



## 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:  
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## 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.

## **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

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**

## **Beach**

Leader: David Blackwell

Phone: 9557 1009

Rendezvous: 110.00 south west of Yarraman Station in Hanna Street.

Maps: Melway 89, 94, 98, 97     Grading: Easy. Mostly flat paved tracks.

Distance: 14½ km, one escape possible.

Transport: Cranbourne train ex Flinders Street 9.18, Richmond 9.21, South Yarra 9.25, Caulfield 9.32, arrives Yarraman 9.57. Or City loop train ex Cranbourne 9.41 a.m., arrives Yarraman 9.57.

Morning Tea: Approx. 10.10 in Greaves Reserve, Melway 89 K6.

**Lunch** – Approx. 12 noon, by Perry Rd, a few tables & chairs, some tree cover, if raining best shelter is under Perry Rd bridge (ref Melway 94 G8).

Walk Details: We follow the walking track beside Dandenong Ck, but at both ends of the walk we get to visit vast green sports grounds. We see the Eastlink crossing and the Dandenong Bypass, a picturesque crossing at Eumemmerring Ck, the National Water Sports Centre, the SE Metro Purification Plant. Arrival at Bonbeach station about 3 p.m. Bush toilets are plentiful but some proper ones at the sports grounds. No significant challenges for an average to good walker, except the distance (14½ km). Trains from Bonbeach to Melbourne or Frankston every 10 minutes.

Escape bus 857 from the corner of Worsley Rd & Bangholme Rd (ref Melway 94 H8) goes to Carrum or Dandenong (one each hourly.)

## **Sunday 6 August Nyora - Sand Mine Siding**

Leader: Denis Ward

Phone: 9598 7397

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9.45 at Nyora Railway station veranda.

Map: Melway 612

Grading: Easy

Distance: 10 km

Transport: Private car. Nyora is about 106 km from the CBD and a popular route to Nyora is by the South Gippsland Highway or by railway bus via Pakenham and Kooweerup.

Walk Details: The walk starts at what was the Nyora railway station, now an Op-Shop. Depending on the day and the attendance a road, then a track, or the disused rail line is followed westward to the Sand Mine siding where sand was processed for glass making.

Highlights are the original forest and the engine turntable and perhaps the site of a never to be built engine roundhouse, Nyora being the junction of the Wonthaggi and Yarraman lines. This is a winter walk with a

fire at lunch time.

### **Monday 7 August Jacks Beach**

Leader: Don Ziino

Phone: 5975 6626

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: **10-00 am** Babington Park, Marine Parade Hastings opposite The Hastings Club, Melway 154 J8.

Maps: Melway 154,165

Grading: Easy

Distance:10 km

Transport Private car.

Walk Details An easy walk along the foreshore parkland at Hastings to a boardwalk, which will lead us to the mangrove coast at Hastings then to Jacks Beach Crib Point for lunch in a picnic area then a return walk to the start.

### **Wednesday 9 August Wilson Botanic Park, Berwick - Endeavour Hills**

Leader: Jim Cone

Phone: 9560 8175

### **Monday 14 August Boronia - Ferndale Road - Olinda**

Leader: Gordon De Navi

Phone: 9729 9032

### **3rd Wednesday 16 August Alamein/Gardiners Creek Trail**

Leader: Peter Kotsanis

Phone: 9802 4614

### **Wednesday 23rd August 2017- Wonga Park – Mt Lofty Circuit**

Leader: David Watkins

Phone: 9870 3782; 0414 547 190

Email: mdwatti@bigpond.net.au

Rendezvous: 9.45 (1.6kms)Junction of Jumping Creek & Dudley Roads (Melway 24 G11)

Maps: Melway: 24, 279

Grading: Medium

Distance: 11 km

Transport: Train; Lilydale train ex Flinders Street 8.15; Arrive Croydon 8.59. Invicta Telebus #672 to Chirnside Park at 9.27, alight at Jumping Creek/Dudley Rd junction. (Next Train 8.45 ex Flinders Street arrives Croydon 1 min before bus i.e 9.26) As walk is a circuit members may choose to drive to rendezvous. Ample parking in Bessa Court, Melway 24 H10.

Morning Tea; At junction of Fulford & Davis Roads, (Melway 24J8) No Cover, no seating, no toilets.

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](mailto: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.

## **Bushwalking News Victoria**



### **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.



**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

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

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:

<b>Members -- Within Victoria and under 80 years</b>	<b>\$60</b>
<b>-- Outside Victoria</b>	<b>\$55</b>
<b>-- Aged 80 years and over</b>	<b>\$55</b>

**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**



## Garth's Ninetieth Birthday Lunch (Gordon Missing)

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