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Subscriptions for 2022/23 are now due

Subscriptions are now due, and are the same as last year.
 Prompt payment is always appreciated.
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 by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 1st June.**

Laughter Is The Best Medicine

I had my patience tested yesterday ... I'm negative.

COVID-19 Restrictions

Walks are only open to those who are FULLY VACCINATED.

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**.



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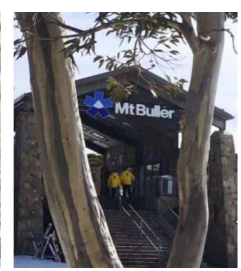
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Mt. Buller Lodge
Winter Season



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To book, visit the Club Website, obtain a member booking number, and open Mt Buller Lodge Booking page!
Families & friends will just love staying with you in your lodge – and the snow- capped mountain views..!!!!



JUNE WALKS

Wed 1 Jun Wonga Park – Wittons Reserve – Mt Lofty

Leader: Alex Hordijkeno

Phone: 9383 3257

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9:45am at table and seating area alongside IGA supermarket, Cnr Jumping Creek & Dudley Roads, Wonga Park (Melway 24 G11). No toilet or shelter.

Maps: Melway 24 & 279

Grading: Medium

Distance: 12 km.

Transport: 8.15am Lilydale train ex Flinders Street arriving Croydon Station at 8.59am, and then Chirnside Park bus #672 at 9.27am to IGA Cnr Jumping Creek & Dudley Roads Wonga Park arriving 9.44am. (Next train 8.45am ex Flinders Street arrives Croydon 1 minute before bus departs i.e. 9.26am.) As this is a circuit walk members may choose to drive to rendezvous. There is some limited parking behind bus shelter opposite IGA. Alternatively, in nearby Bessa Court.

Walk Details: A picturesque walk alongside Yarra River and up Mount Lofty with magnificent views of Yarra Valley. Lunch at canoe departure point on the Yarra. One steep hill before lunch and two moderate hills during walk. Only toilets are at Croydon Station, trees and bushes elsewhere. One escape near the end of the walk. Return to Croydon Station on bus #672 at 1.23pm, 2.23pm, 3.25pm.

Fri-Sun 3-5 Jun Ski Familiarisation: Base Undercover Mt Buller

Leader: Jenny Hosking

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 leader, Jenny Hosking, rather than through the online booking system as would normally be the case.

Cost: \$35 per night. Please pay a 50% deposit to secure your booking. Email jenniferhosking@gmail.com for payment/bank account details.

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

Distance: 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: Prior to the start of the Winter 2022 Ski

season, it only costs \$35 per person per night to stay at MWC's Ski Lodge at Mt Buller when attending Formal Activities in the program published in the circular. Here is your opportunity to stay at the lodge, walk the mountain/ski trails and if you like it, you can use the online booking system to reserve accommodation for the ski season.

Mon 6 Jun Baldry Crossing – Gwenmarlyn Rd.

Leader: David Painter Phone: 0490 157 224

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9:45am Baldry Crossing, Melway 254 G6.

Maps: Melway 254 Grading: Moderate Distance: 11 km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: From Baldry Crossing we walk along Baldry Rd. to Meakins Rd. then Gwenmarlyn Rd. till we enter Greens Bush for lunch, and return to the start along bush tracks. This is a pleasant country walk along tracks beside the roads, then a bush walk where we should see some wild life.

Wed 8 Jun Tooronga Railway Station – Caulfield Railway Station

Leader: Bruce Armstrong Phone: 0416 758 204

Rendezvous: Tooronga Railway Station at 9.35am.

Morning Tea: At Howard Dawson Reserve (Melway 59 J6).

Maps: Melway 59, 60, 68 & 69 Grading: Easy Distance: 13km.

Transport: 9.18am Glen Waverley train ex Flinders Street station arriving at Tooronga Station at 9.32am.

Lunch: At Darling Park (Melway 60 A11).

Walk Details: Pleasant walk on paths, tracks and through parkland. Some street walking. Plenty of escapes during the walk.

Sun 12 Jun Two Lakes Walk and Lunch – Daylesford

NB. You must contact the leader if you intend to come on this walk. Please contact the leader NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 10 JUNE if you are attending the lunch.

Leader: Terry Simpson Phone: 0400 037 291

Rendezvous: Meet at South West Corner of Lake Daylesford car park off Bleakely Road Street, Daylesford at 9:30 am. Toilets are available.

Grading: Easy Distance: 8km.

Walk & Lunch Details: This walk starts at Lake Daylesford, goes along the side of the lake, and then follows a track through to Jubilee Lake for morning tea. The walk goes through interesting country, is easy and short with only a few small sections that are slightly steep.

We then return via the Lerderderg Track, the old Daylesford to Ballarat railway line, which leads us through Cornish Hill Reserve, and then we go down to Daylesford Lake.

The final part of the walk is lunch at a restaurant in Daylesford. The purpose of this is to combine walking and time to socialize around a table.

Tues 14 Jun 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**.

3rd Wed 15 Jun Mid Year Lunch Walk – Seaford Wetlands

NB. Please contact Jenny Hosking no later than Friday, 10th June 2022, if you are attending the lunch.

Leader: Jenny Hosking

Phone: 0423 627 232

Rendezvous: 10.57am Seaford Station. Leader will meet this train.

Morning Tea: 11.00am Broughton Reserve, Seaford.

Maps: Melway Map 99 E 1-3 and/or Google.

Grading: Easy

Distance: Approx 4km.

Transport, Walk & Lunch: 9.57am Frankston Train ex Flinders St, arriving Seaford Station at 10.57am.

For those travelling by car and having lunch, Seaford RSL has limited parking.

Transport, Lunch Only: 10.57am Frankston Train ex Flinders St, arriving Seaford Station at 11.57am.

Seaford RSL is along the Railway line opposite Seaford Station. Melway Map 99 E3.

Walk Details: An easy walk beside the Seaford Wetlands, returning along the creek to Seaford RSL for lunch at 12 noon.

Lunch: Booked at Seaford RSL for 12.00 noon. Menu is at following link:
<https://seafordrsl.com.au/wp-content/uploads/seaford-rsl-dine-in-menu.pdf>

- Soup \$3.00 with any Seniors Main Meal
- Senior Main Meals - \$20.00 approx
- Dessert available for purchase with any Seniors Main Meal

For Booking Purposes: Please contact Jenny Hosking no later than Friday, 10th June 2022, if you are attending the lunch.

Sun 19 Jun Coolart – Merricks Beach and Return

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

Leader: Arthur Robertson Phone: 0419 895 916

Rendezvous: Car Park Coolart Homestead (Melway 193 H9) at 10:00am.

Morning Tea: Coolart Homestead Car Park.

Maps: Melway 193 Grading: Easy/Medium Distance: 13km.

Transport: Private vehicle.

Walk Details: Woodland walk through Coolart Wetlands then onto beach walking to Merrick Beach for lunch. Return to Coolart with alternate route through Wetlands.

Wed 22 Jun Cranbourne – Botanic Gardens – Cranbourne

Leader: Jenny Hosking Phone: 0423 627 232

Rendezvous: **By Train** – 9.41am at Cranbourne Rail Station to connect with #791 Bus at 9.46am.

By Car – 10.45am at Visitors Centre Botanic Gardens.

Morning Tea: 10.45am Visitors Centre Botanic Gardens (toilets).

Maps: Melway 133, 137 and/or Google Grading: Easy/Medium, Flat.

Distance: Approx 12km (or 6km for car travellers).

Transport: **Via car** – Carpark Botanic Gardens (Melway 133 F10).

Via public transport – 8.43am Cranbourne train ex Flinders Street, arrives at Cranbourne 9.41am. 9.46am #791 bus arrives Cherry Hill Drive 9.55am.

Walk Details: Pleasant walk along bush trails within the Botanic Gardens. Views at Trig Point Lookout. Toilets at Woodland picnic area.

This is a brief visit to Botanic Gardens. Anyone wishing to further tour the gardens (including the Australian garden), may wish to travel by car.

Mon 27 Jun Easy Metro: Oakleigh

Leader: Oliver Lucas

Phone: 9571 6865

Rendezvous: Oakleigh railway station at 9:55am.

Morning Tea: Oakleigh cricket ground.

Maps: Melway 69, 70 & 71 Grading: Easy Distance: 10km.

Transport: 9:33am Pakenham train ex Flinders Street, arriving Oakleigh at 9:55. Return from Glen Waverley station every 20 minutes.

Walk Details: Mainly flat walking along Scotchmans Creek. Lunch at Valley Reserve or en route.

Escapes: Escapes at Mount Waverley and Syndal stations.

Note: Toilets at the start of the walk - then bushes.

Wed 29 Jun Carrum – Aspendale

Leader: Jim Cone

Phone: 9560 8175

Rendezvous: Carrum Station at 10.00am.

Morning Tea: Alongside south side of Patterson River close to rangers office. Shelter and toilets.

Transport: 8.54am train ex Flinders Street station, arriving Carrum at 9.49am.

Maps: Melway 92, 93 & 97 Grading: Easy Distance: 11km.

Lunch: Near Chelsea Pony Club (Melway 97 E1).

Walk Details: Pleasant walk along Patterson River, wetlands and suburban streets. Toilets conveniently spaced along track. Escape available at Edithvale Road approx. 60% along the track at 6.6km. 902 bus direct to Edithvale Rail Station.

JULY PROGRAM

Mon 4 Jul Peninsula

Leader: Les Littlejohn

Phone: 5987 2215

Wed 6 Jul Eltham – Research – Aqueduct – Eltham

Leader: Richard Simpson

Phone: 0419 528 130

Rendezvous: Bus Transit Area - Eltham Railway Station 9.40am.

Morning Tea: Eltham Central Park Sports Pavilion at 9.50am – Toilets available.

Maps: Melway 21, 22, 11 & 12 Grading: Easy Distance: 13km.

Transport: 8.19am Hurstbridge (Ltd Express) - or 8.40am Eltham Train both ex Flinders Street via Loop arriving Eltham 9.22am and 9.35am respectively for 9.40am start. Private Car with parking possible in station carpark (?) or near Morning Tea stop.

Walk Details: Relatively easy and flat circular walk heading northwards along Main Road walkway, then following the Aqueduct Trail towards Diamond Creek, with lunch stop at view point - some seats / no toilets. Walk descends to Rail crossing on Allendale Road, then follows Diamond Creek Trail past Edendale Community Farm enroute to Eltham. Very pleasant bushwalk!

Escapes available at start of Aqueduct with buses to Eltham, or after lunch shorter track to Diamond Creek Station.

Anticipated walk finish around 2.00pm. Regular City Trains from Eltham depart 2.20pm, 2.40pm, 3.00pm etc.

Sun 10 Jul 3 Creeks Walk - Brisbane Ranges

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

Leader: John Gates

Phone: 0428 761 644

Tues 12 Jul 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 Jul Royal Park - Uni - Fitzroy Gardens - Mid Park

Leader: Miles Pierce

Phone: 9890 8319

Sun 17 Jul Edwards Point - St Leonards

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

Leader: Michael Clarke

Phone: 0412 849 989

Mon 18 Jul Jacana - Merlyston Creek - Jacana

Leader: Gordon Proudfoot

Phone: 9717 0909

Rendezvous: Jacana Station at 9.19 am.

Morning Tea: At Jack Roper Reserve (Melway 7 B10). Toilets, shelter and seating in rotunda.

Maps: Melway 6 & 7

Distance: 15.5km.

Grading: Easy (virtually no hills).

Transport: 8.37 am Craigieburn train from Flinders Street, arriving Jacana at 9.07, or 8.44 am Craigieburn train from Flinders Street arriving Jacana at 9.19 am. Return trains from Jacana station to city on 20 minute service. **Note:** walk can be shortened at Coolaroo station (about 7km) or Broadmeadows station. There are numerous bus stops along the walk for escapes.

Walk Details: Mainly through attractive streets and parks.

Lunch: Lunch will be at John Ilhan Reserve (Melway 6 G3). Shelter and seating but no toilets available.

3rd Wed 20 Jul Valley Reserve - Mt Waverley

Leader: Jim Cone

Phone: 9560 8175

Fri-Sun 22-24 Jul Goldfields Track

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

Leader: Kim Rosen

Phone: 0422 804 816

Mon 25 Jul Easy Metro: North Melbourne - Strathmore

Leader: Alex Hordijkenko

Phone: 9383 3257

Wed 27 Jul Glen Waverley - Bayswater

Leader: Trevor Jupp

Phone: 9802 3355

Vale Gerald (Gerry) R Morton

A remembrance from the Mt Buller sub-committee.

The Mt Buller sub-committee deeply mourn the passing of Gerald Morton. Gerald joined the club in 1973 and immediately showed a key interest in the original Mt Buller lodge. His background as a sparky was well received and needed. By 1990 Gerald could foresee that the original lightly constructed lodge which was built in the mid 1950s was nearing its end of life due to the harsh alpine conditions. Gerald with the sub-committee of the time entered into negotiations with Reno Grollo to subdivide the large allotment with Reno agreeing to build our new lodge for the MWC on a reduced area of land. The negotiations were at times intense but Gerald (and the sub-committee) negotiated a great deal

which was fully endorsed by the Club membership. Gerald then enlisted a well known lodge architect Peter Parry-Fielder and when the plans were approved negotiated with Heine Basidow (a builder of good reputation) to build the current lodge. The time and effort that Gerald spent on this project over many years was simply immense. His efforts culminated in the grand opening of the lodge in May 1992. Gerald specified every detail of the current lodge. The control systems he designed and implemented in 1992 are still working perfectly today. All members can see for themselves today what a fine lodge the Club has as an asset. Gerald served on the Mt Buller sub-committee for over 30 years and as convenor for at least 15 years. Gerald was justly awarded life membership for his efforts. It is with great sadness we have lost such a valuable contributor to the Melbourne Walking Club.

Daryl Hergt

Vale Barry Smith

Barry Smith died earlier this year. He was not known to the wider membership but he did some memorable trips with the club. He was great friend to have with you in the bush and a pleasure to be with. There were trips to the Bay of Fires, The Walls of Jerusalem, Cradle Mountain and further south into South West Tasmania. He was a crew member at the Sandringham Yacht Club and flags were flown at half mast with his passing.

He was a ferocious down hill skier. He was noted for his famous call sign, which was "follow me". There have been a number who have taken up the call, few of them have ever been seen again. I took up the challenge one cold Sunday morning at Mt Hotham. It was a bright blue day, with very low temperature, and severe black ice. I followed Barry down on a very severe black run. About half way down I decided to take up praying and was giving serious thought as to how I was going to stop. At one stage I am quite sure I went through the sound barrier. I passed Barry at the bottom of the slope and managed to stop with the help of some rocks and a few snow gums. Barry was grinning. I have been advised I can expect at least a full 25% recovery within a few years.

He loved the bush. He was a great companion on many trips. He will be remembered well.

Barry Revill

Metro Walk Planning

Oliver Lucas and I have been organising the Wednesday and Monday Metro walks since 2009, and will continue to do so. However we are both

into our eighties and believe we should have a “co- pilot” from a younger age group who would be able to take over the role if or when the need arises to ensure the activities continue smoothly into the future.

It is not a difficult role and doesn't occupy too much time except when the next year's program is being put together when a few hours need to be devoted.

All records are held on spread sheets and track notes are kept in both electronic and hard copy format.

If you would like to be included in the role please contact Oliver or me,
David Watkins

Activity Statistics

I have been recording the details of the clubs activities since around 2007 and will continue to do so, but, as with the Metro walks co-ordination role, I should have a younger member to work alongside me who can take over the role when required.

The work involved is not complicated or time consuming and all is held electronically on spread sheets.

If you would like to be involved in the role please contact me.
David Watkins

The Walker's Bleat

You hear it not while at your work,
Nor in the busy street;
But when the walkers rove about
There comes a plaintive bleat.

The careful leader stalks ahead
In rain or summer's heat,
And little heeds the anguished souls
Who cry: "When do we eat?"

Oh, many of our walking friends
Thus hunger on their feet,
And know that ease for it depends
On this "WHEN DO WE EAT?"

F. A. Blackham

From The Melbourne Walker, Vol 14, 1943, page 20.

Ourselves

If ever you feel like going on an unorthodox ramble in the country you could not do better than to get in touch with one of the unorthodox members of the Melbourne Walking Club. To do this requires no mechanical skill. Merely shut your eyes and twirl a pin around haphazardly above the names of all the members of the Club, then let it stab into one of 'em. He will probably object, but the point is this: You will have chosen a suitable person for your peculiar idea, because this Club is made up of a hundred per cent, dyed in the wool, ultra-unvarnished human essences of unorthodoxy. To see the various styles of walking gear, the different methods of erecting a tent, the numerous ways of setting and lighting a fire, the hundred and one assorted assortments of foodstuffs, and the diverse methods of cooking and eating is alone worth a close inspection; even if it means giving up mowing the back and front lawns at the week-end. For the purpose of classification (which is impossible), Club walkers may be divided into three sections:

- (1) Those who walk for pleasure.
- (2) Those who prefer camping to walking.
- (3) Those who don't like either.

These sections in turn may each be divided into three sub-sections as follows:

- (1) Those who walk for pleasure:
 - (a) With heavy 40 to 60 lb. packs.
 - (b) With medium 20 to 30 lb. packs.
 - (c) Without packs at all.
- (2) Those who prefer camping to walking:
 - (a) Under the stars or in a one-man tent.
 - (b) In a hut, hotel, or boarding house.
 - (c) In their own beds at home.
- (3) Those who don't like walking or camping:
 - (a) But did at one time and still think they do now.
 - (b) Who know they don't like it but pretend they do.
 - (c) Who never did like it and never will.

Thus it is possible for three members of this Club to meet in town, the first being a **1b** man, the second a **3a** man, and the third a **2c** man. If in turn they come across three others who are **1c**, **2a**, and **3b** respectively, then it is quite likely that they will discuss something altogether different from you or I would discuss if we thought we belonged to one of the other sections.

Out in the back country (say within a day's walk of Howitt Springs, or a fortnight's walk of Ferntree Gully) it would be almost impossible to meet a **3c** man; and if you did meet him he'd probably be riding a horse, waiting for a tram, or writing a last message to his wife.

Another interesting statistical point about our Club is the number of men named Bill, and the almost similar number named Charley; also the large number of these who eat (a) steak, (b) sausages, (c) ham, (d) standing up. Just to add variety we have men who exist almost solely on (a) rice, (b) shredded wheat biscuits, (c) their cobbles. The last sort are known as "bots," but they hotly resent being called this, and often refuse to offer any of their own food around, not so much because they feel they've been insulted but because they rarely have any food worth offering.

Some of our members carry a whole grocer's shop of tinned goods in their packs; and many of these eat direct from the can, their sole weapon of attack being a dessert spoon which is used for every course - these epicures actually eat soup instead of drinking it.

Then we have a member who uses a special method when frying eggs - he breaks the egg on to the ground and throws the empty shell on to the frying pan. There is another chap who always gets on the smoky side of the fire to cook and eat and, with watery eyes, bemoans his fate in a smoke muffled voice. And the walker who never lights a fire, but usually puts the nearest one out by letting his billy collapse on it at a critical moment, and then shifts the billy to the next nearest fire, is also one (or two) of our number. There are little men who carry big packs and big men who carry little packs; fat men who walk like thin men, and thin men who ought to know better.

Taking the whole thing, by and large, you will agree with me that if you feel like going on that unorthodox outing, which was mentioned for no reason at all at the start of this article, then the twirling pin method of selecting your companion should be fool proof.

THE EDITOR: "WALKER'S RAG."

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