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Covid Walks Update

All MWC walks should be proceeding, though there may be restrictions. Please consult the Walk Status Page for up to date details:

<http://www.melbournewalkingclub.org/activities/walk-status>

Copy for April to: Charlie Freedman - Phone: 0415 558 249

email: editor@melbournewalkingclub.org

by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 2nd March.

Laughter Is The Best Medicine

I intended looking for my watch, but I couldn't find the time.

COVID-19 Restrictions

All walks will only be open to those who are FULLY VACCINATED against Covid 19.

At present there are no restrictions on the number of walkers, but these may be introduced. If this is the case, it is suggested you contact the leader to book for the walk.

Visitors Fee

A \$5.00 fee is charged to all visitors attending club walks.

Extreme Conditions & Fire Bans

On days of **EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS** leaders may cancel the activity at their discretion. If a day of **TOTAL FIRE BAN** is declared in a walk area, **ALL** outdoor activities in that area are **CANCELLED**.

The Melbourne Walker

The complete set of "The Melbourne Walker", the Club's annual magazine which was published from 1929 to 1991, is now available to view or download on the Club's website:

www.melbournewalkingclub.org/photo-gallery/the-melbourne-walker

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Wed 2 Mar Point Cook Coastal Walk

Leader: John Ackerman

Phone: 9337 1164
flightpath123@outlook.com

Rendezvous: Point Cook Reserve, Saltwater Promenade, Melways208 A10 at 10:20am. Leader will meet at the reserve.

Map: Melway 208 Grading: Easy Distance: 10.8 km

Transport: 08:47am or 09:07am Flinders Street train to Werribee alighting at Williams Landing Station. Take care not to catch a Werribee Express that will not stop at WLS. These trains arrive at Footscray at 08:59 and 09:19 respectively. Arrival at Williams Landing at 09:27 and 09:47. Board the 497 Saltwater Estate Bus at 9:53am. Alight at the first stop on Saltwater Promenade which is adjacent to the reserve at 10:08.

Travel by Car: Park at Point Cook Reserve, Melway 208 A10 at 10:25am. Return to the vehicle by boarding the 497 at the terminus at the end of the walk. Bring myki to walk.

Morning Tea: At Point Cook Reserve at 10:20am.

Lunch: Homestead Park at 1:00pm.

Walk Details: Enter the park from Point Cook Road. Skirts the RAAF lake then turns right to the coast. Surfaced road for part of the way. Hugs the coast, should be pleasant in good weather. Estimated time of finish is after 2pm. Bus departs at 1:52, 2:32 & 3:12pm.

Mon 7 Mar Fingal – Gunnamatta

Leader: Jim Smith

Phone: 0437 077 532

Rendezvous: Fingal picnic area, Cape Schanck Rd, Melway 259 B9.

Map: Melway 259 B9 Grading: Moderate Distance: 12 km.

Morning Tea: 9:45am Fingal picnic area [Toilets available at start and Lunch spots].

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: From Fingal picnic area we follow the coastal track through

moonah woodland towards Fingal and Gunnamatta beach The main track passes through costal vegetation with some spectacular views before descending onto the beach then walk to the Gunnamatta Surf club for lunch. We 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.

Tue 8 Mar Social Lunch – Charles Dickens Tavern

NB. Please notify the leader if you intend to come to this lunch.

Leader: Charlie Freedman

Phone: 0415 558 249

Wed 9 Mar Flinders St Station – Gardiner Station

Leader: Keith Tupper

Phone: 9457 2595
0434 112 192 (9 March only)

Rendezvous: 9.15am at Flinders St Station, under the Clocks.

Maps: Melway 2F, 2G, 2L, 2M & 59 Grading: Easy Distance: 11 km.

Morning Tea: Royal Botanic Gardens near kiosk (Melway 2G 12D).

Walk Details: A pleasant walk along tracks close to the Yarra River and Gardiners Creek.

Fri-Mon 11-14 Mar Base Undercover – Mt Buller Lodge

NB. You must contact the leader if you intend to come on this walk.

Leaders: Alexia Morgan
Jenny Hosking

Phone: 0481 616 797
Phone: 0423 627 232

Rendezvous: Melbourne Walking Club (MWC) Lodge, 1 Stirling Avenue, Mt Buller, VIC 3723 (opposite the Fire Station).

Availability: There are limited places available for this trip. As this is a club event, please book through the leaders, Alexia Morgan or Jenny Hosking, rather than through the online booking system as would normally be the case.

Cost: \$40 per night for members/dependents (\$120 for 3 nights), \$50 per night for visitors (\$150 for 3 nights). To secure a booking, a 50% deposit of \$60.00 per member or \$75.00 per visitor is required to be paid ASAP. Please email jenniferhosking@gmail.com for payment/bank account details.

Maps: Melway Touring Map X922 D11 and/or Google.

Distance & Grading: Variety of walks to cater for all. For details refer Mt Buller website: www.mtbuller.com.au/Summer/activities/walk-hike.

Transport: Private car.

Base Undercover Details: MWC is planning day walks on the Saturday and Sunday staying undercover at the club's ski lodge at Mt Buller. Further walk details will be worked out closer to the event. This is a great opportunity to visit an alpine setting in the summer/autumn season and enjoy some walks with other members of the club.

The lodge is in first class condition, centrally located in the village and you can drive to the door. It has 16 beds which include 3 x 4-person bunk bedrooms and 2 x 2-person bedrooms. Each bedroom has an ensuite bathroom. It has shared kitchen and dining facilities. The lodge has a covid safe plan which must be adhered to and thus not all 16 beds may be utilised over this weekend.

3rd Wed 16 Mar Yarran Dheran, Mullum Mullum Creek

Leader: Graeme Barker

Phone: 9874 6938

Rendezvous, Morning Tea & Lunch: 10.30am at Schwerkolts Cottage, Melway 32 D5.

Distance: am: 5km, pm: 1.5km

Map: Melway 32.

Grading: Easy (but some uphill sections for those who are game).

Transport: 9.26am Belgrave train ex Flinders Street, arriving Heatherdale at 9.58. Leader will meet train for walk to Schwerkolts Cottage. Return trains at 15 minute intervals.

Car: Park in Schwerkolts Cottage car park. If seeking a longer walk (i.e. per distance below) park near Heatherdale station and join walk from there. At present there is plenty of car parking available in Buxton Road and surrounding streets, but watch out for limited 2 hour parking on some sides of the streets. This situation may change if more commuters use public transport.

Walk Details: There are a variety of walking conditions with some minor undulations. The Cottage was built in 1864 of locally quarried stone and mud, and incorporates a cellar and smokehouse, which is of historical interest. There are some unformed track and uphill sections on the walk.

AM: Mainly a downhill walk of 1.5km to the Cottage for morning tea, then to Yarran Dheran Park via the Mullum Mullum Creek track. Visit the exhaust stack for the Eastlink tunnels beneath your feet. Return for lunch in the pleasant Cottage environs. If not wishing to walk far, this in a nice area for a rest/wander.

PM: Back to Heatherdale station using a different route via Antonio Park.

Wed 23 Mar Olinda – Ferndale Road – Boronia

NB. New date. This walk was on 30th March.

Leader: Oliver Lucas

Phone: 9571 6865

Rendezvous: Croydon Station at 8:59am.

Maps: Melway 66 & 65

Grading: Medium

Distance: 13 km.

Transport: 8:15am train from Flinders Street. Bus 688 to Olinda at 9:10am.

Morning Tea: At corner of Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd and Range Rd, Melway 66 H7. Toilets available.

Walk Details: Starting at Range Rd, onto School Track and other tracks. After lunch from Ferndale Rd, various tracks, finishing at Boronia Station. Trains every half hour. Excellent walk on good tracks.

Escapes: After lunch at Mountain Highway, but buses infrequent.

Sun 27 Mar Urquhart Bluff – Aireys Inlet – Urquhart Bluff

NB. You must contact the leader if you intend to come on this walk.

Leader: Keith Davidson

Phone: 9523 8174

0414 860 828

Rendezvous: 9:45 am at Urquhart Bluff Beach Carpark, Great Ocean Rd. (B100). Travelling from Melbourne approx. 6.7km from Anglesea. Toilets near-by. Morning Tea before we depart.

Grading: Medium

Distance: 11 km.

Transport: Private Cars.

Walk Details: Excellent views of the beaches, the ocean and the Split Point Lighthouse from sandy beaches and Cliff tops. Starting on the beach at Urquhart Bluff around a couple of headlands to Sunnymeade Beach, climbing steps to the Surf Coast Walking Track, exploring Step Beach and Eagle Rock and eventually reaching the Split Point Lighthouse with fantastic views over the Shipwreck Coast. Looping back via Aireys Inlet, where we will have lunch. We return to the Surf Coast Walking Track and the cars.

Mon 28 Mar Easy Metro: Maribyrnong – Ascot Vale

Leader: Alex Hordijkeno

Phone: 9383 3257

Rendezvous: 10:00am at Cordite Avenue, Maribyrnong tram terminus, Melway 27 H8.

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

Transport: 9:20am West Maribyrnong tram No. 57 from corner of Elizabeth and Flinders Streets, arriving terminus at 10:00am.

Morning Tea: 10:10am at Village Green rotunda, Melway 27 G8.

Walk Details: A scenic walk following an easy track close to the Maribyrnong River with some nice views of the river, the city and of Flemington Racecourse. We will enter the racecourse and walk through to Epsom Road to catch the No. 57 tram back to the city. Toilets along the track.

Wed 30 Mar Corio – Hovell Creek – Lara

NB. New date. This walk was on 23rd March.

Leader: John Rankin

Phone: 0408 373 148

Rendezvous: 10.05 am at Corio railway station.

Maps: Melway 432 & 423

Distance: 10.5 km.

Grading: Easy. Flat, along made paths.

Transport: 9.10 am South Geelong V/line train from Southern Cross arriving Corio 10.02 am.

Morning Tea: Directly opposite the station.

Walk Details: This is a very pleasant and easy walk with excellent and varied scenery and bird life. However, much of it is exposed so it will be necessary to dress appropriately for the day. After leaving the industrial area near the station we walk to the coast then follow the Hovell Creek Adventure Track to the Princes Highway which we cross through an underpass. After lunch in Hovell Creek Reserve (undercover, but exposed) we follow the Hovell Creek Trail to Lara station. Return trains every 20 minutes: 1.43, 2.05, 2.23, 2.45 pm. No toilet at Corio station, a toilet about half way and also at Lara station.

Escapes: The only escape is at lunch; #11 bus in Rennie St to Lara station.

APRIL PROGRAM

Mon 4 Apr Peninsula

Leader: Doug Connell

Phone: 9807 1957

Wed 6 Apr Carrum Downs – Kananook

Leader: David Blackwell

Phone: 9557 1009

Sun 10 Apr Warburton Bridge – Fryerstown

NB. You must contact the leader if you intend to come on this walk.

Leader: Ian Wilkinson

Phone: 0438 419 375

Mon 11 Apr Easy Metro: Heidelberg – Yarra Circuit – Heidelberg

Leader: Gordon Proudfoot

Phone: 9717 0909

Tue 12 Apr Social Lunch – Charles Dickens Tavern

NB. Please notify the leader if you intend to come to this lunch.

Leader: Charlie Freedman

Phone: 0415 558 249

Wed 13 Apr Kalorama – Doongalla – Montrose

Leader: Jim Cone

Phone: 9560 8175

Mon 18 Apr Easter Monday - Bittern – Hastings

Leader: Les Littlejohn

Phone: 5987 2215

3rd Wed 20 Apr Yarra Flats, Heidelberg

NB: Walk is at Yarra Flats – not Banksia Park.

Leader: Bruce Armstrong

Phone: 0416 758 204

Rendezvous: Outside Heidelberg Railway Station (south-east side) at 9.45am – at the 903 Bus Stop, Melway 31 K5. Leader will be there.

Maps: Melway 31 & 32

Grading: Easy.

Distance: Approx 4-5 km in am – pm walk back to Heidelberg Station.

Transport: 9.09am train Ex Flinders St to Hurstbridge, arriving at Heidelberg Station at 9.45am.

Morning Tea: Melway 32 C6 (Toilet and parking available).

Lunch at Morning Tea spot.

Walk Details: Pleasant casual walk in **Yarra Flats Park** following Artists Trail and return to Shelter/Car Park at Morning Tea spot.

Sat-Mon 23-25 Apr Goldfields Track – Hepburn Springs

NB. You must contact the leader if you intend to come on this walk.

Leader: Kim Rosen

Phone: 0422 804 816

Mon 25 Apr Easy Metro: Anzac Day

Leader: Gordon Proudfoot

Phone: 9717 0909

Wed 27 Apr Reservoir – Greensborough

Leader: Miles Pierce

Phone: 9890 8319

New Members

There have been few new members in the past year due to the limits imposed by the COVID restrictions on our ability to do walks. However, since we started walking again, four Visitors have each completed four walks and their applications for membership have been approved by the Executive Committee. The new members are **Allan Cooper, Greg Landgren, Sharon Lanyon** and **Shirley Oxley**. We welcome these Members to the Club and wish them many happy years of walking and participating in other Club activities.

**John Rankin,
Membership Officer**

The Way Things Were

The visitors' book from the old Austral Alps Hotel at Lightning Creek, between Tallangatta and Omeo, had an entry recording that on a walking trip through Bright, Tawonga, Bogong High Plains and Glen Wills, A. J. Day, P. D. Flowers, Heber Green, C. Gardner and R. H. Croll, well-known names in Walking Club circles, stayed at the hotel. Beneath this entry is some verse which I strongly suspect came from the pen of R. H. Croll. Here it is ...

Now this is the way of the Walking Club,
It takes a train to a wayside pub,
Where it stops for a meal and a drink and a talk,
But the very last thing it does is to walk.

Abridged extract from an article by Rege Mann,
The Melbourne Walker, Vol 16, 1945, pp. 42-44.

Who Was Walter Briggs

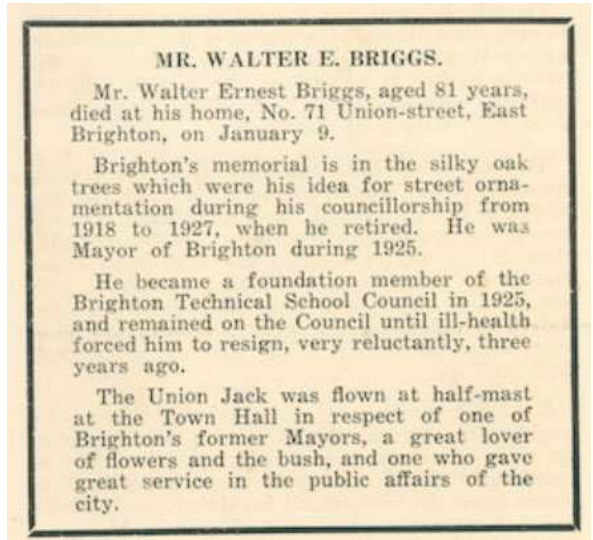
Most members will be aware that our hut at Mt Donna Buang is named in honour of Walter Briggs, but who was Walter (Wally) Ernest Briggs? He was born in 1867 and died in 1948 aged 81. The club was founded in 1894 by Arthur Barrett and Walter Briggs. It was then known as the Melbourne Amateur Walking and Touring Club. However Briggs continued to serve the club as an office bearer for a remarkable period of over fifty years. He was both the Secretary and Treasurer from 1896 to

1914 but he then went on to become the President of the club from 1915 until his death in 1948.

Under his leadership the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs (now known as Bushwalking Victoria) was established in 1934 and he was the first President. He was admitted to practice as a solicitor in Victoria in 1890.

Curiously there is no mention of Briggs or his legacy in the 1948 or 1949 editions of the "Melbourne Walker" magazine nor is there much reference to him in the histories of the club "Footsteps From The Past" or "No End To Walking".

Apart from his interest in walking and the bush he was also a member of the Brighton Technical School Council from 1925 until 1945 and he served as the Mayor of Brighton in 1925 and as a councillor until 1927. This notice was published in the 1948 edition of the school magazine known as "Seaspray" (courtesy Tony Cagney).



Trevor Rosen

If any readers have more information about Walter Briggs please contact the writer.

Westward Ho!

The method of locating north by aligning the hour hand on a watch with the direction of the sun is well known to walkers.

A problem arises with digital watches and this has been discussed in recent issues of the magazine New Scientist. A correspondent from New Zealand has proposed a novel solution: "*Whirl the digital watch around your head and let it go, in which case it has gone west. A simple 90 degree turn in the appropriate direction then gives north or south.*"

From "The Walker" magazine, Vol 62, 1991, page 21.
"The Walker" was published by the Club from 1929 to 1991.

Bushwalking News Victoria (BNV)

The Melbourne Walking Club is affiliated with Bushwalking Victoria which publishes “**Bushwalking News**” monthly on the Internet.



Bushwalking Victoria

The Current and past BNVs can be read on their web page:

<http://www.bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/what-we-do/publications/newsletters>

Bushwalking Manual

Bushwalking Victoria’s on-line manual provides guidelines and information for safe and enjoyable community-based bushwalking across Australia. You can view the Bushwalking Manual here:

<https://bushwalkingmanual.org.au>

BSAR (Bush Search & Rescue Victoria)

BSAR is a dedicated volunteer search and rescue service. They participate in land-based search and rescues for persons lost in bush and alpine areas under the direction of the Victoria Police. More information is available here:

<https://www.bsar.org>

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Terry Simpson, Treasurer, MWC.



Belgrave - Birdlands Reserve Walk - 15 November

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