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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.
 Details re payment are on page 11.

Copy for August to: Charlie Freedman - Phone: 0415 558 249
email: editor@melbournewalkingclub.org
by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 6th July.

Laughter Is The Best Medicine

My luck is like the bald guy who just won a comb.

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**.

MWC Facebook Group

The Club's Facebook Group is open to all members and other interested people. It contains photos from recent walks along with members' discussions. Access it using the following link and join up:

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Mt. Buller Lodge
Winter Season



M.W.C. MOUNT BULLER LODGE
Your Alpine Winter Ski House..!!
Come on up and stay for skiing, or a winter wonderland holiday in the club's Mt Buller Lodge. 5 x Bedrooms – all with En-Suites! Fully equipped Kitchen, Dining Room, Lounge and TV Rooms, Sports Room, Drying Room, Central Heating and more...
And you're welcome to invite family or friends!
-Member only Bookings open April 1st-
-Guest Bookings open May 1st-
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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..!!!!



JULY WALKS

Mon 4 Jul Mt Martha – Moorooduc – Osborne

Leader: Les Littlejohn

Phone: 5987 2215
0409 400 302

Rendezvous: **For car travellers only:** 9.30am at bend in Century Drive, Melway 145 K9. We will leave some cars here and drive to the start of the walk at Forest Drive and Nepean Highway, Melway 151 C5.

For public transport users: Forest Drive bus stop on Nepean Highway at 9.49am. This is the next stop after Balcombe Grammar school.

Maps: Melway 151, 152, 146 & 145

Grading: Medium

Distance: 15 km.

Transport: **Car travellers:** Drive to rendezvous at Melway 145 K9 for car shuffle to Forest Drive.

Public transport users: Frankston train at 7.56am ex Flinders Street, arriving at Frankston at 9.04am (or catch earlier train at 7.47am) then route 788 Portsea bus departing Frankston at 9.15am. Alight at Forest Drive at approx 9.49am. Leader and car travellers will meet bus.

Return journey: route 785 bus from Racecourse Road to Frankston departing at 3.00pm then first available train to Flinders Street.

Check Metro website for rail works which could affect journey time.

Morning Tea: At Forest Drive bus stop, no facilities, but plenty of bush.

Walk Details: This is a new walk, mainly on quiet country roads or on bush tracks, and passes through areas in which the Club does not generally walk. There is only one short hill. Near the start are views of the Kangerong Basin; later we pass through Woods Reserve, then pass Devilbend Reservoir to Moorooduc Recreation Reserve for lunch. Toilets, water and shelter are available. After lunch, a little road walking leads us to a pleasant bush walk along Balcombe Creek, eventually leading us to where some cars are left, and for public transport users route 785 bus stop is not far away. Bus runs roughly hourly; there is one at 1.53pm and another at 3.00pm and this is the most likely to be suitable.

There is one point on Barak Road where wet feet are almost guaranteed after heavy rain unless good boots are worn.

The public transport option allows those who attend only Metropolitan walks to enjoy our beautiful Peninsula and meet Peninsula members.

Escapes: No escapes except near end where bus travellers can cut off about 1.3 km.

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 The Three Creeks Walk

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

Leader: John Gates

Phone: 0428 761 644

Rendezvous: 9.30am at The Bert Boardman Recreation Reserve, on the left before Stiglitz about 500 metres before the Old Courthouse. After a quick morning tea we drive to the start of the walk at the Crossings Picnic Ground, Brisbane Ranges National Park (Melway Day Tour Map X911). From Melbourne the fastest route is via the West Gate Bridge and Geelong Road before turning at the Avalon Airport toward Anakie and on to Steiglitz.

Grading: Moderate

Distance: 14km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: The walk starts and ends at the Crossings Picnic Ground and winds through the attractive bushland following the Burchell Trail in a loop around Yankee Gully. Carry water as limited water is only available at the Old Mill Camp where we can stop for lunch as a toilet and seating is available. Further on we can explore the Century Mine.

Afternoon Tea: For those interested we can drive to the Old Workshop Café in Anakie.

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 – Botanic Gardens – Flinders St Station

Leader: Miles Pierce

Phone: 9890 8319

0429 359 832

Rendezvous: Royal Park Railway Station, 9:30am.

Morning Tea: East side of Princes Park near adventure playground, (Melway 29 H12). Seating and nearby toilet but no cover.

Maps: Melway 29, 2B, 2G, 2L & 2F

Grading: Easy

Distance: about 12km.

Transport: Upfield train departs Flinders St 9:12am (Southern Cross 9:16am), arrives Royal Park station 9:27. Alternatively, tram 85 departs William & Collins Sts. 9:05, arrives at Royal Park station (stop 26) 9:25.

Walk Details: Interesting inner metropolitan walk taking in many prominent places and formal parks and gardens. From Royal Park to Princes Park, then part of Melbourne General Cemetery, Melbourne University grounds, Carlton Gardens, Fitzroy Gardens, Yarra Park, Botanic Gardens, Kings Domain and Alexandra Gardens.

Escapes: Numerous escapes via tram or bus back to the CBD.

Note: *Due to buses replacing trains on a part of the eastern train line, the leader may be delayed. If so, Alex Hordijkenko will meet walk participants at Royal Park station and proceed to the morning tea spot, where the leader should catch up.*

Sun 17 Jul Edwards Point – St Leonards

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

Please contact the leader for the walk details.

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

Rendezvous: Mount Waverley Station at 10.03am. Leader will meet the train.

Map: Melway 70

Grading: Easy

Distance: 6km.

Transport: 9.33am Glen Waverley train from Flinders Street. Car parking at Valley Reserve with entrance at Junction of Wills Avenue and Waimarie Drive (Melway 70 G1).

Morning Tea and Lunch: Undercover BBQ area nearby to toilet block and car park.

Walk Details: A pleasant walk through Valley Reserve continuing through wetland area to East near Waverley Hospital. Retrace steps to Valley Reserve for lunch. Nice trees and minimum street walking.

Note: Toilets at Mount Waverley Station and Valley Reserve. Walk would be 2km shorter if parking at Valley Reserve.

Fri-Sun 22-24 Jul Goldfields Track

Leader: Kim Rosen

Phone: 0422 804 816

This Base Under Cover walk is full, and the leader will be contacting the participants directly by email with further details.

Mon 25 Jul Easy Metro: North Melbourne – Strathmore

Leader: Alex Hordijenko

Phone: 9383 3257

Rendezvous: 9:30am at North Melbourne railway station exit.

Maps: Melway 2A, 29 & 28 Grading: Easy Distance: 10km.

Transport: Ex Flinders Street - Werribee, Craigieburn, Williamstown or Sunbury lines at 9.14am, 9.16am, 9.20am, 9.09am respectively

Morning Tea: 9.35am at Railway Place & Miller Street Reserve (Melway 2A E11). No toilets or shelter.

Walk Details: A pleasant and easy walk along the Moonee Ponds Creek trail and a few streets at the end. Lunch at Montgomery Park (Melway 29 A4). Toilets at lunch spot and at North Melbourne station. Several escapes along the way.

Wed 27 Jul Glen Waverley – Bayswater

Leader: Graeme Barker

Phone: 9874 6938
0437 006 938

Rendezvous: 9.30am at Glen Waverley Railway Station. Leader will wait for a short time after 9.30 in case any modes of transport are delayed.

Maps: Melway 71, 62, 63 & 64 Grading: Easy Distance: 14 km.

Transport: 8.50 Glen Waverley train ex Flinders Street, arriving Glen Waverley 9.25.

#742 Bus ex Heatherdale, arriving Glen Waverley at 9.24.

#902 Bus ex Nunawading arriving Glen Waverley at 9.2.1

#737 Bus ex Knox Shopping Centre arriving Glen Waverley 9.23.

Return trains from Bayswater or Heathmont at 30 minute intervals.

Morning Tea: Hinkler Reserve (Melway 71 E2).

Walk Details: Street walking to begin with, then Bushy Park wetlands, Koomba Park and following the Dandenong Creek to Bayswater. In suitable conditions abundant bird life may be seen.

Lunch: At Wantirna Reserve (Melway 63 C8).

Notes: Three escapes, one before lunch at Burwood Hwy, one after lunch at Wantirna Rd. and at Heathmont. Limited seating and no cover at morning tea, but lunch spot has seating under cover. Toilets available at Glen Waverley station, Bunnings Store in Burwood Hwy and HE Parker Reserve in Heathmont where the toilets are spotlessly clean. There will be a vote from walkers whether to finish the walk at Heathmont with a 1.5 km walk to Heathmont station where there are many places for coffee, rather than trudge all the way to Bayswater.

AUGUST PROGRAM

Mon 1 Aug Peninsula

Leader: Dennis Phillips

Phone: 9796 8096

Wed 3 Aug McLeod – Mt Cooper – Greensborough

Leader: Tony Cagney

Phone: 0411 843 609

Sun 7 Aug High Lead Carpark – Powelltown

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

Leader: Kim Rosen

Phone: 0422 804 816

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9.30am at the Powelltown Rest Area, about a kilometre before the Powelly Pub on the left as you approach Powelltown from Yarra Junction on the Powelltown-Noojee Road. We will have morning tea here. There are toilet facilities.

Transport: Private car. Take the Warburton Highway to Yarra Junction where you turn right on to the Powelltown-Noojee Road (C425). Continue for 23.5km to the Powelltown Rest area on the left, just before the township. After morning tea there will be a car shuffle with some cars to be left near the Powelly Pub and the others to drive to the High Lead Carpark which is about 11km further along the Powelltown-Noojee Road. The High Lead Car Park is on the right and is sign posted. The walk commences here.

Map: Melway X912 T4 Grading: Medium Distance: 13 km.

Walk Details: This is a pretty walk along old tramlines following the “Walk into History” Track back to Powelltown. Most of the track is flat and easy but there are a couple of short steep sections coming up from gullies which may be slippery when wet and also one creek crossing which involves stepping on a log and stepping stones. Poles and gaiters are recommended if you have them.

Afternoon Tea: At the Powelly Pub.

Tues 9 Aug Social Lunch – Charles Dickens Tavern

Leader: Charlie Freedman

Phone: 0415 558 249

Wed 10 Aug Laburnam – Outer Circle – East Camberwell

Leader: Doug Swinbourne

Phone: 0438 881 176

Mon 15 Aug Belgrave – Menzies Creek – Belgrave

Leader: Wayne Hansen

Phone: 0415 351 492

Rendezvous: 9.40am at the small rotunda above Puffing Billy station next to public toilets. Melway 75 F10.

Morning Tea: Adjacent to trestle bridge (no formal seating or toilets).

Grading: Medium

Distance: 14 km.

Transport: Belgrave train – ex Flinders St 8.30am, arrive Belgrave 9.31am.

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 via quiet country lanes with views. There are a few steeper climbs and unfortunately one at the end back into Belgrave via Stoney Rd. Depending on conditions and group consensus there is an escape at Boyce Rd, Belgrave-Gembrook Rd (buses leave on the half hour). This would reduce the walk by a few kilometres.

Escapes: 695 Bus to Belgrave 12.26pm or 12.56 from Menzies Creek.

3rd Wed 17 Aug Brickmarker's Reserve – Oakleigh

Leader: Gordon Proudfoot

Phone: 9717 0909

Sun 21 Aug Mt Donna Buang Area

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

Leader: Trevor Rosen

Phone: 0412 136 124

Wed 24 Aug Baxter – Frankston (New Walk)

Leader: Les Littlejohn

Phone: 5987 2215

Mon 29 Aug Easy Metro: Aircraft – Coastal Wetlands - Westonia

Leader: Gordon Proudfoot

Phone: 9717 0909
0405 083 074

Rendezvous: 9.50am at Aircraft Railway Station (Melway 53 B10).

Morning Tea: Bruce Comden Reserve (Melway 53 C12). There is shelter and seating but no toilets.

Maps: Melway 53, 208 & 54

Distance: 13km.

Grading: Easy. Only one hill (up to lunch spot).

Transport: 9.18am Werribee train ex Flinders Street arriving Aircraft at 9.41am.

Return trains from Westonia station about 2.46 pm.

Walk Details: On walking paths, and quiet suburban streets. Lunch will be at the top of "100 Steps to Federation" (Melway 208 K2) where there is seating and shelter but no toilets. The only escape is at morning tea (bus 415).

Wed 31 Aug Warrandyte – Johansons Rd – Warrandyte

Leader: Gordon deNavi

Phone: 9729 9032

Name Badges for Members

There has been some interest from members to have name badges that can be worn on walks. Name badges will help Members get to know other Members, and be particularly helpful for Visitors and new Members. Many walking and other clubs have name badges. The club Executive has decided to issue badges to all 'active' walkers. Every member who has participated in at least one walk with the club in the past 12 months, and all new Members from now on, will be sent a name badge to the address we have in the Members Register. We ask Members to wear these in a prominent position whenever they are on a club activity.

We chose the design in the image. It has a pin/clip on the back so you can either pin it on or clip it on.

Members who have not walked in the last 12 months can still get a badge. Just do a walk with the Club and send the name of the walk and date to me (email: wjrankin@outlook.com) and I'll arrange for one to be sent to you.



John Rankin, Membership Officer

2022/23 Subscriptions are due 30 June 2022

2022/23 rates -- Within Victoria and aged under 80 years \$65
-- Outside Victoria or aged 80 years and over \$60

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Terry Simpson, Treasurer, MWC.



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