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## MELBOURNE WALKING CLUB INC.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: THURSDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7:30PM

To be held at the Veneto Club (Gondola Room), 191 Bulleen Rd, Bulleen  
at 7:30 pm (Melway 32 D9)

#### AGENDA

1. Opening.
2. Apologies.
3. Noting of deaths during the past year and one minute's silence.
4. Confirmation of Minutes of the 2021 AGM.
5. Matters arising from the Minutes.
6. Correspondence and matters arising.
7. Presentation of Reports including the Financial Statements.
8. Election of Club Executive members and other elected Office Bearers.
9. Appointment of a suitably qualified person to consider, and where appropriate comment on the Financial Statements. (Campbell Denovan has agreed to be Honorary Reviewer.)
10. Approval of Financial Statements.
11. Presentation of 50 and 25 year badges.
12. Golden Boot Award.
13. Other business introduced with permission of the meeting.
14. Closing of the meeting.

All positions on the Executive will be vacant at the AGM. Although most of the current members of the Executive intend to renominate for election, we encourage other members of the Club to also nominate for election. It is important that we have new members joining the Executive.

Members are able to purchase dinner before the AGM in the downstairs bistro at 6.00pm. For catering purposes we are required to advise the bistro of the numbers who will be attending. If you intend to come to dinner beforehand you **MUST** advise the Secretary, Neale Oxley, preferably by email on [secretary@melbournewalkingclub.org](mailto:secretary@melbournewalkingclub.org) no later than 17 November. Otherwise contact Neale on 0407 525 966.

**Please Note: It is important that as many members as possible attend the meeting to ensure a quorum of ten percent of the Membership.**

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**Copy for January to: Charlie Freedman - Phone: 0415 558 249**  
**email: [editor@melbournwalkingclub.org](mailto:editor@melbournwalkingclub.org)**  
**by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 7th December.**

## Laughter Is The Best Medicine

Police were called to a kindergarten where a child was resisting a rest.

### Office Bearers 2021-2022

#### Club Executive

Acting President: Trevor Rosen  
Senior Vice President: Charlie Freedman  
Secretary: Neale Oxley  
Treasurer: Terry Simpson  
Activities Officer: Jenny Hosking  
Membership Officer: John Rankin

General Committee: Kim Rosen,  
Michael Corrigan, &  
Richard Simpson

#### Sub-Committee Convenors

Mt Buller Lodge: Jenny Hosking  
Walter Briggs Hut: Kim Rosen  
Activities: Jenny Hosking

#### Other Officers

Website Administrator: Charlie Freedman  
Circular Editor: Charlie Freedman  
Marketing Subcommittee: Richard Simpson

#### Walk Coordinators

Metro Walks: David Watkins, &  
Doug Swinbourne  
Peninsula Walks: Ron Anderson

Sunday Walks: Kim Rosen  
Easy Metro Walks: Gordon Proudfoot  
3rd Wed Walks: Graeme Barker

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# M.W.C. Walter Briggs Hut

It's **“Open Day”** at the hut  
-and you're invited to come  
along and visit the club's  
secret mountain hideaway  
on Mt Donna Buang on  
**Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>**



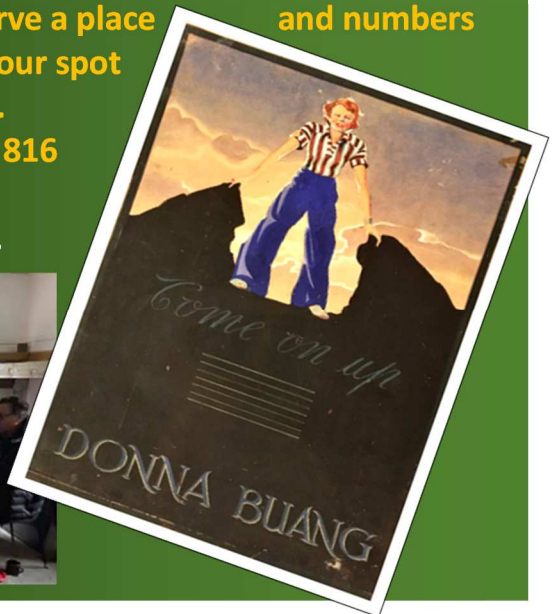
Members and friends interested in joining the club are welcome!  
With a “gourmet sausage sizzle and cake” served this is a great way to  
discover what the club - and Mt Donna Buang - has to offer..!

**There will also be a short guided walk to the summit of Donna  
Buang and the fantastic observation tower with views as far as  
Mt Macedon, and the Strzelecki's – it's simply amazing!!!**

And with a tour of the hut and all it has to offer it's a perfect  
introduction for anyone who would like to book an overnight  
stay in the future...! **To reserve a place and numbers  
for catering you must book your spot  
with the activity leader first...**

**Kim Rosen / Phone 0422 804 816**

Details on “where to meet”  
are on page 4 of this Circular.



# **DECEMBER WALKS**

## **Sun 4 Dec Open Day – Walter Briggs Hut, Mt Donna Buang**

**NB. You must contact the leader if you intend coming to the hut.**

Leader: Kim Rosen

Phone: 0422 804 816

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9.30am at the Warburton Bakery on the corner of the Warburton Highway and Thomas Avenue. Melway 290 B4.

Distance: 300m walk into hut from car park

Grading: Easy.

Transport: Private car. After morning tea we will drive up the mountain, a 30 minute drive and park near the hut.

Details: This is an opportunity for members and their friends to visit the hut and its beautiful forest surroundings. If you haven't visited the Walter Briggs Hut before this is the time to do it. Listen to the lyrebirds, cross the mountain stream and enjoy a gourmet lunch including a sausage sizzle on the open fire with Christmas treats to follow. There will be a choice of optional walks of varying length and difficulty from the hut through the surrounding rain forest areas. If you don't wish to do a walk that's fine, just enjoy sitting in front of the fire or outside chatting with new and old friends.

For anyone who would like to book an overnight stay in the future this is also a perfect opportunity to learn more about the hut.

Bring drinking water and your own hot or cold drinks to have with lunch. Remember that the weather can be much cooler on the mountain so be prepared with warm clothes, gloves and beanies, just in case. If you intend walking, long trousers and gaiters are recommended. Bring walking poles if you use them.

**Numbers will be limited so book in early.**

## **Mon 5 Dec Coolart Wetlands at Somers BBQ Lunch**

Leader: Ron Anderson

Phone: 0448 512 525

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 10 am at Coolart Wetlands carpark, off Lord Somers Rd, Melway 193 H9.

Map: Melway 193

Grading: Easy

Distance: 4km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: Meet at Coolart carpark for morning tea, then take a walk through the wet lands and the foreshore. For our Xmas breakup lunch we shall set up on the lawns and BBQ area of Coolart at approx. 12pm.

### **3rd Wed 7 Dec Xmas Lunch Walk: Coach Hotel Ringwood**

Leader: Graeme Barker

Phone: 9874 6938  
0437 006 938

Rendezvous: Ringwood railway station at 10.01 am. Leader will meet train.

Map: Melway 49      Grading: Easy      Distance: 5 km approx.

Transport for Walkers: Ringwood train departing Flinders St at 9.26am and arriving at Ringwood 10.01. Then board the 901 Airport bus at 10.18am to Antonio Park, Mitcham.

Transport for Non-walkers: Lilydale train departing Flinders St at 11.11am and arriving Ringwood 11.46. Then board the 901 Airport bus at 12.00pm for 2 stops, to New St Ringwood. The Coach Hotel is almost opposite the bus stop. Use the traffic lights for crossing Maroondah Highway. Look for McDonalds.

Morning Tea: At Antonio Park, Mitcham, Melway 49 C8.

Car Travellers: Entry to the hotel is only available for east bound traffic. Large car park at rear of hotel. Sherbrook Avenue safer and easier access. Coach Hotel is on the north side of Maroondah Highway immediately after crossing Eastlink.

Walk Details: The walk is along part of the track beside Mullum Mullum Creek and finishes at the hotel. The time of arrival at the Coach Hotel is 12.00 pm midday.

The Coach has a good selection of meals, including porter house, fish and chips, Calamari, chicken stir fry, roast of the day, etc. Prices for the seniors lunch are around \$18.00 for mains, Soup \$5, and desert \$5. There is also an extensive range of main meals (non-senior), average price \$30.

Transport after Lunch: Either board the 901 bus to Ringwood station, or walk to Heatherdale station.

### **Sun 11 Dec Centenary Walk and the Island**

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

Leader: Stuart Galloway

Phone: 0421 560 031  
[sgall@sent.com](mailto:sgall@sent.com)

Rendezvous: Meikles Point Picnic Area, Werribee Gorge State Park at 10:00am.

Grading: Hard (short but steep and rocky)      Distance: 11km.

Transport: Private Car. Exit Western Freeway at Pentland Hills road just pass Bacchus Marsh. Cross and recross Hwy onto Myers Road then Werribee Gorge State Park. Continue about 2km to Meikles Point picnic area.

Morning Tea: Quarry Picnic area.

Walk Details: A relatively short but steep and rocky walk taking about 3-4 hours. The first part is a steep rocky ascent and descent from Meikles Point (on the Werribee river) to Junction Pool also on the Werribee river. Possible short creek crossing on Myrninong creek if water levels are high. The second part is a climb from Junction Pool to the Island which is a grassy hill with good views. The hill is lightly forested on top. The track backtracks past Junction pool, but takes an alternative downhill return route to Meikles point (this is section subject to closure if flooded).

Carry water. Poles recommended. Gaiters recommended for Myrninong creek section. Toilets at Meikles Point and Quarry picnic areas.

### **Mon 12 Dec Werribee – Racecourse – Werribee**

Leader: Stuart Galloway

Phone: 0421 560 031

### **Wed 14 Dec Xmas Walk: Ferny Creek – Upper Ferntree Gully, Lunch at Royal Hotel**

Leader: Graeme Barker

Phone: 9874 6938  
0437 006 938

Rendezvous: Upper Ferntree Gully railway station at 9.48 am.

Maps: Melway 74 & 75

Grading: Medium

Distance: 7.6 km.

Transport: Ferntree Gully train departing Flinders St at 8.56am and arriving at Upper Ferntree Gully 9.48. Then board the Croydon via Olinda bus #688 at 10.08am to arrive at Sherbrooke Rd Ferny Creek at 9.27.

Morning Tea: Ferny Creek Park. Melway 75 D1. Toilets available.

Walk Details: From morning tea the walk is along One Tree Hill Road, which includes a gradual uphill section of approx. 1 km. At the top of One Tree Hill there is an option for a toilet stop. From the top there are downhill tracks of about 3 km in length but are not too steep, and finish at Upper Ferntree Gully railway station. If these current periods of rain continue into December it would be advisable to wear waterproof boots.

Lunch: Lunch is booked at The Royal Hotel Ferntree Gully (opposite the railway station) for 1.00pm, but early arrivals will be welcome to enter the hotel and be seated. There is a car park behind the hotel, entrance from Dawson St for car travellers.

The menu offers a choice of either:

- a) main meals at seniors prices which range from \$15 to \$27,
- b) a large range of exclusive seniors meals including beef pie, fish and chips, chicken parma, roast of the day, etc. Prices for these meals are around \$15 for mains, soup \$3, and desert \$3.

Transport After Lunch: Trains from Upper Ferntree Gully station at 30 minute intervals.

### **Mon 19 Dec Bike Ride: Nunawading – Hawthorn**

**NB. Please notify the leader if you intend to come on this ride.**

Leader: John Rankin

Phone: 0408 373 148

Rendezvous: 10.00 am, outside Nunawading station (Springvale Rd).

Morning Tea: Rest area outside Blackburn station, South side (Melway 48 A9); seating and toilets.

Maps: Melway 48, 47, 61, 59, 44 & 45.

Grading: Easy            Distance: 27 km.

Transport: Two options – private car or train. Private car: Park in the car park in front of Harvey Norman, 396-408 Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading (Melway 48 G9). There is no time limit on parking in that section. Ride down between Harvey Norman and Focus Furniture/JB Hi-Fi to Walker Rd. Turn right and join the Box Hill – Ringwood trail. Continue on ~200 m to Springvale Rd. Cross the road to Nunawading station rendezvous.

Train: Lilydale train to Nunawading; departs Flinders St station 9.26 am, arrives Nunawading 9.53 am. Note, there is a lift which makes it easy with a bike.

Ride Details: This is an easy ride along a mix of paved, unpaved and gravel paths with some street riding. From Nunawading station we follow the Box Hill – Ringwood trail to Blackburn station for morning tea then ride down Main St to join the Gardiners Creek trail. We follow the trail along the creek all the way to the junction with the Yarra. We then take the Yarra Boulevard trail to Burwood Rd, cross the Yarra and proceed to Hawthorn station. Riders who have parked at Nunawading will then take a Lillydale or Belgrave train back to Nunawading station. There are toilets at morning tea, lunch (at Howard Dawson Reserve) and just before Hawthorn station.

Escapes: There are a number of escapes to stations along the way: Alamein (15 km), Glen Iris (19 km), Tooronga (22 km).

## **Wed 21 Dec East Kew – Darebin/Donaldson Creeks – Northland Shopping Centre**

Leader: David Watkins

Phone: 9870 3782

0414 547 190

[david39mwc@gmail.com](mailto:david39mwc@gmail.com)

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9.35am at BBQ & Play Area in Victoria Park Kew, Melway 45 G5.

Maps: Melway 45, 31 & 19    Grading: Easy    Distance: 11km approx.

Transport: 8.48am #48 North Balwyn Tram Spencer/Collins St. stop #1 to alight at 9.25am at Victoria Park/High Street Stop #38. Cross High Street at lights and enter Victoria Park for rendezvous and morning tea.

Alternately take 9.03am #302 bus from Box Hill bus terminal to arrive at Valerie/Harp Rd junction at 9.30. From bus walk back to cross High Street at traffic lights, turn right and walk down to Victoria Park.

Lunch: Nellie Ibbott Park, Melway 31 D8. If wet lunch will be at Darebin Parklands picnic area, Melway 31 C8.

Walk Details: Mainly on walking/bike tracks. Along Donaldson and Darebin Creeks to Northland shopping Centre. A couple of short steep sections. Return buses from Northland, #251 to city, #903 to Heidelberg, Doncaster or Box Hill.

Escapes: At Heidelberg Rd ≈ 4.5km, Darebin Rd ≈ 7km, & Bell St ≈ 9.5km.

## **Wed 28 Dec City – Burnley Gardens – Hawthorn**

Leader: Oliver Lucas

Phone: 9571 6865

Rendezvous: Outside "Clocks" venue, in Swanston St next to Princes Bridge, Melway 43 J10, at 9:30am.

Maps: Melway 43, 44, 58, 59 & 45    Grading: Easy    Distance: 11km.

Transport: Meeting just outside Flinders Street Station.

Morning Tea: Melway 43 J10.

Walk Details: Easy walk along the Yarra to Burnley Gardens (lunch), then to Hawthorn Station to finish the walk.

Escapes: Numerous escapes available.

Note: Easy walk to shed the Christmas excess food, and escape washing the dishes!



# **JANUARY PROGRAM**

## **Wed 4 Jan Middle Park – Botanic Gardens Tan – Waterfront City – Royal Park**

Leader: Bruce Armstrong

Phone: 0416 758 204

Rendezvous: Middle Park Light Rail Station Stop 130 at 9.40am, Melway Ref 2K F11.

Morning Tea: Picnic Area at base of Albert Park Lake between MSAC and Lakeside Stadium Melway 2K E6.

Maps: Melway 2K, 2F, 2E, 2A & 29.

Grading: Easy

Distance: 11 km.

Transport: Tram 96 Cnr Swanston/Bourke St at 9.09am. Cnr Spencer/Bourke at 9.17am. Scheduled to arrive at Middle Park at 9.32am (Stop # 130).

Walk Details: Easy - reasonably flat walk. Lunch around Noon at a suitable location. Toilets near Rendezvous, Morning Tea and along the walk.

At the end of the walk - Tram and Train available outside the Zoo.

## **Wed 11 Jan North Frankston – Frankston**

Leader: Les Littlejohn

Phone: 0409 400 302

## **Sun 15 Jan Red Hill Round Walk**

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

Leader: Ian Bell

Phone: 0478 439 268

## **Mon 16 Jan Mt Evelyn – Rail Trail – Seville**

Leader: Wayne Hansen

Phone: 0415 351 492

## **Sun 22 Jan High Lead – Powelltown**

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

Leader: John Gates

Phone: 0428 761 644

## **Wed 25 Jan Darebin – Yarra River – Eaglemont**

Leader: David Blackwell

Phone: 9557 1009

## **Thu-Mon 26-30 Jan Base Undercover at Mt Buller**

**NB. You must contact leader before Wednesday 18 January 2023 if wish to attend this event.**

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 & Cost: Club Event Cost \$35.00 per person per night. Members and Guests welcome. Please book through the leader, Jenny Hosking, rather than through the online booking system.

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

Distance & Grading: Variety of walks to cater for all.

Transport: Private car.

Base Undercover Details: Here is your opportunity to stay at the lodge and walk the mountain/ski trails.

Walks available include your choice of; Summit Nature trail, Family trail, Delatite River Trail, Corn Hill track to Mt Stirling, Little Mt Buller, Canyons side trip, Klingsporn Bridle track, Woollybutt loop, Wombat drop interpretive loop and Summit interpretive loop and/or combinations of the above depending on level of fitness.

## **Sun 29 Jan Mt Donna Buang – Mt Boobyalla**

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

Leader: Trevor Rosen

Phone: 0412 136 124

## **Update of Membership Register**

Every December we send out an updated Membership Register reflecting the changes in Membership during the year. Any contact detail changes that members have advised me of during the year are also included.

This is a good time for Members to check their entry in the Register and let me know (by the end of November) of any changes in address, phone number or email. Even if you receive your Circular and other information by snail mail, if you have an email address please send it to me. This is important so we can reach Members quickly should there be an urgent need; for example, a last minute change in the arrangements for a walk or other activity. There are 24 Members who we cannot contact by email.

If you're not sure if your contact details are up to date, email me your details (wjrankin@outlook.com) and I'll make any necessary changes. Alternatively, give me a call on 0408 373 148.

Thanks,

**John Rankin – Membership Officer**

### **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>

### **Melbourne Women's Walking Club wins Award**

The Melbourne Women's Walking Club has won the Victorian Community History Award for best collaborative community history for their book ***Still on Track: 100 Years of the Melbourne Women's Walking Club***. Their award was presented at a ceremony held recently at the Arts Centre Melbourne.

**2022/23 Subscriptions were 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.**



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