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**AUGUST 2017**

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**Copy for September to: Charlie Freedman - Phone: 0415 558 249  
 email: [editor@melbournewalkingclub.org](mailto:editor@melbournewalkingclub.org)**

**by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 2nd August**

**Circular Preparation: 3rd Thursday - 17th August 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 on their web page:

<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 **11:45am for 12:00 noon**.

**Barry Revill, Phone: 9555 1114 or email: [barryrevill@bigpond.com](mailto: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@melbournewalkingclub.org**

### Laugh With Lance

I have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW CIRCULAR EDITOR

As previously advised David Ikin has now retired as the editor of the monthly Circular. David has edited the Circular for almost eighteen years and has done an outstanding job in keeping members informed of what's going on in the Club during this time. The Circular plays an essential role in the operation of the Club and a lot of work goes into preparing each edition. John Horan provides David with assistance in this task. On behalf of the Executive and on behalf of all members I thank David for his valuable contribution to the Club over such a long period of time.

Charlie Freedman, who is both the Junior Vice President of the Club and the administrator of the website, has now taken over as editor and I welcome him to this position. Charlie's contact details now appear on the cover of the Circular. I also take this opportunity to invite any member to send any comments, suggestions or articles to the editor so that matters of interest can be shared by all readers of the Circular.

Trevor Rosen  
President  
Melbourne Walking Club.

### Vern Routley

Vern Routley turned 91 on Saturday 17th June. Vern is a life member who joined the club in 1955, 62 years ago. He was Honorary Secretary 1987-1990. He was very active in overnight pack-carrying walks. While no longer coming on club walks, he maintains his interest in the club.

### 3rd Wednesday Group Programme Amendments

Please note the following amendments to the 3rd Wednesday Group

## 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>
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

Champion Spur Track to Stander Creek near Woods Point has been subject to fire and intense regrowth since it was last cleared in 2001, and the alignment of the track needed to be re-established before clearing work could commence.

John Kellas, Joe van Beek and Michael Dowe from Ben Cruachan and Rudi Saniga, a BTAC volunteer, put in 135 hours of volunteer effort to locate, clear and mark the track which drops 600m from Champion Spur Track down to the Stander Creek at the site of the former Leichardt Gold Battery. Even the part that had been formed as a benched track by Angus McMillan and his party in 1864 was difficult to locate as much of the original track has been badly eroded.

Ben Cruachan members will now be able to walk McMillians Walking Track end to end, an activity planned for later this year. In addition, there is now the opportunity for bush walkers to do some really interesting walks and to explore the gold history of the Goulburn State Forest. One such walk would be to follow McMillians Walking Track from Woods Point to Champion Spur Track, then Champion Spur Track east to where it joins the Australian Alps Walking Track (AAWT) and then follow the AAWT to Walhalla.

Joe van Beek, Ben Cruachan Bushwalking Club

### 2017/18 Subscriptions

Membership renewal fees were 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

2017 Programme:

- August 16 - Alamein/Gardiniers Creek Trail - leader was Peter Kotsanis, is now Travis Clark, 9874 6326.
- September 20 - Parkdale Beach - Parkdale - leader was Richard Edmonds, is now Travis Clark, 9874 6326.

## AUGUST WALKS

### 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. An alternative route is freeway to Pakenham then the Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road to Koo Wee Rup.

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 Yarram lines. This is a winter walk with a fire at lunch time.

### **Monday 7 August Peninsula Walk, 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 Berwick – Beaconsfield**

Leader: Jim Cone      Phone: 9560 8175

Rendezvous: Berwick Railway Station at 9:23am.

Maps: Melway 111      Grading: Medium      Distance:11 km

Transport: 8:29am Pakenham train ex Flinders Street, arrives Berwick at 9:23. Return train from Beaconsfield at 2:09pm or every 20 minutes.

Morning Tea: Wilson Botanic Park.

Walk Details: A new route replacing walk No 79 eliminating Monash Freeway. West ridge of Wilson Park with city views connecting Berwick Parks via some streets.

Maps: Melway 21 & 33.

Distance: 9km.

Grading: Easy, with some short steep pinches.

Transport: 8:59am Blackburn train from Flinders Street, arriving Box Hill at 9:26am. Then the 9:38am bus No. 293 to Porter Street Templestowe arriving 10:02am. Return via various buses from Miniature Railway at Eltham Lower Park, Melway 21 H10.

Morning Tea: Westerfolds Park picnic area, Melway 33 E3 at 10:20am.

Walk Details: Morning: 5km loop walk to Odyssey House and return via interesting side streets. Lunch back at morning tea location.

Afternoon: walk through Westerfolds Park to Fitzsimons Lane of Eltham Miniature Railway.

### **Wednesday 27 September Kew - Box Hill**

Leader: Bruce Armstrong

Phone: 9578 2221

## **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.

## **Bushwalking News Victoria**

### **Excerpts from Track and Conservation Activity Reports**



### **Improvements to McMillans Walking Track:**

Members of the Ben Cruachan Walking Club supported by BTAC volunteers have been progressively locating and clearing critical sections of McMillans Walking Track. The 3.7 km section from

Leader: Bill Woods

Phone: 9370 7268

### **Sunday 17 September Three Creeks Walk - Brisbane Ranges**

Leader: Trevor Rosen

Phone: 0422 804 816

### **Monday 18 September Kalorama - Doongalla - Montrose**

Leader: Tom Gillham

Phone: 9857 8347  
0433 170 561

Rendezvous: 9:00am Croydon Station, #688 Bus Bay (South Side).

Maps: Melway 52, 66      Grading: Medium+      Distance: 12 km

Transport: 8:15 am Lilydale train ex Flinders Street, arriving Croydon 8:59 am, then 9:10 am Olinda Bus #688, arriving Kalorama CFA Fire Stn. 9:35 am.

Morning Tea: Doongalla Forest Reserve opposite CFA Fire Stn., no shelter or seating other than large rocks (Melway 52:H11). No toilet available.

Lunch: Doongalla Homestead Site (Melway 66:D5), tables & toilet available but no shelter in case of inclement weather. At this point lunch may be delayed if considered too early.

Walk Details: Pleasant walk mainly in National Park with open & treed bushland following bush, & fire tracks with some street walking. Care needs to be exercised on the steep downhill sections that have loose gravel surface. Good tread on boots and walking poles could be helpful.

Notes: Return Bus # 679 departs Montrose at half hourly intervals to Ringwood or Bus # 688 at approx. 40 min intervals to Croydon. No escapes.

### **3rd Wednesday 20 September Parkdale Beach - Parkdale**

Leader: Travis Clark

Phone: 9874 6326

### **Monday 25 September Easy Metro - Westerfolds Ramble**

Leaders: Hugh Gibson

Phone: 9897 3645  
0429 173 501

Stewart Stanlake

Phone: 9870 9061

Rendezvous: 9:30am at Box Hill railway station bus terminal No. 5.

Notes: An interesting walk but care required when crossing Princes Highway and single file walking along Inglis Road. Toilets at Railway station, Wilson Park and lunchtime at Edwin Flack Reserve.

### **Monday 14 August Olinda – Boronia**

Leader: Gordon De Navi

Phone: 9729 9032

Rendezvous: 8.59am Croydon Station.

Maps: Melway 66 & 65      Grading: Medium/Hard      Distance: 14 km

Transport: Train 8.15am from Flinders Street.  
Bus 688 to Olinda 9.10am.

Walk Details: Morning tea at Norman Reserve Olinda. Follow Basin - Olinda Rd. to Range Rd. turn right at Gate come to School Track to Junction, Old Bayswater Rd. & Sassafras Rd. downhill to Coach Rd. a spot for lunch. After lunch follow Ferndale Rd. uphill to Mountain Hwy. until you see gate Tobruk Ave. on the left, follow up a steep hill to View Track to Olive Bank Rd. to Daffodil Rd. Along rail line to Boronia Station trains every half hour.

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

Leader: Travis Clark

Phone: 9874 6326  
0407 272 333

Rendezvous: Alamein Railway Station at 10.13 am (Melway 60 D11), or later at morning tea.

Morning Tea & Lunch: at Markham Reserve Playground, BBQ & Shelter on the Gardiners Creek Trail (Toilet). Melway 60 E12.

Maps: Melway 60      Grading: Easy\*      Distance: am 5 km, pm 1 km  
\*Some minor undulations. Packs may be left in leader's car at Markham Reserve.

Transport: 9:44 am Blackburn train ex Flinders Street (platform 3) arrives Camberwell (platform 3) 9.59 am. Transfer to Alamein train leaving same platform at 10.02 am and arriving at Alamein 10.13 am. Leader will meet train. Return trains in pm approx. 15 min service.

Car: Park in vicinity of Alamein Station or at Markham Reserve.

Walk Details: AM: Walk from Alamein Station on Gardiners Creek Trail to Markham Reserve (1 km). After morning tea proceed on trail under Warrigal Road and up to High Street. The return to lunch will cross sports grounds and be on some formed but unmade tracks beside

Gardiners Creek. An interesting walk if you haven't been on this section before. PM: Return to Alamein Station.

### **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

Please contact Tony for walk details.

### **Monday 28 August Easy Metro, Alphington - Darebin**

Leader: Alex Hordijkeno                      Phone: 9383 3257

Rendezvous: 9.50am at Alphington railway station.

Maps: Melway: 31                      Grading: Easy                      Distance: 9 km

Transport: 9.21am Hurstbridge train ex Flinders Street arriving Alphington 9.48.

Morning Tea; 10.00 at Darebin Parklands, Melway 31 C9.

Walk Details: A pleasant walk following Darebin Creek to Heidelberg West, lunch at Ford Park pavilion, then returning via Donaldsons Creek to Darebin. Toilets available at morning tea and at lunch. There are a number of escapes by bus along the way.

### **Wednesday 30 August Hughesdale, Outer Circle, Surrey Hills**

Leader: Alan Hosking                      Phone: 9570 3695  
0402 205 576

Rendezvous: Hughesdale Railway Station, 9:40 am, Melway 69 C6.

Maps: Melway 69, 60, 46      Grading: Easy                      Distance: 12.5 km

Transport: Bus: No. 767 Box Hill - Southland. Southland 8:45am arrive Hughesdale 9:16am. Box Hill 8:38 am arrive Hughesdale 9:26am.

Train: Pakenham and Cranbourne lines. Bus only from Caulfield railway station for 11 weeks from 17 June. Flinders Street railway station 8:49am, arrive Caulfield railway station 9:02am. Then PTV Bus.

Morning Tea: Linear Reserve just south of Dandenong Road, Melway B5

Lunch: There will be a late lunch.

Walk Details: From Hughesdale railway station to Hartwell railway station, along the Original Outer Circle Railway part of which is now the Anniversary Trail. From Hartwell railway station to Surrey Hills railway station along linear reserve tracks.

Escapes: Many along Alamein Railway Line.

Toilets: 'Exeloo' just north of Hughesdale railway station, in Euston Road. Otherwise bushes.

## **SEPTEMBER PROGRAM**

### **Monday 4 September Peninsula Walk**

Leader: Alan Shell                      Phone: 5982 3165

### **Wednesday 6 September Presidents Walk**

Leader: Trevor Rosen                      Phone: 0422 804 816

### **Wednesday 13 September Broadmeadows - Roxburgh Park - Broadmeadows**