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**NOVEMBER 2017**

## MELBOURNE WALKING CLUB INC.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: THURSDAY 26th OCTOBER 2017

To be held at East Malvern RSL, Stanley Grose Drive,  
Malvern East VIC 3145 at 7:30pm (Melway 60 A12)

#### AGENDA

1. Opening.
2. Apologies.
3. Noting of deaths during the past year and one minute's silence.
4. Confirmation of Minutes of the 2016 AGM.
5. Matters arising from the Minutes.
6. Correspondence and matters arising.
7. Presentation of Reports.
8. Election of Club Executive and other Office Bearers.
9. Appointment of person to review Financial Statements.  
(Campbell Denovan has agreed to be nominated.)
10. Presentation of 50 and 25 year badges.
11. Golden Boot Award.
12. Other business introduced with permission of the meeting.
13. Closing of the meeting.

Before the meeting, members are invited to enjoy a meal at the Bistro in the RSL. A Seniors Menu is available.

A light supper will be served after the meeting.

All positions on the Executive will be vacant at the AGM. While most of the current Executive intend to stand again, we are always looking for new members.

**Please Note: It is important that as many members as possible attend so as to ensure a quorum of ten percent of the Membership.**

**We look forward to meeting you again this year.**

## **NOVEMBER WALKS**

Monday	6	Peninsula Walk	Ian Bell
Wednesday	8	Hurstbridge - Wattle Glen	John Rankin
Monday	13	Christmas Hills	Richard Simpson
3rd Wed	15	Wilson Botanic Park, Berwick	Travis Clark
Sunday	19	French Island	Tony Rogers
Wednesday	22	Warrandyte - Gold Memorial	Wayne Hansen
Monday	27	Easy Metro, Albert Park	Hugh Gibson
Wednesday	29	Social Barbeque	Hugh Gibson

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

**by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 1st November**

**Circular Preparation: 3rd Thursday - 16th November at 2:00 pm**

**Venue: John Horan's home at 9 Oxford Street, Malvern 3144.**

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### **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 BNVs 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)**

### **Laugh With Lance**

Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.

### **45 years of leading walks**

Alan Shell, who joined the Club in 1972, led the Peninsula walk on 4 September. On the bottom of the blue sheet he submitted he wrote "My swan song after 45 years of leading walks. Age tells the story!"

**John Rankin.**

Walk Details: Saturday: 10 km walk to Sealers Cove (allow 3 hours). Lunch on the beach then cross Sealers Creek to Sealer Cove campsite. Set up camp before afternoon excursion for 6 km (return) along the Refuge Cove Walking Track to lookout with views back over Sealers Cove. Dinner and overnight stay at Sealers Cove campsite. Sunday: breakfast on the beach then 10 km return to cars via the same route.

Notes: Sealers Cove campsite is a bush campsite set above the beautiful Sealers Cove beach with composting toilets and a siphoned water source from a nearby stream. To reach the campsite we cross Sealers Creek on foot and will get wet, though how wet depends on the tide times. This walk requires walkers to carry their own shelter, water and food but has been selected because it is accessible for those who are new overnight walks or have not done one for a while.

Attendance: Please contact the leader as soon as possible if you have questions about the walk, how to participate or would like to confirm your interest. Campsite bookings need to be made in advance and are limited to 12 people per group so this will be a first come first served basis.

### **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**

If you would like to come please contact Kim Rosen by email on: [kimtjrosen@yahoo.com](mailto:kimtjrosen@yahoo.com) or mobile 0422 804 816.

**Trevor Rosen.**

### **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)

Thank you to those who have contacted Tony with advice and expressions of interest. We have decided to offer an introductory pack carry walk in February 2018 for a single overnight stay at a bush camp at Wilsons Promontory (details below). We hope the following walk will be of interest both to members who are new to pack carry walks or experienced walkers interested in sharing their experience and helping the club relaunch this type of activity.

### **Saturday & Sunday 17-18 February 2018 Weekend Pack Carry, Sealers Cove (Wilsons Promontory)**

This walk is planned as a pack carry weekend walk with an overnight stay at Sealers Cove. However, day walkers are welcome to join the walk to Sealers Cove and return the same day.

Leader: Tony Cagney

Phone: 0411 843 609

[tony.cagney@optusnet.com.au](mailto:tony.cagney@optusnet.com.au)

Rendezvous: 10:00 am Saturday 17-February at Telegraph Saddle Carpark.

Maps: SV Maps Outdoor Recreation Guide - Wilsons Promontory 1:50,000.

Distance: Pack carry. Saturday 10 km to campsite + 6 km excursion to Horn Point lookout. Sunday 10 km return to carpark (day walkers. Saturday only 20 km return).

Grading: Easy/Medium

Transport: Private car. Wilsons Promontory is approximately a 3-hour drive from Melbourne via South Gippsland Highway (M440). Turn left off Wilsons Promontory Road onto Mt Oberon Carpark Road and drive 2.5km up to the rendezvous point. Note there is no longer a toilet at the rendezvous carpark but public facilities are available at Tidal River.

### **Programme Amendments**

Please note the following amendment to the 2017 Programme:

- November 6 Peninsula Walk. Change of Leader to Ian Bell.

### **Bus Trip to Walhalla 2018**

The Club is organizing a Bus Trip to Walhalla on Wednesday 14 March. The leader will be David Ellis (phone 0402 392 786).

Rendezvous at 8.00 am departure (SHARP) at Nunawading Civic Centre Car Park. Additional pick up point 8.30 am (SHARP) at Service Lane of Whitehorse Rd at the Whitehorse Rd and Heatherdale Rd intersection, close to Heatherdale Rail Station. Catch Belgrave train departing Flinders Street at 7.45am and arriving Heatherdale Station at 8.20 am. Morning Tea (15 min) at 9.45 am, Toilets and Hot water for Tea and Coffee available.

There will be two walks. Long Walk approx 10 km walk into Walhalla. Short Walk approx 6 km walk into Walhalla. Non Walkers Activities - Magnificent scenery, Shops, Cafe, Hotel, Goldmine Tour and possibly a short ride on the narrow gauge Train to the Thomson River.

Depart Walhalla 2.30 pm (SHARP). Heatherdale Station 4.50 pm approx, Bus will stop in Service lane of Whitehorse Rd near Heatherdale Rd intersection. Finish Trip 5.00 pm. approx. Service lane of Whitehorse Rd, opposite Nunawading Civic Car Park.

Maps Melway Map X928 D 5, and Walhalla Self Guided Visitors Map.

Cost \$35 per person, Max Bus Capacity 50 people. NO PHONE BOOKINGS. Seats must reserved and this can only be done by payment of \$35. Cash, Cheque payable to the "Melbourne Walking Club" to Graeme Baker. 3 Buxton st, Mitcham 3132.

### **NOVEMBER WALKS**

#### **Monday 6 November Peninsula Walk - Seawinds Circuit**

Leader: Ian Bell

Phone: 5982 1727

Rendezvous: 10:00 am at Seawinds, Arthurs Seat State Park.

Maps: Melway 171, 1D.

Distance: 12 km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: Flat, undulating, some hills. Cook St, Public Golf Course,

Seamists Dr, Kings Falls, Waterfall Gully Rd, Purves Rd, McKellar Reserve.

### **Wednesday 8 November Hurstbridge - Flat Rock - Wattle Glen**

Leader: John Rankin

Phone: 9842 1350  
0408 373 148

Rendezvous: 9:36am at Hurstbridge station.

Maps: Melway 185, 265, 271, 12      Distance: 11 km (no escapes)

Grading: Hard (many hills; gravel roads).

Transport: 8:25am Hurstbridge train ex Flinders Street, arriving Hurstbridge at 9.36. Alternatively #901 or #902 bus to Greensborough station to meet the Hurstbridge train at 9.12.

Morning Tea: Fergusons Paddock (Melway 185 K8); seating, shelter and toilets.

Walk Details: A pleasant though strenuous walk through countryside along back roads. From Fergusons Paddock we head east along Cherry Tree Rd into Flat Rock Rd to Water Gully Rd then along Valley Rd and finish at Wattle Glen station. There are numerous hills (up and down) and gravel roads. Return trains at 2.00, 2.40, 3.20 pm. Toilets at start and finish. No seating and no undercover lunch.

### **Monday 13 November Sugarloaf Reservoir, Christmas Hills**

Leader: Richard Simpson

Phone: 9712 0151 (a.h.)  
0419 528 130

Rendezvous: Picnic Shelter - Ridge Picnic Area (Mel 273 E-7) - turn into 1st picnic area on left 200m thru Park Gates - Arrive by private vehicle 9.45am - morning tea at rendezvous - shelters & toilets available.

Transport: Private Car via either Kangaroo Ground or Yarra Glen/Christmas Hills, turn into Simpsons Road - approx 1km to entry to Park. Members might arrange car-pooling prior to walk!

**Limited train pick-up options are available**, please liaise direct for following: **Heatherdale Station**, Flinders St Belgrave train (limited express) departs 8.30am, arrives 9.03am, contact David Watkins ph 9870.3782, or **Wattle Glen Station**, Flinders St Hurstbridge train (limited express via loop) departs 8.08 am, arrives 9.17 am, contact Richard Simpson 0419.528.130.

Grading: Easy/Medium.

waves).

This coastal clifftop walk has excellent views over the sea and rocky bays as well as the spectacular Cape Schanck and its lighthouse. Inland, you also get views over the surrounding farmland and into the creek valley below. There are lots of birds calling as you walk through the Banksia forest and there are grassy clearings where it's not difficult to spot kangaroos.

### **Monday 11 December Belgrave - Monbulk Ck. Basin - Upper Ferntree Gully**

Leader: Miles Pierce

Phone: 9890 8319

### **Wednesday 13 December Christmas Lunch**

Leader: Graeme Barker

Phone: 9874 6938

### **Wednesday 20 December City to Gardenvale - St Kilda - Botanical Gardens**

Leader: Bruce Armstrong

Phone: 9578 2221

### **Mallacoota - Croajingolong National Park Trip**

The Club has organized a base under cover trip to Mallacoota and Croajingolong for March 2018. We will stay at Karbeethong Lodge in Mallacoota for five nights from 15 to 19 March 2018 inclusive. Transport will be by private car although there is a daily train to Bairnsdale and on most days a connecting bus service to Genoa then Mallacoota. There are great walks and beautiful scenery in this area.

Most rooms in Karbeethong Lodge have an ensuite bathroom and there is a large communal kitchen and lounge area. A continental breakfast is included. Apart from doing some walks we plan to do a half day boat trip up the channel from Gypsy Point. We have negotiated a reduced daily room rate of \$150.00 per room which is \$750.00 for the five nights. Most rooms have either a double bed or two single beds. At present five rooms have been reserved but more are available if there is sufficient interest.

There is high demand for bookings at the lodge during this period. So in order to secure a reservation a deposit of 50% must be made by 30 September 2017. The required deposit is therefore \$375.00 per room for the five nights. No bookings will be accepted without payment of the deposit. A deposit is fully refundable by the lodge if a cancellation is made not less than 6 weeks prior to the reserved date.

Maps: Melway 74    Grading: Easy    Distance: AM ½ km, PM nil.

Transport: By Met, or Car. Met: 9.26am Belgrave train ex Flinders Street (Platform 2) to Upper Ferntree Gully Station, arrive 10.17am. (Toilets open at Station). Leader will meet this train. Return trains every 30 mins from 1.55pm. Car: Park in Royal Hotel Carpark and walk across to UFTG Railway Station to meet 10.17am walkers. If not walking, be seated by 12.30pm at Hotel.

Walk Details: Walk Details: AM: A 2km walk to Wally Tew Reserve followed by Morning Tea. Then a return to the Royal Hotel along the flat route following Ferny Creek. PM: A short walk to rail transport for some.

Seniors' Menu – Main course \$13, soup \$2.50, dessert \$2.50 (\$2 venue voucher).

Mains – Roast, Fish, Lambs Fry, Pork Sausage, Calamari, Veg Stir Fry, (Parma \$14, Porterhouse \$15, Seafood Basket \$15). OR 20% off any main meal with seniors card.

Order and Pay at the venue on the day.

Leader must have your Booking by Sunday 3rd December at latest, to enable suitable table settings.

### **Sunday 10 December Buller Sub Committee all-inclusive walk, Cape Schanck**

Leader: Leigh Unsworth

Phone: 0408 504 087

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9:30am at the Bushrangers Bay Parking Area, 1350 Boneo Road, Cape Schanck (Melway 259 K8). Toilets are available at the start. The walk will start at 10:00am and finish at approx 3:00pm.

Grading: Easy    Distance: 10km return (4 hr walk plus 30 min lunch).

Transport: Private car. Parking is available at both ends of the track: Cape Schanck Light Station (half way point) and Boneo Road (start and finish).

Facilities: Toilets, picnic area, and drinking water.

Walk Details: This walk begins and finishes at 1350 Boneo Road, Cape Schanck. Half way point is Cape Schanck Light House. It will be a lickity spit brisk walking pace to the views at Cape Schanck where those game can risk a dip in the waters of Bass Straight (note that Bushrangers Bay is an unpatrolled beach with strong rips and large

Distance: 14 km (note: we do not walk across the Wall – a car shuffle will be arranged).

Walk Details: Very pleasant 14km circular walk around Sugarloaf Reservoir with Yarra Valley and city views. One hill before lunch and descent immediately after. Approx 2.30pm finish. Toilets at start, lunch spot and end. Return transport to train stations for those who took option for pick-up.

### **3rd Wednesday 15 November Wilson Botanic Park, Berwick**

Leader: Travis Clark

Phone: 9874 6326

0407 272 333

Rendezvous: 10.45am at Visitor Centre, Wilson Botanic Park, 668 Princes Highway, Berwick, Melway 111 B6.

Map: Melway 111    Grading: Easy    Distance: AM 3km, PM 1.5km.

Transport: Private Car to Botanic Park carpark. Travel time is about 40 minutes from Melbourne CBD.

Walk Details: A flat walk will encompass the Anniversary and Basalt Lakes in the AM. In the PM a more medium grade (no hurry) walk to reach a view point will be undertaken. Those wishing to chose their own walk in the Park are welcome to do so (tell Leader).

### **Sunday 19 November French Island**

Leader: Tony Rogers

Phone: 9699 4908

0466 246 507

Rendezvous: 9:50am sharp at Stony Point Jetty, Melway 195 F5.

**Note that latecomers will miss the ferry at 10am.**

Morning Tea: 10:20am after disembarkation at Tankerton Pier.

Map: Melway 195, 17, 18

Distance: 14 km.

Grading: Easy (slight 50m climb to the Pinnacles).

Transport: To Stony Point by Private Car, or 8:03am Frankston Train ex Flinders St and 9:11 Stony Point Train ex Frankston. 10:00am Ferry from Stony Point to Tankerton Jetty on French Island. Ferry fare: \$26 Adult, \$12 Child, Seniors free on weekends.

Walk Details: From Tankerton pier, we head North up the coast for 3 km then turn East for 3 km to the Pinnacles. Lunch at the Pinnacles. After Lunch, head NW back to the coast and return to Tankerton Pier along the beach. Shorter options are available. The ferry returns to Stony point

at 4:25 pm.

### **Wednesday 22 November Warrandyte - Gold Memorial - Warrandyte**

Leader: Wayne Hansen Phone: 0415 351 492

Rendezvous: Under Warrandyte bridge, Melway 23 F11.

Map: Melway 23 Grading: Easy/Medium Distance: 10 - 11 km.

Transport: Bus no. 364 from Ringwood Station at 9.11am. Arrive at Warrandyte Bridge at 9.38am.

Morning Tea: At Victory Mine approx. 20 minutes from the start. No cover, seating, no toilets.

Walk Details: A pleasant walk along the Yarra River and then in Warrandyte State Park passing old mines until we reach the gold memorial. Continue to Pound Bend for lunch (seats and toilets). Loop around Pound Bend then follow Yarra River back to start at Warrandyte Bridge. A couple of steep pinches but mainly relatively easy.

### **Monday 27 November Albert Park - Port Melbourne Easy Metro**

Leader: Hugh Gibson Phone: 9897 3645  
0429 173 501

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 10:00am at the Rotunda adjacent to the car park near the Plant-Williamson Rowing Pavilion, Melway 2K E7.

Maps: Melway 57, 58, 2K Grading: Easy Distance: 10 km.

Transport: The 9:30am St Kilda tram no. 12 ex Collins & Elizabeth Streets to stop 130 at corner of Albert Road and Clarendon Street. Cross with traffic lights to Albert Park Lake.

Walk Details: A pleasant flat walk around the lake, returning to the rotunda for lunch, then via Kerferd Road & Beaconsfield Parade to Port Melbourne.

### **Wednesday 29 November Social Barbeque - Ferntree Gully Picnic Area**

**Come along and enjoy a social gathering.**

Leader: Hugh Gibson Phone: 9897 3645  
0429 173 501

Rendezvous: 10:00am at Belgrave Station.

Maps: Melway 74 & 75 Grading: Easy Distance: 8 km.

Transport: 8:56am Belgrave train ex Flinders St, arriving Belgrave at 9:56.

Private Car Transport: Meet at Ferntree Gully Picnic Area car park, Melway 74 H5, at 9:25am, then 15 minute walk to Upper Ferntree Gully Station to catch 9:48am train to Belgrave.

Morning Tea: 10:10am at picnic area adjacent to Puffing Billy Station, Melway 75 G10.

Lunch: Ferntree Gully picnic area at 12:30pm, Melway 74 H5, for social BBQ. BYO meat and drinks. Leader will provide bread, sauce, BBQ tools, etc.

Walk Details: From morning tea along foot tracks to Ferntree Gully National Park.

## **DECEMBER WALKS**

### **Monday 4 December Peninsula Walk & BBQ - Devil Bend Res**

Leader: Ron Anderson Phone: 5983 5088

Rendezvous: Morning Tea, 10 am, Melway 152 B5.

Maps: Melway 152 Grading: Easy Distance: 5 km

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: An easy walk around the Golf Links and back along the road before lunch.

### **Wednesday 6 December 3rd Wednesday Christmas Lunch**

Leader: Travis Clark Phone: 9874 6326  
0407 272 333

Rendezvous: 10.20am at Upper Ferntree Gully Railway Station. Melway 74 E6.

Morning Tea: At "All Abilities Playground", Wally Tew Reserve, Lyndale Ct, off Glenfern Road. Melway 74 B5.

Lunch: 12.15 pm for 12.30 pm lunch at Royal Hotel Ferntree Gully, 1208 Burwood Highway, Upper Ferntree Gully (across Hwy from UFTG Railway Station). Melway 74 F6.