

Morning Tea: John Landy Athletics Track, Melway 451 B9.

Maps: Melway 451, 452. Grading: Easy. Distance: 10-12 km

Walk Details: Along suburban streets and walking paths beside the Barwon River. There are seats, toilets and shelter at morning tea and at the lunch spot.

Monday 31 July Easy Metro, Kooyong - Canterbury

Leader: Graeme Barker Phone: 9874 6938

Rendezvous: 9.45 at Kooyong Railway Station (South Side)

Maps: Melway 46, 59 & 60 Grading: Easy Distance: 11 km

Transport: 9.33 Glen Waverley train ex Flinders Street, arriving Kooyong at 9.45. Return from Canterbury to CBD and eastern suburbs, 15-minute service.

Morning Tea: 10.00 at H. A. Smith Reserve (Melway 59 D2).

Walk Details: A very pleasant walk mainly through parkland reserves following Gardiner's Creek and Ashburton railway line with no hills. There is seating available at morning tea and lunch. Plenty of escapes.

AUGUST PROGRAM

Wednesday 2 August Yarraman - Dandenong Creek - Bon

