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NOTE CHANGE FOR THIS MONTH ONLY

Copy for June to: John Rankin - Phone: 0408 373 148
 email: wjrankin@outlook.com

by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 2nd May

Circular Preparation: 3rd Thursday - 17th May 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

Late Circular in June

Due to the Editor being overseas, the June circular will be a little late being emailed to members and being placed on the website. Posted copies should still arrive at the same time as usual.

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

Growing old is mandatory - growing up is optional.

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

Grampians Planned Burning

Forest Fire Management (FFMVic), including Parks Victoria, would like to advise you that the Autumn 2018 planned burn program is due to commence in the Grampians National Park.

The burn program will only be undertaken when weather conditions are suitable and with consideration will be made for peak tourism times in the Park.

Staff from Parks Victoria and FFMVic will be in your local area in the coming weeks to deliver maps and flyers about the program for you to display or pass onto other interested organisations, people or guests. To find out more about the planned burn program across the State please go to the FFMVic website at:

<https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/bushfire-fuel-and-risk-management/planned-burns>

We also recommend joining the Planned Burn Notification System (PBNS) which is a opt-in web based system that you can customise to suit your particular notification needs. The system notifies people when a planned burn in a park or forest is close to being ignited:

<https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/bushfire-fuel-and-risk-management/planned-burns/planned-burning-notification-system>

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call FFMVic Horsham Fuel Management Team on **03 5362 0720**.



The Minister for Energy, Environment & Climate Change, Lily D'Ambrosio MP, has advised that on their own, the standards have no legal status and there is no requirement to comply with them.

Volunteer bushwalkers cannot and should not be required to comply with the Core AAAS, Bushwalking AAAS or Camping AAAS.

Any attempts in the future to do so will be vigorously opposed, as will any other similar restrictions or impediments that would enable commercial interests to override the rights of community-based clubs to access and enjoy public land.

Community-based volunteer bushwalking trip leaders will continue to responsibly manage trip safety by using and contributing to the body of knowledge that informs and supports safe and enjoyable bushwalking.

Additional information presented at our club forum on 28 November 2017 is at:

<http://bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/update-aaas-petition>

Over 3,600 people have now signed our petition "Don't impose commercial standards on community-based bushwalkers" at:

<https://www.change.org/p/daniel-andrews-don-t-impose-commercial-standards-on-community-based-bushwalkers>

Any volunteer bushwalkers who are asked or required to comply with the AAAS should contact Bushwalking Victoria immediately.

Peter Campbell, President, Bushwalking Victoria.

Leadership Forum & AGM - 23 June 2018

Before we know it, we will be running our Leadership Forum and AGM. We are still seeking nominations for the Board - if you are interested, please contact the office on:

admin@bushwalkingvictoria.org.au

We are also looking into input for topics for our Leadership Forum - any ideas are welcome - please send those to:

admin@bushwalkingvictoria.org.au

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 **9571 3227** (email secretary@melbournewalkingclub.org).

Programme Amendment

Please note the following amendment to the 2018 Programme:

- May 14 Walk: The walk location has now changed to **Mooroolbark Circuit**.

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

First Aid Qualifications

It is the Club's view that more people in the Club should be qualified for First Aid. With this in mind, it has been decided to find out how many Club members have current First Aid Qualifications.

If you have a current First Aid Qualification, and are willing to share this information with the Club, please email the President at:

president@melbournewalkingclub.org

MAY WALKS

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.

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.

Little did I realise the marvellous life which was opening up for me. The past 42 years have produced magical events and travels to far parts of the globe. I am hugely indebted to the Club for these opportunities and the many, many lifetime friends I have accumulated along the way.

In a modest way, I feel I have made a contribution to this 124-year-old Club with its history and tradition which will extend far into the future.

My contribution has been:

- 1978 – 2017 Served on the Executive Committee
- 1978 – 2015 Skied with the Club throughout our snowfields
- 1985 – 2015 Chairman, Archives Committee
- 1992 – 1995 President, including Centenary Year
- 1995 – 2010 Secretary
- 2000 - Appointed Life Member

Activities I enjoyed included leading walks to the Himalayas and India, USA (8 National Parks), New Zealand (twice) and in all States except Western Australia. I also walked with the Club through China, Britain, Noumea, Lord Howe Island, Flinders Island (twice) and Gabo Island.

My walking days are over but the memories and friendships will last forever.

John Moore.

Bushwalking News Victoria

Volunteers are NOT required to Comply with the AAAS



Bushwalking Victoria has analysed the AAAS (**Australian Adventure Activity Standards**) Core and Bushwalking Standards and considers that most of the content is either not relevant to, or far exceeds the needs of volunteer bushwalking activities. The AAAS are designated as "voluntary" and are not enacted or authorised by any Act of Parliament or other legislative instrument.

The Minister for Sport, John Eren MP, has advised that there is no current intention to mandate the use of the AAAS on behalf of relevant jurisdictions, including the Department of Health and Human Services, Parks Victoria and the Department of Environment, Water, Land and Planning.

Trip Report - Mallacoota, 15-20 March 2018



A very enjoyable trip to the coastal town of Mallacoota was held between 15 and 20 March. The trip was organized and led by Kim Rosen and a total of twelve people attended. These included six club members and six visitors. The trip was a base under cover trip and we stayed at the historic Karbeethong Lodge overlooking the beautiful inlet at Mallacoota. The town is surrounded by the magnificent Croajingolong National Park which offers a wide variety of both coastal and bush walks. The lodge provides breakfast but is otherwise self-catering. Day walks were held each day including walks alongside the lake to Captains Jetty, a long beach walk to Lake Barracoota which is almost opposite Gabo Island, Genoa Peak and Genoa Falls and Betka Beach to Secret Beach. A boat trip across the lake was also included. The only incident was when the club President awoke to discover a tick attached to his back. Luckily the arachnid was successfully extracted by his wife.

It is hoped that in the future more club members will either join trips like this, or offer to organize similar trips to other destinations.

Trevor Rosen.

John Moore's Journey with MWC

I joined the Melbourne Walking Club in 1976. I joined because I wanted to see more of my country and overseas.

Sunday 6 May Combined Walk, Women's Club - Werribee Gorge State Park

MWC Leader: Alan Hosking

Phone: 9504 0377
alanhosking4@gmail.com

MWVC Contact: Rocio Cereceda

Phone: 0433 197 457
rociomcereceda@gmail.com

Melbourne Walking Club Members, please contact Alan Hosking by email if attending.

Rendezvous: Meikles Point picnic area at 9:15 am.

Maps: Melbourne Western Gorges. G. Tempest Walk 7.

Grading: Easy & Medium/Hard (more on the Medium side).

Afternoon Tea: Jolly Miller Bakery, 136 Main St, Bacchus Marsh .

Transport: Private car. Take Western Freeway, then the Pentland Hills exit (5 kms beyond Bacchus Marsh). Turn right, pass under the freeway & immediately turn left along Pentland Hills Rd. After passing under the Freeway (again) turn left onto Myers Rd & follow it down to Meikles Point picnic area.

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 South Morang - Quarry Hills

Leader: Bill Woods

Phone: 9370 7268

Rendezvous: South Morang Station at 9.30 am.

Maps: Melway 182, 183, Quarry Hills Bushland Reserve.

Grading: Medium Hard

Distance: 10 - 12 km.

Transport: 8.36 am South Morang train ex Flinders Street, 8.39 am ex Southern Cross, 8.45 am ex Parliament, arriving South Morang 9.28 am.

Morning Tea: 9.45am Whittlesea Municipal Offices. Melway 183 A10.

Walk Details: Henderson Creek wetlands then bike trails to Granite Hills Park and Quarry Hills Park back to South Morang.

Notes: Two fairly major hills to climb and a steep descent. Toilets are available early in the walk but none in the hill parks. Escape route is available just before lunch.

Monday 14 May Mooroolbark Circuit

Leader: John Rankin

Phone: 9842 1350

0402 058 184

wjrankin@outlook.com

Rendezvous: 9.35 am at Mooroolbark Railway Station (South side).

Maps: Melway 50, 51, 52, 37 & 38.

Grading: Easy/Medium

Distance: 12 km.

Transport: 8.45 am Lilydale train ex Flinders Street station, arriving Mooroolbark 9.31 am.

Morning Tea: Red Earth Community Park. Shelter and toilets available.

Walk Details: A pleasant circuit walk along tracks and roads starting and ending at Mooroolbark Railway Station. After morning tea we head east along the Bushy Creek linear trail then loop northward along roads to meet the linear park from Edinburgh Rd to Hull Rd. From there we follow side streets back to Mooroolbark station. Return trains every half hour: 2.14, 2.44, 4.14.

3rd Wednesday 16 May Albert Park Lake - Port Melbourne

Leader: Peter Schulz

Phone: 9470 2189

0402 567 325

Rendezvous: 10.00am at # 12 tram stop 130. Leader will wait here for this tram and then proceed to "Coot" Picnic Area (Melway 2K E7) next to Albert Park Lake.

Maps: Melway 2J, 2K & 2L Grading: Easy Distance: 3km am, 3km pm.

3rd Wednesday 20 June Mid Year Lunch Walk

Leader: Ken Launder

Phone: 9584 1432

Sunday 24 June Cement Creek - Mt Donna Buang

Leader: David Kerferd

Phone: 0419 887 785

Monday 25 June Easy Metro - Royal Park - Victoria Park

Leader: Hugh Gibson

Phone: 9897 3645

0429 173 501

Rendezvous: Royal Park railway station at 9:20am.

Maps: Melway 29, 30 & 44 Grading: Easy Distance: 9 km.

Transport: 9:05am Upfield train ex Flinders St, arriving at Royal Park at 9:19. Return trains from Victoria Park.

Morning Tea: 10am at Hardy Gallagher Reserve, Melway 29 H11.

Walk Details: A very pleasant walk along the Capital City Trail to Rushall, where we view the historic village which opened in 1866 and is still in use today. Then through bushland to Dights Falls for lunch.

Wednesday 27 June Aspendale - Wetlands - Carrum

Leader: Bruce Armstrong

Phone: 0416 758 204

Rendezvous: Aspendale Railway Station at 9.43am.

Maps: Melway 92, 93 & 97.

Grading: Easy to Medium (mainly flat)

Distance: 10 km.

Morning Tea: Regents Park with Toilet - Melway 92 K7.

Transport: Frankston Train departing Flinders Street Station 8.54am and arriving at Aspendale Station at 9.43am. Return trains from Carrum Station every 10 minutes.

Walk Details: Mainly flat walk through wetlands walking tracks and then along Patterson River track to Carrum Station. Lunch on the way depending on the day.

Monday 4 June Mt Martha - Briars

Leader: Jim Smith

Phone: 9790 5257

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9:45am, Melway 144 J 11, Mirang Av.

Maps: Melway 144-145 Grading: Medium Distance: 12 km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: Park at the end of Mirang Av. off Watson Rd. We will make our way up to Nepean Hwy, and into the Briars Park for lunch at the Homestead, from there we take the Briars circuit walk and back to the cars along the Balcombe creek boardwalk. Except for the boardwalk most of it is hilly.

Wednesday 6 June Kooyong - Outer Circle - Caulfield

Leader: Sandy Moller

Phone: 9502 3690

Wednesday 13 June Wattle Glen - Flat Rock - Wattle Glen

Leader: Gordon Proudfoot

Phone: 9717 8322
0405 083 074

Rendezvous: Wattle Glen station at 9:33am.

Morning Tea: Peppers Paddock, Melways 12 G4.

Maps: Melways 12, 271 & 263 Distance: Approx 14km.

Grading: Medium (3 hills, one steep on Flat Rock Road).

Transport: Train from Flinders Street at 8:24am to Hurstbridge arriving at Wattle Glen at 9:33am, or by 902 bus from Doncaster Shopping Town at 8:54am arriving Eltham at 9:18am (to catch 9:23 train to Hurstbridge), or by car. If coming by car there is limited parking at Wattle Glen station or in Kangaroo Ground - Wattle Glen Road.

Walk Details: The walk is partially along suburban streets and walking paths. There are seats and toilets at morning tea but no shelters. There are no facilities at the lunch spot.

Return Trains: There are return trains from Wattle Glen station at 2:04pm, 2:44pm and 3:24pm.

Monday 18 June Patch - Menzies Creek - The Patch

Leader: Alex Hordijkeno

Phone: 9383 3257

Transport: Victoria Gardens - St Kilda Tram #12. Dep City 9.43am. Arrive stop No 130 (near Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre) at 10.00 am. Parking at Melway 2K E6.

Morning Tea & Lunch: "Coot" Picnic Area shelter (Melway 2K E7).

Walk Details: A pleasant flat walk along the south west lake shore before lunch. For those wishing to do the afternoon walk, we will head to Port Melbourne via the St Kilda beach walking track. Transport from Port Melbourne No #109 tram.

Sunday 20 May Bullarto - Mt Wilson Circuit

Leader: Peter Hiscock

Phone: 5341 3220
0408 337 696

Please ring leader if attending.

Rendezvous: 9.30am at Bullarto Railway Station on the former Woodend - Daylesford line. Bullarto Station is very close to the main Daylesford Road (C317) and reached by a dirt road. It is set among giant Cedar and Elm trees. There is a sign on the main road (follow the arrow). Assemble from 9.30am with morning tea on the Station.

Grading: Medium

Distance: 14 km.

Transport: Private car.

Morning Tea: At rendezvous.

Walk Details: The walk will commence from the Bullarto Railway Station on the former Woodend - Daylesford line. The station is a good place for a morning coffee before we start if you are a bit early (bring a thermos). Gentle secondary roads and well-formed tracks will be taken to the point where a track to the Mt Wilson summit leads off Roachs Road. A 4WD track to the summit will be followed up a rising (but not severe) grade. On the return a loop utilizing Franzke's track will be taken through forest country and then linking with our outbound track via Bullarto South. The walk offers a mix of agricultural land, regrowth forest and some stands of magnificent gums pre-dating settlement.

Bring water for the day. Coffee break on the way home at Radio Springs Hotel, Lyonville.

Wednesday 23 May Mitcham - Glen Waverley

This was previously advertised as Mitcham - Wantirna, which was previously Xmas lunch walk.

Leaders: John Webb

Phone: 9802 1747
0416 627 913

Rendezvous: 9.40 am at Mitcham Railway Station (South Side).

Maps: Melway 48, 49, 63, 62 & 71

Grading: Easy/Medium

Distance: Approx. 10 km.

Transport: 9.07 am Lilydale train ex Flinders Street station arriving Mitcham 9.40 a.m. Return from finish at High Street Road/Westlands Road (Melway 71 F1). Buses to Glen Waverley. Rail, Croydon, Mitcham & Ringwood.

Morning Tea: Simpson Park (Melway 49 A11). Toilet available.

Walk Details: Walk through Mitcham streets to Simpson Park then to Bellbird Dell (lunch) / Terrara Park (Toilet), across Burwood Highway to Dandenong Creek Trail to finish. Escapes at lunch to Heatherdale and Burwood Highway to Box Hill.

Monday 28 May Easy Metro Port Melbourne - Docklands

Leader: Bill Woods

Phone: 9370 7268

Rendezvous: 9.30 am at Graham Street tram stop.

Maps: Melway 57, 56 & 2E Grading: Easy Distance: 9 km.

Transport: Port Melbourne tram #109, departs Collins Street near Spencer Street and Southern Cross Station every 8 minutes for a 10 to 15 minute trip. **Note:** Graham Street stop is the next one after North Port.

Morning Tea: 10.00 am at Sandridge Dressing Shelter, Melway 56 G3.

Walk Details: An interesting look around Webb Dock, Beacon Cove, Port Melbourne, then on to Docklands to see the new developments.

Notes: Toilets available fairly regularly and many escape routes.

Wednesday 30 May Hurstbridge Circuit

Leader: Jim Cone

Phone: 9560 8175

Rendezvous: 9.36am at Hurstbridge railway station.

Maps: Melway 185, 263 & 264 Grading: Medium Distance: 12km.

Transport: 8.25am Hurstbridge train departing Flinders Street station (8.28am Southern Cross) arriving at 9.36am. Intend returning on 2pm train. Next train 2.40pm. For eastern suburbs residents the 902 bus connects with Hurstbridge train at Eltham station.

Morning Tea: Beside Schaeffer Road (Melway 263 D9 at 10.30am). If wet at bus shelter outside primary school (Melway 263 A7 at 10.00am).

Walk Details: Pleasant rural walk, thinly populated easy hills through small holdings. Sealed and unsealed roads and grass reserves. Lunch at Panton Hill Firefighters Memorial Park Melway 264 A9. Walk alongside Panton Hill winery on return journey.

Note: Some steep hills with no escapes. Toilets at beginning and end of walk.

JUNE PROGRAM

Sunday 3 June Sutherland Creek

Leader: Richard Jasek

Phone: 9820 2974
0408 438 632

Rendezvous: Steiglitz Court House car park, at 9:30am.

Maps: Brisbane Ranges National Park map. Distance: 9km (5 hours).

Grading: Moderate - difficult. Shorter, easy loops possible.

Transport: Private car. Via Western Highway or Geelong Road. From Melbourne head for Anakie. From there, take DeMotts Rd for about 8km, left into Butchers Rd, then immediately right into Steiglitz Rd. In just over 1km arrive at Steiglitz Court House.

Morning Tea: Steiglitz Court House car park, 9:30 - 10:00am

Walk Details: Easy 3km at the start via old "streets", then Steiglitz South Rd, descending along Sailor's Track into the creek gully. Mostly clambering in and around the creek bed. The going is slow at times. A lunch spot is by a waterhole. We emerge out of the gully via a "deadmans loop", on a marked track back to the Court House.

Note: If heavy rains prevent this walk, there are alternatives from the car park to the north of similar length but easier grade.