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by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 4th April

Circular Preparation: 3rd Thursday - 19th 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 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

Have You Changed Your Contact Details?

If any member has changed their postal address, phone number or email address in the last year, please let **John Rankin** know so he can update the latest members register:

Phone **9842 1350**, or email wjrankin@outlook.com

Mt Buller Lodge

The Mt Buller Lodge is available to members of the MWC, family and guests, for use in winter or summer. You can be a walker or a skier.

It is fully self contained, hydronically heated and offers en suites to each of 5 bedrooms. There's a games room and a TV lounge. The kitchen has up to date white goods. In summer a BBQ on the deck is enjoyable for a lunch or dinner. The rates are generous and competitive.

So members, please consider visiting the Lodge, bring guests, make a booking and encourage your families to visit there too.

Bookings can be made through the booking officer Ian Morton at:
ianmorton@optusnet.com.au

The Donna Buang Hut

The Walter Briggs Hut at Mt Donna Buang 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

Time was invented to stop everything happening at once.

Archives Sub-Committee

The Club executive is looking to hear from anyone interested in reviving the Archives Sub-Committee, which was recently disbanded as was noted in the October 2017 circular. At that time it was felt that there was little work for the Sub-Committee to perform, but there is always a small amount of material that may need to be archived. Anyone interested should contact the president, Trevor Rosen on **9882 8593** (email president@melbournewalkingclub.org), or Michael Corrigan on

Trip Report - Sealers Cove 17-18 February 2018



Left to right in centre photo: Tony Cagney; Jenny Hosking; Cristina Jasek; Trevor Rosen; Wayne Hansen; Richard Jasek; Richard Simpson; Kim Rosen

On 17-18 February the club launched our return to overnight pack carry activities with eight club members and one visitor enjoying a walk and overnight stay to iconic Sealers Cove at Wilsons Promontory. After escaping the buzz of holiday makers at Tidal River on Saturday morning we were soon enjoying the solitude and spectacular views on the track, 3 hours later emerging onto the beach at Sealers Cove. With a beautiful sandy beach wrapped by green mountains and blue sky beckoning our tents went up quickly leaving plenty of time left for a swim and a walk on the beach before dinner. Sunday morning started watching the sun rise at the beach and sharing breakfast with new friends and photos before packing up. Eventually we ran out of excuses to stay and turned towards Tidal River where cars and a return to the weekday life awaited.

If you would like to suggest a destination for our next overnight pack carry walk please contact Tony Cagney on **0411 84 36 09**, or at

tony.cagney@optusnet.com.au

Monday 14 May Hawkstowe Park - Hurstbridge

Leader: John Rankin

Phone: 9842 1350

3rd Wednesday 16 May Albert Park Lake - Port Melbourne

Leader: Peter Schultz

Phone: 9470 2189

Sunday 20 May Bullarto - Mt Wilson Circuit

Leader: Peter Hiscock

Phone: 0408 337 696

Wednesday 23 May Mitcham - Wantirna

Leaders: John Webb
Ian Knowles

Phone: 9802 1747

Phone: 9803 4635

Monday 28 May Easy Metro Docklands - Port Melbourne

Leader: Bill Woods

Phone: 9370 7268

Wednesday 30 May Hurstbridge Circuit

Leader: Jim Cone

Phone: 9560 8175

Bushwalking News Victoria

Consultation Opportunity



There is a current opportunity to provide the Victorian government with feedback on the following conservation issue:

Horses on Beaches

Parks Victoria has released the Belfast Coastal Reserve Management Plan for consultation. The revised plan would see a 5km stretch west of Warrnambool's Levys Beach and a 750m stretch of sand dune known as Hoon Hill opened up to horses. This is a significant increase on the 2km stretch of sand currently open to horses at Golfies. The local Belfast Coastal Reserve Action Group oppose the plan.

You can provide online feedback about this proposal here:

<https://engage.vic.gov.au/belfast>

9571 3227 (email secretary@melbournewalkingclub.org).

Programme Amendments

Please note the following amendments to the 2018 Programme:

- April 4 Deep Creek - Heatherdale Walk. Change leader from Marsha Rankin to Alan Manzoori (phone number 9830 4627).
- April 22 Mount Macedon Walk: Change leader from Terry Simpson to Keith Davidson (phone number 0414 860 828).

The following two walks have swapped places in the 2018 Programme:

- April 23 Belgrave - Menzies Creek - Belgrave, leader Wayne Hansen (was March 19).

Reminder for Leaders of Metro Walks

When the walk has been completed, the track notes and maps provided should be updated to include any changes to the route, and to highlight any escapes or options that members who may not wish to walk the whole distance can use.

Two copies of the updated track notes should be forwarded to Oliver Lucas or emailed to David Watkins at

mdwatti@bigpond.net.au

Help Required For Work At Walter Briggs Hut

Help is required from members with practical skills to carry out some maintenance work at the Walter Briggs Hut at Mt Donna Buang.

There is ongoing maintenance work required at the hut and unless we have volunteers with the necessary skills and experience to carry out this work the Club will have no option other than to pay contractors to do this work. Given the location of the hut this could be an expensive exercise.

The next major project will be to replace some of the rotted stumps and timber boards on the outside of the hut. In the past this type of work has always been done by volunteers from within the Club and we hope that this tradition can continue.

If you can help or would like more information please contact the Hut Convenor, David Kerferd by phone or email at:

donnabuanghut@melbournewalkingclub.org

Trevor Rosen, Acting President

Wednesday 14 March - Walhalla Bus Trip Amendments

David Ellis has stated that, following a full day reconnoitre of the Walhalla Bus Trip, it has become clear that the 10 km road walk will need to be ruled out for safety reasons. The 6 km short also will also need to be cancelled because of the poor footing of the extremely steep Morgantown Track. As a result, a 5 km walk has been reconfigured along a disused Tram track, which passes the entrance of The Long Tunnel Gold Mine, 45 min tours are available.

Contact the leader, David Ellis, on **9844 2628** or **0402 392 786** for more details.

APRIL WALKS

Wednesday 4 April Doncaster East, Deep Creek - Heatherdale

Leader: Alan Manzoori

Phone: 9830 4627
0417 546 604

Rendezvous: 9:12 am at Deep Creek Reserve, Heidelberg-Warrandyte Road, Melway 34 E3.

Maps: Melway 34, 35 & 49 Grading: Medium Distance: 13 km.

Morning Tea: 9:20 am in shelter adjacent to Beasley Nursery car park.

Transport: Smart Bus #906 (Warrandyte Bridge) ex King Street/Lonsdale Street at 8:25 am, arriving Deep Creek Reserve at 9:13 am. Note, the bus goes via The Pines Shopping Centre. Alternatively, Bus #901 from either direction to The Pines Shopping Centre to arrive to meet the #906 Warrandyte Bridge bus, departing The Pines at 9.09 am.

Walk Details: A pleasant walk, much of which follows the course of the Mullum Mullum Creek from Beasley Nursery to Heatherdale railway station, mostly along well made cycle/walking paths and some bush tracks. Toilets at Beasley Nursery and later at Schwerkoldt Cottage. Escapes at Whitefriars College, Park Road Donvale. Return trains ex Heatherdale station at 15 minutes intervals.

Sunday 8 April Lerderderg Gorge National Park - South End

Leader: Denis Ward

Phone: 9598 7397

Rendezvous: 9:15am, MacKenzies Flat Picnic Area, Melway 327 C2 (also morning tea).

Maps: There is a Lerderderg Gorge complete map available.

Transport: From Flinders Street Station catch 75 tram at 8.41 am or 70 tram at 8.44 am alighting at D3 tram stop Central Pier Harbour. Ferry departs at 9.30 am and a ticket of \$12 one way concession or \$13.50 full fare may be purchased on ferry. Arrival at Port Arlington at 11 am and then catch 11.21 am Route 60 bus (Myki) for Indented Head.

Return Transport: Route 60 at 2.17 pm from Port Arlington to Geelong Station, journey time approximately 45 mins. Trains to Southern Cross run frequently.

Morning Tea: On ferry. Recently introduced cafe on board, unknown quality.

Walk Details: This is a flat coastal walk along a path from Indented Head to Port Arlington. Pleasant in good weather but exposed in severe weather.

Alternative: People wishing to come and enjoy the ferry ride but not walk can stay in Port Arlington where there are ample facilities for lunch and refreshment. There is an early return bus to Geelong at 12.51pm or 1.33pm, if intending to catch either please inform leader. The only return ferry is at 11.30 am.

Sunday 6 May Combined Walk, Women's Club

Leader: Alan Hosking

Phone: 9504 0377

Monday 7 May Fingal - Gunnamatta

Leader: Don Ziino

Phone: 0438 596 626

Rendezvous and Morning Tea: 9-45am at Fingal picnic area, Melway 259-B9.

Map: Melway 259 Grading: Moderate Distance: 12 km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: From Fingal picnic area we descend the steps to the beach then walk to the Gunnamatta Surf club for lunch, then return along the beach till we pick up the coastal walking track back to the car park. The track can be a little difficult in the sand dunes for a short time but well worth it for the views.

Wednesday 9 May Mill Park - Epping

Leader: Bill Woods

Phone: 9370 7268

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9.40am at small rotunda above Puffing Billy station next to public toilets. Melway Ref 75 F10.

Transport: Belgrave train ex Flinders St 8.27am arrive Belgrave 9.31am.

Escapes: 695 Bus to Belgrave 12.22pm or 1.04pm from Menzies Creek.

Distance: 14 km.

Grade: Medium.

Walk Details: This walk heads to the Puffing Billy trestle bridge and follows the line to Selby, single file track. From here on the walk is on quiet bitumen and gravel back roads to Menzies Creek. Lunch stop and toilets at Menzies Creek station. Then head back to Belgrave. There are a few steeper climbs and unfortunately one at the end back into Belgrave via Stoney Rd.

Monday 30 April Easy Metro Maribyrnong - Ascot Vale

Leader: Jim Cone

Phone: 9560 8175

Rendezvous: 10.05am at Cordite Avenue, Maribyrnong tram terminus, Melway 27 H8.

Maps: Melway 27, 28 & 42 Grading: Easy Distance: 9 km.

Transport: 9.20am Maribyrnong tram #57 from corner of Elizabeth and Flinders Streets, arriving at 10.02.

Morning Tea: 10.10am at the rotunda, Melway 27 G8 (Village Green).

Walk Details: A scenic walk following an easy track close to the Maribyrnong river with some good views of the river and Flemington racecourse. Toilets along the way.

MAY PROGRAM

Wednesday 2 May Docklands Ferry - Indented Head - Port Arlington

Leader: John Ackerman

Phone: 9337 1164
0448 168 337

Rendezvous: **On** Port Arlington Ferry for departure at 9.30am; ferry terminal is opposite Etihad Stadium close to Tram Stop D3.

Grading: Easy

Distance: 5 to 6 km.

Grading: Medium / Hard

Distance: 9km.

Transport: Private car. Please alert leader that you will be attending.

Walk Details: The river is followed upstream by walking along the path of an obsolete water channel. Before reaching the end of the path an ancient cart track is taken east of the river which climbs up a spur to the top of the ridge, passing a mine shaft on the way near the top of the ridge.

At this point you can wonder at what you have just climbed and then imagine the ice age glacier, with 1000 ft of ice and rock collected on the way, grinding away at the Lerderderg Gorge as we know it, day and night.

A fence is followed to Skyline Road until a marker is reached. There is a spectacular drop down eventually to the river following a spur, then the riverside track is followed after a river crossing, and the channel is taken back to the cars.

Monday 9 April Peninsula Walk, Main Ridge Circuit

Leader: Doug Connell

Phone: 9807 1957

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9:45am, Main Ridge Flora Reserve, corner Mornington-Flinders Rd & Barkers Rd, Melway 255 D 4.

Maps: Melway 171, 190 & 255 Grading: Medium Distance: 12km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: Start the walk through the Main Ridge Flora Reserve then alongside the Mornington Flinders Rd, to Shands Rd, Tucks Rd, Roberts Rd, Shands Rd, and Barkers Rd back to the car park. We may use the Ditterich Reserve for lunch. A good country walk on unmade roads (except for Flinders Rd) and bush tracks.

Wednesday 11 April Caroline Springs

Leader: Stewart Stanlake

Phone: 9870 9061
0468 300 132

Rendezvous: Watergardens rail station, 9:17am.

Transport: Watergardens train departing Flinders St. at 8:41am and arriving 9:17am. Bus 460 departs Watergardens Station at 9:36am. Return bus 456 every 30 minutes to Sunshine Station.

Maps: Melway 358 & 356

Distance: 13 km.

Morning Tea: BBQ area. Melway 358 D/E 2. Otway/Parkway Streets.

Walk Details: Flat easy walk with views of water most of the time.

Monday 16 April Wonga Park - Warrandyte Bridge

Leader: Trevor Jupp

Phone: 9802 3355

Rendezvous: Croydon railway station, 372 bus stop, 9:00am.

Maps: Melway 50, 36, 24 & 23.

Grading: Moderate to hard (length)

Distance: 15.4km.

Transport: Lilydale train departing Flinder Street station at 8:15am, then 672 bus departing Croydon station at 9:27am.

Return bus 364 from Warrandyte Bridge to Ringwood station at 2:14, 2:47, 3:16, 3:34 & 3:47pm.

Return bus 906 from Warrandyte Bridge to city (Lonsdale Street) at 2:27, 2:42, 2:57, 3:12, 3:27 & 3:42pm.

Morning Tea: Wonga Park shops, or alternatively outside Clifford Park.

Walk Details: Walk through urban and rural streets in Wonga Park to Clifford Park, entering the Warrandyte State Park and walk on formed and unformed tracks, with wonderful views of the Yarra River and its rapids. Then negotiate through river bank scrub and forest, lunch taken around old farm sheds in open ground, before continuing through Jumping Creek and Black Flat Reserves, then walking along a fire track and roads to meet up with the Warrandyte-Ringwood Road.

Note: It is advisable to wear sturdy footwear and bring sufficient drinking water.

3rd Wednesday 18 April Wattle Park - Gardiners Creek

Leader: Jenny Hosking

Phone: 0423 627 232

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 10.40am at BBQ Picnic Area just past Wattle Park Chalet.

Lunch: As above. Toilets available.

Maps: Melway Map 60 K3 and/or Google Maps.

Grading: Easy. Some street walking and uphill distances of short duration.

Distance: 4 to 5km in morning and 1 to 2km in the afternoon.

Transport: Leader will be at rendezvous.

By Tram from Flinders St.: Route #70 Tram (Wattle Park) cnr Flinders/Swanston at 9.39am to Stop 59 in Riversdale Road (arrive approx 10.16am). Enter Wattle Park from behind the Tram Shelter. Head uphill, then to left across the rear of Wattle Park Chalet to BBQ area. Return trams approx. every 10mins.

By Bus: Route #767 Bus from Southland at 9.38am (arrive 10.40am) or from Box Hill Station at 10.17am (arrive 10.27am), to the cnr of Elgar & Riversdale Roads. Enter Wattle Park from the corner taking foot track in Park and heading uphill to playground/BBQ area. Return buses approx. every 30 mins.

By Car: Parking is available adjacent to the picnic area. Enter Wattle Park from Riversdale Road, along Monsborough Drive and continue past Golf Course parking area.

Walk Details: Walk will be in the park, street, Gardiners Creek, street & park. Mainly walking on the flat with some short uphill distances.

Sunday 22 April Willimigongon Creek - Mount Macedon

Leader: Keith Davidson

Phone: 9523 8174

0414 860 828

Rendezvous: 9:30am at corner of Mt Macedon Rd and Anzac Rd, Mt Macedon (approx. 300 m past Mt Macedon Hotel).

Maps: Rooftop's Macedon Ranges Forest Activities Map, 1:30,000.

Grading: Medium

Distance: 10 km approx.

Transport: Private car. Approx. 60 minutes from CBD via Calder Freeway & Mt Macedon Rd (Melway X909 G10).

Morning Tea: At rendezvous.

Walk Details: A pleasant Autumn walk along Anzac Road, crossing Willimigongon Creek, and following the creek past two reservoirs to Sanatorium Picnic Ground. Returning via Mount Towrong Ridge or alternatively via Anzac Road.

Monday 23 April Belgrave - Menzies Creek - Belgrave

Leader: Wayne Hansen

Phone: 0415 351 492