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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 15.

**Copy for October to: Charlie Freedman - Phone: 0415 558 249
email: editor@melbournewalkingclub.org
by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 7th September.**

Laughter Is The Best Medicine

What word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it? Short.

COVID-19 Restrictions

Proof of vaccination is no longer required for walks.

Tuesday Social Lunches at the Charles Dickens Tavern

Please note: The Club Executive has decided that these monthly Tuesday Social Lunches will be discontinued on an official basis, as the number of members attending has been very small since Covid.

Midweek Metro Walk Planning

Firstly I would like to thank Oliver Lucas for all his assistance in planning the Metro Walk program for the past 13 years.

I am pleased to advise that Doug Swinbourne will be joining me in organising the Metro Walks for the club.

From the first walk of 2023 we will be making some changes to the way track notes and other paperwork are issued to leaders.

This will be done by email, rather than paper copies. However, should you require a hard copy notify Doug or myself and this will be arranged.

Thank you, David Watkins

Social activities are often a highlight of base camps: perhaps a camping stove cook-off, a photo competition or a film night; make a short promotional video for your club's website or meet new walkers by making it an interclub event. Some clubs incorporate refresher training – a 'live' first aid scenario out on the track, or a practical navigation exercise.

There are several factors related to planning and running a base camp – over and above those required for a day walk – which the leader must consider, including:

- Assessment of accommodation, catering and transport options and costs. (It's always worth asking a commercial accommodation provider if they offer a discount for groups.)
- Bush camping: click here to read what the Bushwalking Manual says about choosing a campsite, camp hygiene, stove safety and limiting the use of campfires.
- Check out sunrise and sunset times to ensure you're back at base before dark each evening.
- Research the contact details, opening hours and location of the closest emergency facility.
- Clarify costs: some clubs support leaders by reimbursing their base camp recce petrol costs; most have agreed guidelines for sharing petrol costs between walkers on extended trips.

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2022/23 Subscriptions are due 30 June 2022, and are set out below with discounts available to members who wish to take them when paying.

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

The following discounts apply:

Prompt Payment: \$5 (for payment by 30 June 2022).
Emailed Circular (not by post): \$10 (for 12 months).

Note: Life Members and those who have been members for 50 years or more are not required to pay annual subscriptions.

**Please send a cheque payable "Melbourne Walking Club Inc" to:
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.

FedWalks 2022: Explore North-East Victoria

Discover the rich environment of north-east Victoria during the Federation Walks event, which will be held from 30 September – 3 October. Activities kick off with an easy three-hour ramble along the Ovens River on the Friday afternoon, followed by a BBQ, Welcome to Country and briefing at the event base, the Wangaratta Showgrounds – an ideal place to catch up with fellow walkers throughout the weekend.

The fabulous activities program includes numerous walks on Mt Buffalo Plateau and in the Warby Ranges, which are well-known for an abundance of wildflowers in spring. Other walks include the historic Beechworth area and Mt Samaria, and there are plans for cycle rides each day on the wonderful cycle paths and touring routes in the region.

Walkers are asked to arrange their own accommodation: there are several options available, including budget camping. Accommodation links are included on the FedWalks website. You may choose to extend your stay, to enjoy the food, wine and additional walks in the region. The Warby Ranges are part of the Warby-Ovens National Park which, in 2021, became the first site in Victoria to be admitted to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature Green List.

FedWalks bookings open on 6 August, so don't wait: check out the Fedwalks website now ... <https://fedwalks.org.au>.

Link to the Warby-Ovens National Park website:
www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/warby-ovens-national-park

Brilliant Base Camps

Base Camps are a great way to enjoy short breaks without crossing state borders and they offer a raft of experiences that often differ from day walks and pack carries:

- Each night you return to your base – campsite, hut, cabin or even a 'fluffy pillow' venue!
- You can travel much further afield to explore new areas of the state.
- Longer trips mean you can truly relax and immerse yourself in the landscape.
- Enjoy car-free days: there's often little or no travel to the start of each day's walk.
- Walkers only need to carry a day pack (instead of tent, sleeping bag and several days' food).
- Complementary outdoor activities such as kayaking and canoeing, bike riding, geocaching and photography may be incorporated in the base camp program.

Melbourne Walking Club – Activities & Walks

All run by Volunteers – just like YOU!!

The Club is inviting members to help improve our walks and activities by joining the list of members willing to lead a walk, or help another member reconnoitre a future walk! Short walks or longer – you can choose! We're not a business – just a group of like minded members!

**It's a great way to help “your club” – and of course fellow members!
And as future walk/activity leaders, you'll gain more skills!**



**All we are asking is for a day or two a year!
And “Walk Programming” positions are also available!**

The Club is also inviting members who can give around 3-4 days a year to help forward plan the future calendar of walks. We have over 400 walks to choose from, so it's not difficult to make up a program! We have co-ordinators for Weekend Walks, Midweek Walks, Bicycle Rides, Walter Briggs Hut and the Mt Buller Lodge!

Overall Activity Co-ordinator **Jenny Hosking** would “love” to hear from any member who can join us to ensure continuity of the program, with a good overlap of knowledge of our current co-ordinators to new folk!

Please do consider putting your hand up to assist!

Contact Jenny for a chat, or more info... Mob 0423 627 232

Or Email: activities@melbournewalkingclub.org



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-

Winter Bookings - Members High Season \$95 midweek, \$105 weekend – Conditions Apply – see website for guest rates.

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..!!!!



Time: 10 am Start.

Morning Tea: Poverty Gully Reservoir.

Maps: Melway X909

Distance: 14 km.

Grading: Medium (narrow track, exposed rocks in sections).

Transport: Private Car to Castlemaine. Travelling from Melbourne take M79 Calder Freeway. Exit at Elphinstone B180, drive to centre of Castlemaine to Wheeler St. Continue to Southern end of Wheeler St, note sharp bend on road (junction of Wheeler and ETTY Streets).
 Note: Another car parking option is to park on Wheeler Street off the road, on western side near speed restrictions signs, approximately 20 m from corner of Wheeler and ETTY Streets.

Walk Details: Circuit walk. Start on the Goldfields Track, then follow a well preserved and engineered water race (Campbells Creek Channel) to Eureka Reef and Heritage Walk (lunch here). This is the best surviving example of early Quartz mining technology and settlement in Victoria from Goldfields Guide. Follow Arthurs Track, Dingo Park Road, past the Monk, return to the Goldfields Track, back to car park.

Escapes: No escapes.

Note: No toilets. Option for Refreshments after walk. Drive to Railway Hotel, 65 Gingell Street Castlemaine.

Mon 24 Oct Easy Metro: Heatherdale Circuit

Leader: Gordon Proudfoot

Phone: 9717 0909

Wed 26 Oct Oak Park - Moonee Ponds Creek – Royal Park

Leader: Gordon Proudfoot

Phone: 9717 0909

Set of Melbourne Walker Magazines Available

David Ikin has a set of most of the Melbourne Walker magazines that he is willing to give free to a good home. If you are interested, contact David on 9878 6301 or 0414 588 512.

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:



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

Notes: This walk coincides with the Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival, information available shortly at www.kynetondaffodilarts.org.au so those who don't wish to do a full walk could come and enjoy the displays and the busy historical main street to meet the main group for lunch at the Quarry Reserve, next to the Campaspe river, on Piper Street, at approximately 12.30pm. After lunch we walk back to the station (3km) along the river track. A short information sheet on Kyneton Town history can be found at kyneton.org.au/history.html. Return trains to Southern Cross 1.09, 2.09 or 3.09pm, arriving 2.25, 3.25 or 4.24pm respectively.

Sun 11 Sep Red Hill South – Punty Lane – Red Hill South

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

Leader: Jenny Hosking

Phone: 0423 627 232

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: By Car, 9.00am at Bushland Reserve Car Park (Cnr Point Leo Rd & Callanans Rd, Melway 191 A7). Morning tea may be purchased from Café or Bakery or BYO.

Maps: Melway 191, 255 & 256

Distance: 14.5 km.

Grading: Medium – undulating hills and some slippery tracks (Poles and Walking Boots recommended).

Transport: Via car – If using Mornington Peninsula Freeway exit onto Nepean Highway towards and at Red Hill/Flinders B110/C787 exit. Continue straight onto White Hill Road. Turn left onto Arthurs Seat Road. After 2.6 km turn right onto Shoreham Rd for 300m, then left onto Point Leo Rd and immediately left into Bushland Reserve Car Park on corner of Callanans Rd.

Walk Details: Pleasant walk along country lanes and bush tracks with magnificent views and passing many vineyards. It is hoped that lunch will be on the Sculpture walk within the Montalto vineyard.

Tue 13 Sep Social Lunch

Note: The Club Executive has decided that these monthly Tuesday Social Lunches be discontinued on an official basis, as the number of members attending has been very small since Covid. Members are encouraged to continue to meet amongst themselves for a meal on an informal basis if they wish. Contact **Charlie Freedman** on **0415 558 249** for more details.

Transport: Hurstbridge train, departing Flinders Street at 8.40 am (Southern Cross at 8.43 am), arriving Greensborough 9.28 am. The #901 and #902 smart buses also stop at Greensborough station.

Walk Details: A pleasant walk following the Plenty River Trail to Main Rd, then the Old Eltham Rd and across the Yarra into Westerfolds Park. In the past we have done this walk starting at Westerfolds Park but the reverse direction avoids the many long uphill inclines. We end the walk at a bus stop in Porter St, Templestowe from which the #905 smart bus runs every 15 minutes to the City (Lonsdale St) or to the Pines Shopping Centre. There are toilets at morning tea, before lunch, at Fitzsimons Lane bridge and Porter St., just before the end. Escapes at Main Road/Para Road (#513 and #901 buses).

OCTOBER PROGRAM

Mon 3 Oct Tootgarook Wetlands

Leader: Ian Bell

Phone: 5982 1727
0478 439 268

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9:45am on the Rosebud foreshore opposite Boneo Road, Melway 170 A1.

Maps: Melway 169 & 170

Grading: Easy

Distance: 12 km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: Start on the foreshore, then along Chinamans Creek to Tootgarook Wetlands. Lunch at Truemans Road Reserve, then along Truemans Road back to the foreshore and beach. Flat terrain.

Wed 5 Oct Carrum – Patterson River – Mordialloc

Leader: Oliver Lucas

Phone: 9571 6865

Fri-Mon 7-10 Oct Base Undercover – Mt Buller

Leaders: Alexia Morgan

Jenny Hosking

Gaye Buchanan

Phone: 0423 627 232

Wed 12 Oct Wonga Park – Wittons Reserve – Mt Lofty

Leader: Alex Hordijkenko

Phone: 9383 3257

Sun 16 Oct Walter Briggs Hut Working Bee

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

Leader: Kim Rosen

Phone: 0422 804 816

Kooyong at 9.45. Return from Canterbury to CBD and eastern suburbs, 15-minute service.

Walk Details: A very pleasant walk mainly through parkland reserves following Gardiner's Creek and Ashburton railway line with no hills. There is seating available at morning tea and lunch. Plenty of escapes.

**Tue 27 Sep Darebin Creek Bike Ride:
Kew – Alphington – Bundoora – return to Kew**

Leader: Wayne Hansen Phone: 0415 351 492

Rendezvous & Transport: **Two choices! 1/. By car** - meet at the North Kew Tennis Club car park, Jack O'Toole Reserve, Willsmere Rd at 10.30am, then ride to morning tea stop 2.5 km.

OR 2/. By train - catch the 10.19am Flinders St to Alphington station (Hurstbridge line) arriving 10.47am. Ride north along Yarana Rd for approximately 350 metres, continue north following bike track for further 200 metres to Picnic Shelter and Toilets at eastern end of Separation Street in the Darebin Parklands, meeting the "*car group*" for morning tea at 11am.

Morning Tea: Darebin Creek Parklands (at end of Separation Street) at 11am. Seats & Toilets available.

Maps: Melway 31 & 19 Grading: Easy Distance: 24 or 29 km.

Ride Details: Relatively easy and very pleasant flat return loop ride heading northwards following Darebin Creek on the bike trail in native bush-like linear parkland. After morning tea we will continue along the Darebin Creek Trail for approximately 12 km to our lunch spot at Bundoora park. Tables and toilets available.

Return by the same route after lunch. Recommended for any one keen to try their first club ride! Anticipated finish around 2.00pm. Regular City Trains from Alphington back to City (or Hurstbridge) - others ride on to North Kew car park.

Wed 28 Sep Greensborough – Plenty River – Westerfolds Park

Leader: Marsha Rankin Phone: 0402 058 184

Rendezvous: 9.30 am at Greensborough railway station.

Morning Tea: Poulter Reserve. Toilet and seating but no shelter (Melway 21 A2).

Maps: Melway 21, 20 & 33 Grading: Easy Distance: 13 km.

**Wed 14 Sep Presidents Walk & Ferry Trip:
Docklands – Port Arlington – St Leonards**

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

Leader: Trevor Rosen Phone: 0412 136 124

Rendezvous: 9.00am at the Port Phillip Ferries Docklands Ferry Terminal. The ferry terminal is at 132 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands, and is opposite Marvel Stadium. Exit Southern Cross Station at the northern end of the platform and then follow the upper walkway past the stadium to Harbour Esplanade. This takes about 10 minutes.

The ferry from Docklands to Port Arlington departs at 9.30am and boarding commences 20 minutes prior to departure. Please allow sufficient time to get to the terminal and to board the ferry. The return ferry from Port Arlington to Docklands departs at 4.00pm and arrives back at Docklands at 5.10pm.

Tickets for the ferry for Seniors are \$32.00 return. TICKETS MUST BE PRE-BOOKED IN ADVANCE. Type in "Port Phillip Ferries" on your browser or go to www.portphillipferries.com.au.

Morning Tea: Bring your own. On arrival in Port Arlington in a park close to the pier and the main street.

Grading: Easy Distance: 10 km approx.

Walk Details: The ferry arrives at Port Arlington at 10.40am. After morning tea we will catch the 11.20am bus from Port Arlington to St Leonards alighting at Second Avenue. Myki card needed on the bus. We will then walk back along the coastal path next to the beach past Indented Head and back to Port Arlington. This walk is flat and easy with beautiful views across the bay. There are toilets along the way. Bring your own lunch and we will stop in a park on the way. Depending on the time, when we arrive back at Port Arlington we can have afternoon tea at a café near the pier before catching the 4.00pm ferry back to Docklands.

For those who do not wish to do the walk you could walk around the foreshore at Port Arlington, visit the many shops and cafés in town or go to the recently restored Grand Hotel for lunch.

If anyone does not wish to catch the 4.00pm return ferry to Docklands, buses depart for Geelong Station (Route 60) at the stop at the corner of Harding and Newcombe Streets, in the centre of Port Arlington at 11.32am 12.14, 12.53, 1.37, 2.16 & 4.23pm. Trains from Geelong to Southern Cross depart at 12.32pm and then every 20 mins.

Visitors and friends are also welcome.

Mon 19 Sep Heathmont – The Basin (New Walk)

Leader: Graeme Barker

Phone: 9874 6938
0437 006 938

Rendezvous: 9.35am at Heathmont Railway Station.

Morning Tea: H E Parker Reserve in the Grandstand at 10.00am (Melway 64 C2).

Maps: Melway 50, 64 & 65

Distance: 12.5 km.

Grading: Easy (plus 2 small hills).

Transport: 8.56am Belgrave train ex Flinders Street, arriving Heathmont 9.35. Return from The Basin by Bus #755 to Boronia station, trains to City at 30-minute intervals, approx 50 minutes to Flinders Street. However current timetables should be reviewed in case there are any changes due to level crossing works.

Walk Details: This is a new walk, mostly along Dandenong Creek trail where it is quite picturesque. Lunch is at Liverpool Road Retarding Basin where there is some seating and stone benches, but no shelter or toilets.

Note: There are toilets at morning tea, Bayswater Park (a short distance from Dandenong Creek), at Canterbury Gardens (if required) and off Sheffield Rd just before the finish of the walk.

Escapes:

1. Bayswater station (a short distance from Dandenong Creek: 3 km),
2. Bayswater North at Canterbury Gardens (5.3 km) by Bus #690 to Croydon or Boronia stations, and
3. At Colchester Rd (6.5 km) by Bus # 690 or #755 to Boronia station.

3rd Wed 21 Sep Ruffey Lake Park

Leader: Doug Swinbourne

Phone: 0438 881 176

Rendezvous: BBQ area off Victoria Street at 10:15am (Melway 33 J10).

Morning Tea and Lunch: BBQ area at 10:15am, toilets available.

Maps: Melway 33 & 34

Grading: Easy/medium.

Distance: am. 3.7km; pm. 2.7km.

Transport: 9:16am Belgrave train ex Flinders St, arrives Box Hill at 9:37am. Then #279 bus departing Box Hill 9:53am, arriving at Ruffey Lake Park Owens St. stop at 10:07am (Melway 33 J10). For those travelling by car, there is ample parking in two off-street parking areas off Victoria St. Buses #279 returning to Box Hill are very frequent (every 11

mins). Victoria St. is very busy, so difficult to cross. It would be safer to walk south to the George St. crossing which has traffic lights.

Walk Details: The morning walk is along the Hill Tops Circuit, with several hill sections which are not steep. Many sections of the walk provide panoramic views of the Doncaster/Templestowe area. There are toilet facilities midway through the walk, as well as at the BBQ area starting point. Along the way there are 4 historic markers. For those wishing to walk after lunch, the Ruffey Creek Circuit is an easy walk along the creek and around the lake – returning to the BBQ area carpark. There is an informative history of the park at:

dt-hs.blogspot.com/2019/03/the-ruffey-lake-park-heritage-trail.html

Escapes: There are no escapes.

Sun 25 Sep Point Nepean National Park

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

Leader: Neale Oxley

Phone: 0407 525 966

Rendezvous: 9:30am at Quarantine Station Car Park, Melway 167 A7.

Transport: Private car.

Grading: Easy

Distance: 12 km.

Morning Tea: On arrival in the car park.

Walk Details: The walk covers some of the lesser known sites in Point Nepean National Park via tracks such as Range Area Walk, Happy Valley track and Coles track. We visit Monash Tower, the historic rifle range, Happy Valley ruins, Cheviot Hill and Eagles Nest.

Lunch is back at the Quarantine Station car park after which we walk to the main gate via the Quarantine Station, Army School of Health and the Commandants Cottage. Return to the carpark along Defence and Ochiltree Roads.

Mon 26 Sep Easy Metro: Kooyong – Canterbury

Leader: Graeme Barker

Phone: 9874 6938
0437 006 938

Rendezvous: 9.45am at Kooyong Railway Station (South Side).

Morning Tea: H. A. Smith Reserve at 10.00am (Melway 59 D2).

Maps: Melway 46, 59 & 60

Grading: Easy

Distance: 11 km.

Transport: 9.33am Glen Waverley train ex Flinders Street, arriving