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Covid Walks Update

Walks will only be open to those who are **FULLY VACCINATED**. Please consult the Walk Status Page for up to date details:

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

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by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 6th April.

Laughter Is The Best Medicine

It used to be only death and taxes.
Now, of course, there’s shipping and handling too.

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 the State Government may introduce these. 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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APRIL WALKS

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

State Government restrictions may be imposed on the number of walkers. In this case, it is suggested you contact the leader to book in for the walk.

Mon 4 Apr Blowhole – Flinders

Leader: Doug Connell

Phone: 0419 527 653

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9:45am, Melway 261 D11 (at end of Blowhole Track off Boneo Rd).

Maps: Melway 261 & 260 Grading: Moderate Distance: 10 km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: Walk starts at the Flinders Blowhole cliff tops car park, where we negotiate a couple of steep descents and climbs along the foreshore to the Quarry, from there we head up to Flinders Rd, then along Keys Rd to Punchbowl Rd and return. This is a hilly walk with contrasting rugged coast and farm views.

Wed 6 Apr Kananook – Seaford – Carrum

Leader: David Blackwell

Phone: 9557 1009

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: Kananook Reserve, McCulloch Avenue, Melway 99 F8 (has 1 toilet – better than none).

Maps: Melway 99, 97 & 100.

Grading: Flat, easy

Distance: 12 km.

Transport: 8.46 am Frankston train ex Flinders St to Kananook Station, arriving at 9.50.

Walk Details: Following morning tea, we follow the Kananook trail north through Seaford to the back streets of Carrum with lunch at Riviera Reserve, Melway 97 F10 (has toilets). After lunch, we head east & wind our way back south via the Edithvale–Seaford Wetlands reserve, then heading east via Maple St reserve & Belvedere reserve, Melway 100 A3 (has toilets), & south to crossing of Seaford–Ballarto Rd & Frankston–Dandenong Rd, where we catch 901 bus back to Kananook (4 buses each hour).

Notes: A large car park at Kananook Reserve. Trains are only 10 minutes apart most of the day on the Frankston line.

Sun 10 Apr Wombat State Forest – Crown Dam

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

Note the change of venue for this walk.

Leader: Ian Wilkinson

Phone: 0438 419 375

Rendezvous: 9:30am at carpark on Lerderberg Rd near Garden of St Erth, Blackwood.

Grading: Easy

Distance: 8.8km.

Walk Details: The path winds through native forest and tree fern gullies by gently graded water races or the Lerderberg River to the Crown Dam site.

After-Walk Refreshments: Either St Erth Cafe or other Blackwood café.

Mon 11 Apr Easy Metro: Heidelberg – Yarra River – Darebin Station

Leader: Gordon Proudfoot

Phone: 9717 0909

0405 083 074

Rendezvous: Heidelberg Station (east side) at 9.24am.

Maps: Melway 31 & 32

Distance: 11 km.

Morning Tea: Yarra Flats Reserve (Melway 32 C6). Ample parking for those coming by car. Toilets, shelter, and seating.

Lunch: At Eaglemont Tennis Club (Melway 31 K11). Seating and shelter, but no toilets.

Walk Details: Pleasant walk along banks of Yarra River, skirting the Eastern Freeway and continuing along the river to Wilson Reserve and onto Darebin Station. Alternate is, after lunch, to follow trail back to Yarra Flats Park and Heidelberg station.

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

Location & Time: **The Charles Dickens Tavern**, in the basement of 290 Collins Street Melbourne (Block Court), at **11:45 am for 12:00 noon**.

Wed 13 Apr Kalorama – Doongalla – Montrose

Leader: Jim Cone

Phone: 9560 8175

Rendezvous: Croydon Bus Stand 688. South side of Croydon Station at 8.37am. Bus departs at 9.10am.

Maps: Melway 52 & 66 Grading: Medium Distance: 11.2km.

Transport: 7.55am train from Flinders Street arriving at Croydon at 8.37am. Return from Montrose Town Centre (Melway 52 D7). Bus 688.

Morning Tea: At Doongalla Forest Reserve adjoining Ridge Road. Limited tree shelter.

Walk Details: A very attractive walk through well formed tracks in Dandenong Ranges National Park. Some hills but no real challenges. Walking poles may be helpful on downhill tracks. Lunch at Dongalla Homestead site and toilets are available.

Notes: There are no escapes. Toilets at rail station and at lunch. Otherwise bushes.

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.

Fri-Mon 22-25 Apr Goldfields Track: Mollongghip - Chocolate Mill

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

Note: This Base Under Cover is now Full. The walks were postponed in 2021 due to Covid Lockdowns and Storm Damage in the Wombat State Forest.

This is a Combined Walk with the Boroondara Bushwalkers Club with a maximum of eight walkers from each club walking on any day. Preference has been given to those walkers who intended walking the whole track of 210kms on 14 separate day walks during 2021.

Leader: Kim Rosen Phone: 0422 804 816

Accommodation: Most people have booked to stay at the Hepburn Springs Motor Inn for 3 nights: Fri 22/4, Sat 23/4 & Sun 24/4. Self-catering for breakfast and lunch. Optional dinner out at booked restaurants Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights (to be advised).

Map: Melway X927 C2&3 Grading: Medium Distance: 50km.

Transport: Private car. Driving distance is 124 km from Kew Library.

Walk Details: We will walk on the Saturday, Sunday and Monday. If we are able to walk the section from Mollonghip through the Wombat State Forest to Sailors Falls the distance will be as above. DEWLP still needs to do a final check of the track before declaring it open. The sections from Sailors Falls to Lake Daylesford, Hepburn Springs and the Chocolate Mill are definitely open.

Afternoon Tea: To be decided.

Wed 27 Apr Greensborough – Reservoir

Leader: Miles Pierce

Phone: 9890 8319
0429 359 832

Rendezvous: Greensborough Railway Station, 9:30am.

Maps: Melway 20, 10, 9, 19 & 18 Grading: Medium Distance: 14km.

Transport: Eltham train, ex Flinders St at 8:40am; sched. arr. Greensborough 9:28. Alternatively, bus services to Greensborough, including 901 bus from Ringwood and further south, or bus 293 from Box Hill.

Morning Tea: Poulter Reserve – East side of railway opposite the station (Melway 21 A2). Toilets normally available here.

Walk Details: From the morning tea site, the route follows the walking trail north-west through Whatmough Park and alongside the Plenty River to reach southern end of Plenty Gorge Park. Intersect and then follow the route of the former Maroondah Aqueduct through Watsonia North, Bundoora, and Reservoir. Finish at Reservoir railway station. Escape available at Plenty Road in Bundoora (about 6.5km from start) – Tram 86 to city and several bus routes. The route can be marginally shortened close to the end by finishing at Ruthven station.



Beach Walking,
Phillip Island

MAY PROGRAM

Sun 1 May Combined Walk with MWWC: Kinglake National Park – The Gums

Join the Melbourne Women's Walking Club (MWWC) in their Centenary year of celebrations. Yes, the MWWC is 100 years old. An awesome achievement!

NB. Please contact Jenny Hosking if you wish to attend this Combined Walk between MWC & MWWC.

Leader: Jenny Hosking

Phone: 0423 627 232

jenniferlhosking@gmail.com

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9.15am at The Gums Picnic Ground.

Transport: By Car. If travelling from Melbourne, follow the Maroondah Highway through Lilydale to Melba Highway. Turn left onto Melba Highway to Yarra Glen. Continue for a further 16km to Kinglake Healesville road on top on the Dividing Range. Continue a further 7.5km, turning left at West Bridge Road which becomes Kinglake Glenburn Road. Continue a further 4.3 km to enter Kinglake National Park. Just past the park sign turn right and descend into The Gums Camping Area. Turn right into the Day Parking Area.

Maps: Vicmap: VICMAP 1:25,000 Outdoor Leisure Map Kinglake National Park, and

Melway: Touring Map X910 Grid P/Q, 10/11, and/or Google Maps.

Grading: Easy/Medium (approx. 7-8km) and Medium (approx. 12km).

Walk Details: There will be 2 walks an Easy/Medium Walk and Medium Walk.

Mon 2 May Redhill – Country Lanes

Leader: Ian Tregear

Phone: 9548 3391

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9:45am Corner Point Leo Rd. – Callanans Rd. Melway 191 A7.

Map: Melway 191 Grading: Moderate Distance: 11 km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: From the reserve we walk via Baynes Rd. to Stony Creek Rd. then along a Bridal track on Mornington – Flinders Rd. to the Redhill Showgrounds for lunch and back to the start. This is a pleasant walk through different country scenery, but note there are some long hills on

the way.

Wed 4 May Hughesdale – Outer Circle-Surrey Hills

Leader: Gordon Proudfoot

Phone: 9717 0909

Mon 9 May Bike Ride: Diamond Creek – Alphington

NB. This is a new ride.

Leader: Richard Simpson

Phone: 0419 528 130

Rendezvous: 10.15am near McDonalds at Diamond Creek Railway Station (Toilets available).

Maps: Google, or Melways Maps 12, 11, 21, 32, 31 & 30.

Distance: 27 km.

Grading: Easy/Medium (2.5 hours riding time plus stops - allow 4 hours overall).

Transport: **Option 1:** Private car to Diamond Creek Station area for approx. 10am. Note: bring Myki for train return to Diamond Creek Station and car.

Option 2: Public Transport by train - take 8.58am Hurstbridge Train ex Flinders Street via City Loop (note: part express) arriving Diamond Creek 10.14am.

Morning Tea: Diamond Creek Park at 10.20am – Seats & Toilets available.

Lunch: Heidelberg Parklands (Toilets & Seats available).

Ride Details: Bike ride follows three main bicycle paths – the Diamond Creek Trail, Yarra Main Trail, and Darebin Creek Trail. Some road crossings, but generally all riding is on trails for safety. Ride is primarily in very attractive bushland and park settings, with some ups & downs, but generally downstream overall! Toilet facilities at various points along the route.

Escapes: Escapes available at various train stations along the way – e.g. Eltham and Heidelberg.

Anticipated ride finish around 2.00pm at Alphington train station. Regular trains back to the City, or for private vehicle attendees back to Diamond Creek Station (remember Myki Card – bikes are allowed on train).

Tue 10 May 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

Location & Time: **The Charles Dickens Tavern**, in the basement of 290 Collins Street Melbourne (Block Court), at **11:45 am for 12:00 noon.**

Wed 11 May Mernda – South Morang

Leader: Gordon Proudfoot

Phone: 9717 0909
0405 083 074

Rendezvous: Mernda Station at 9.37am.

Morning Tea: Near heritage aqueduct across Plenty River (no facilities). In adverse weather, could use the railway station waiting room. Coffee etc. generally available at kiosk.

Transport: 8.36am train from Flinders Street Station (or 8.45am train from Parliament). Return trains every 20 minutes from South Morang station.

Maps: Melway 390, 183, 184 & 10

Grading: Medium.

Distance: 13km to Mill Park Plaza SC, 14.5km to South Morang Railway Station.

Lunch: At Hawkestone Picnic Area (Melway 183 J7). Seating, shelter, and toilets.

Walk Details: Pleasant walk through Plenty Gorge Park past some historic points. A mixture of gravel walking paths, open country, and asphalt/concrete bike paths. Plenty of coffee shops at both finish areas.

Sun 15 May Boots & Charlesford Mine Basalt

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

Leader: Cristina Ferriera

Phone: 0407 237 327

Mon 16 May Bittern – Hastings

Leader: Les Littlejohn

Phone: 5987 2215

3rd Wed 18 May H E Parker Reserve – Heathmont

Leader: Graeme Barker

Phone: 9874 6938

Sun 22 May Skiers Walk: Mordialloc – Beaumaris – Mordialloc

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

Leader: Jenny Hosking

Phone: 0423 627 232

Wed 25 May Ringwood – Wonga Park

NB. This is a new walk.

Leader: David Watkins

Phone: 9870 3782

Mon 30 May Jells Park – Shepards Bush – Knox City

Leader: Jim Cone

Phone: 9560 8175

Bushwalking News Victoria (BNV)

The Melbourne Walking Club is affiliated with Bushwalking Victoria which publishes “**Bushwalking News**” monthly on the Internet. The Current and past BNVs can be read on their web page:



Bushwalking Victoria

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

FedWalks 2022 – Wangaratta

A Weekend of Walks, Wildflowers, Warbys and Wangaratta!

Benalla, Border, Murray Valley and Warby clubs are hard at work planning October’s Federation Walks event. Based in Wangaratta in Victoria’s north-east, the event will take place on 1–2 October. The organisers aim to put together a really enjoyable weekend, with a program of walks and other activities for people with a wide range of abilities and interests.

The Warby Ranges, part of the Warby-Ovens National Park, are renowned for their interesting and sometimes challenging tracks, as well as an abundance of wildflowers at that time of the year. Nearby is the historic area around Beechworth and, not too far away, the Alpine Region, where Mt Buffalo beckons enticingly.

There are a number of cycle paths in the area, including the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail. The program may also provide the opportunity to paddle along parts of the Ovens River.

An easily-accessible base in Wangaratta will be used for registration,

information and a place to catch up with fellow walkers throughout the weekend. Negotiations are under way for on-site catering and there are many accommodation options in and around Wangaratta. More info soon!

Click here if you'd like to learn more about the Warby-Ovens National Park:

www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/warby-ovens-national-park

Planning Your Bushwalk – A Useful Site

So you've chosen your next walk, got the map, done a recce and graded and publicized your walk. All administrative boxes have been ticked. Great work! A few weeks later, joined by an enthusiastic bunch of fellow walkers, you head off in convoy under blue skies to the starting point.

Check out these useful sites: they might make your walk safer and more enjoyable for everyone:

mcusercontent.com/8596d8954f431422c507583cff/files/b6628007-cf59-1aae-c11a-83ed6b69b758/Useful_Sites_for_Bushwalkers.pdf

2022/23 Subscriptions are due 30 June 2022

Rates for 2022/23 are as follows:

Members -- Within Victoria and aged under 80 years	\$65
-- Outside Victoria	\$60
-- Aged 80 years and over	\$60

Note: 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 2021).

Emailed Circular (not by post): \$10 (for 12 months).

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Mr T. Simpson, 10 Ti Tree Av, Bonbeach, Vic, 3196.**

Or

By bank transfer to the Club's general account:

Account Name: Melbourne Walking Club Inc.

BSB: 063-000, Account No: 1078 3218.

Please ensure that you clearly state your name on the transfer.

Terry Simpson, Treasurer, MWC.



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