



Terry Keating receiving the Golden Boot Award from the President, Trevor Rosen

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by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 4th January.

Laughter Is The Best Medicine

I wondered why the ball was getting bigger ... and then it hit me.

Talk Over Lunch at Charles Dickens Tavern

Members may remember that before Covid the Club held a regular social event on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Charles Dickens Tavern. Several members have expressed an interest in restarting these events from February 2023. Anyone interested in coming along to some or all of these events should contact Charlie Freedman:
 Phone: **0415 558 249** or email: charlifreedman@yahoo.com.

If there is enough interest, further details will appear in the February circular.

MWC Facebook Group

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since 2012 and prior to this he ably assisted Alan Shell. He selects, assigns and recesses the walks with Leaders. In the past, he has also organised extended walking trips; e.g. Wilsons Promontory. Ron is a member of the Activities Subcommittee and has been leading and coordinating walks for over 10 years, particularly in the Peninsula region.

The coveted **Golden Boot Award** for the most walks done during the year was presented by the President to this year's winner, Terry Keating. Terry is an avid walker and often acts as Whip, a role he performs with enthusiasm. For interest, the top 10 walkers for the year and the number of walks they did, are as follows:

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**John Rankin,
 Membership Officer.**

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Terry Simpson, Treasurer, MWC.

After presentation of the Reports the Executive Committee for 2023 was elected and the following were elected unopposed:

President.....Trevor Rosen
Secretary.....Neale Oxley
Treasurer.....Terry Simpson
Activities Officer.....Jenny Hosking
Membership Officer.....John Rankin
General Committee Member ...Kim Rosen
General Committee Member ...John Gates
General Committee Member ...Michael Corrigan
General Committee Member ...Charlie Freedman

On being re-elected, Trevor Rosen noted that he had now served as President or Acting-President for 8 years and, while he enjoyed the role, he thought that after this next year it was time to hand over to someone else. After the formalities were concluded a number of Awards and presentations were made.

25-year badges were awarded to Campbell Denovan, Alex Hordijkeno, Keith Tupper and John Webb, and 50-year badges were awarded to Daryl Hergt, Stephen Seymour and Alan Shell. Daryl and Stephen were at the meeting and received their badges from Trevor Rosen.

Four **Life Memberships** were awarded and the Certificates were presented by the President:

- Roger Jepson (1994). Roger has contributed to the MWC in various capacities for over 20 years. He served as President from 2003 to 2006 and on the Executive Committee in various roles, as Convenor of Mt Buller Lodge and now as a member of the Mt Buller subcommittee.
- Daryl Hergt (1972). Daryl has contributed to the MWC in various capacities for over 30 years. He has served on the Executive committee in various roles and is presently Treasurer of the Mt Buller Lodge Subcommittee. He played a major role assisting Gerald Morton in the building of the new Mt Buller lodge, which was completed in 1992.
- Oliver Lucas (2003). Oliver has been assisting David Watkins in arranging the Metro walks program since 2009. In that role he was keeper of the hard copies of the metropolitan walk details and posted or delivered the walk details to the Leaders, ensuring that Leaders had sufficient time to recce and submit details for Circular. Oliver retired from the role in November 2022. He is also a member of the Activities Subcommittee.
- Ron Anderson (1995). Ron has been the Peninsula Walks Coordinator

JANUARY WALKS

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
5987 2215

Rendezvous: 9.00am at Kananook Station.

Maps: Melway 100, 103 & 102 Grading: Medium Distance: 13km.

Transport: 7.56am Frankston train ex Flinders Street. Alight at Kananook. Route 901 bus from Kananook to corner of Seaford Rd/Bullarto Rd and Frankston—Dandenong Rd. It is only a short ride. As an alternative a 901 bus leaves Dandenong at 8.44am, alight at Bullarto Road and meet group from Kananook. Check Metro website for any works which may affect times.

Morning Tea: Telopea Reserve, Melway 100 C7, at about 9.45am. Toilets available.

Walk Details: This walk passes through The Pines nature reserve, rising to its highest point, the hill is neither long nor very steep. After leaving the lookout the route descends to run parallel with the Mornington Peninsula freeway for a short distance before crossing Skye Road. Then follows a section of street walking before reaching our lunch spot at

Ballam Park where toilets and tables are available. After lunch we cross Cranbourne Rd and climb a little to Bunarong Park and visit the lookout then descend to Lipton Drive and the Stony Point railway line. A walking track adjacent to the line leads to Frankston station. If it is a hot day much of this walk is exposed with little shade. Be sure to have a shady hat and adequate water.

Escapes: Bus from Skye Road before lunch, bus in Cranbourne Road at lunch. Leawarra station not much use as an escape due to infrequent service.

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: 5982 1727
0478 439 268

Rendezvous: Corner of Point Leo Road and Callanans Road, Red Hill South, at 9:45am.

Map: Melway 191 A7 Grading: Moderate Distance: 14km.

Transport: Private car.

Morning Tea: 9:45am.

Walk Details: Round and round Red Hill area and back to the start along country lanes and tracks. Some moderate hills. Toilets at start, Red Hill Showgrounds, and Ditterich Reserve at Main Ridge.

Mon 16 Jan Seville – Mt Evelyn

Leader: Wayne Hansen Phone: 0415 351 492

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 10am in Centenary Park, Seville. Shelter and toilets available.

Grading: Easy/Medium Distance: 13km.

Transport: 8.45am Flinders St train, arrives 9.37 at Lilydale. Catch the 683 bus at 9.43 to Warburton. Alight bus at Seville and walk down the main street to the roundabout. Rendezvous is on the right.

Walk Details: A pleasant walk along undulating back country lanes through Seville until we reach the Warburton Rail Trail. Follow the trail inbound to Mt Evelyn, stopping for lunch at the Wandin Station. Some seating but no toilets.

The walk finishes at Monbulk Rd, Mt Evelyn, where the 663 bus can be taken back to Lilydale.

try their first club ride. Anticipated finish approx. 2pm. Regular city trains from Alphington back to the city (or Hurstbridge). Others ride on to North Kew carpark.

Wed 22 Feb Victoria Park – Amphitheatre – Clifton Hill

Leader: Richard Bowen Phone: 9885 0438

Sun 26 Feb Barwon Head – Pt Lonsdale Beach, walk and swim

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 Flinders Parade, Barwon Heads near the bridge. Coffee shops are nearby. A car shuffle is required to transport walkers from Rip View Lookout back to Barwon Heads.

Maps: Melway 497, 498 & 499 Distance: 12km.

Grading: Easy/Medium Beach Walk on firmish sand at low tide.

Transport: Via car – From Melbourne follow Princes Highway (M1) towards Waurin Ponds. Take C134/Torquay/Angelsea/Great Ocean Road exit. Continue on Angelsea Road (C134). At roundabout continue straight onto Lower Duneed Road (C122). At next roundabout, take 2nd exit onto Barwon Heads Road (C121). At next roundabout continue straight onto Geelong Rd. Turn right onto Hitchcock Ave, left onto Ozone Road. Ozone road turns right and becomes Flinders Parade. Park near Childrens playground which is near the bridge.

Walk Details: Walk starts from Barwon River estuary and follows the beach east, passing Ocean Grove and an undeveloped section of coast to Point Lonsdale Lighthouse. Excellent views of The Rip, the entrance to Port Phillip Bay. Opportunities for a swim near Point Lonsdale pier. Bring Sunhat, sunglasses, sunscreen, bathers, lunch and plenty of water.

Mon 27 Feb Canterbury – Glenferrie

Leader: Gordon Proudfoot Phone: 9717 0909
0405 083 074

Report On The Annual General Meeting

The AGM held on 24 November at the Veneto Club in Bulleen was attended by 28 Members. It was an enjoyable evening and an opportunity for Members to catch up with others. Many had dinner in the restaurant before the meeting and a light supper was served after the meeting.

point. Higher tides mean a detour via the Fort and Rip View lookout. Walk the beach to Rocky Point and the coastal path to Point Lonsdale Lighthouse to view the heritage foghorn apparatus and Buckley's cave. Lunch at Point Lonsdale township. Return to Queenscliff via the upper path through dense Coastal Moonah Scrubland past Rocky Point and the Narrows light beacons.

Escapes: Bus from Point Lonsdale township to Queenscliff at 11.59am, 1.19 & 2.41pm.

Mon 13 Feb Merlynston – Merri Creek – Victoria Park

Leader: Graeme Barker Phone: 0437 006 938

3rd Wed 15 Feb Picnic Point, Sandringham

Leader: Gordon Proudfoot Phone: 9717 0909
0405 083 074

Sun 19 Feb TBC

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

Leader: Keith Davidson Phone: 9523 8174

Mon 20 Feb Darebin Creek Bike Ride

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 (Melway 45 E2), then ride to morning tea stop 2.5km.

OR 2. By train – catch the 10.19 am Flinders St to Alphington station (Hurstbridge line) arriving 10.47am. Ride north along Yarana Rd for approx. 350 mts, continue north following the bike track for a further 200 mts to Picnic Shelter and toilets at eastern end of Separation St 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 (Melway 31 C9). Seats and toilet available.

Maps: Melway 31 & 19 Grading: Easy Distance: approx. 25-30km.

Ride Details: Relatively easy and pleasant return loop ride heading northwards following Darebin Creek on the bike trail in native bushlike linear parkland. After morning tea we will continue along the Darebin Creek trail for approx. 12-13km to our lunch spot at Bundoora Park. Tables and toilets available.

Return by the same route after lunch. Recommended for anyone keen to

Escapes: After lunch in Wandin, catch the 683 bus to Lilydale.

Sun 22 Jan High Lead CP – Powelltown

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

Leader: John Gates Phone: 0428 761 644

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: Powelltown Public Hall car park at 9:30am.

Maps: Melway Touring Map X912 T4

Grading: Medium Distance: 13 km.

Transport: Private car. Take the Warburton Highway to Yarra Junction where you turn right on to the Powelltown-Noojee Road (C425). Continue into Powelltown turning up Blake Street (opposite the Powelly Pub) and turn right into the car park of the Powelltown Public Hall opposite the Gladysdale Fire Station. We will have morning tea here. There are toilet facilities.

Car Shuffle: From the rendezvous / morning tea location, a car shuffle is required to convey all participants to the start of the walk from the High Lead carpark adjacent to the Powelltown – Noojee Rd about 11 km from Powelltown, with sufficient vehicles left at the Public Hall to take drivers back to the High Lead CP at the end of the walk.

Walk Details: From the High Lead carpark the walk follows a part of the 'Walk into History' trail in the Yarra State Forest. Much of the route is along the formation of a substantive three-foot gauge steel railed timber tramway dating from the second decade of the twentieth century. The first 4 km runs along side the headwaters of the La Trobe River which is crossed and recrossed, mainly via bridges of recent origin. The trail then rises to cross the divide between the watersheds of the La Trobe and Little Yarra rivers, termed 'The Bump'. From here the trail follows the latter river, crossing it a couple of times. The final section back to the start point is via several streets in the hamlet of Powelltown.

There is one stream crossing via steppingstones or a moss-covered log, and a few short steep descents and climbs which can be slippery when wet. Prepare for mud so good walking shoes plus poles and gaiters if you have them.

Afternoon Tea: At the Powelly Pub.

Wed 25 Jan Eaglemont – Yarra Trail – Alphington

Leader: David Blackwell Phone: 9557 1009

Rendezvous: On SE side of station (Silverdale Rd) at 9.32 am.

Maps: Melway 31 & 32

Distance: 13 km.

Grading: Medium, a few hills.

Transport: Flinders St 8.58 am Hurstbridge train arrives Eaglemont 9.32.

Morning Tea: At Albert Jones Reserve (Melway 31 K6) about 9.45.

Walk Details: This walk takes in some hillier suburbs, but there are some good views from the high spots - Summit Drive & Outlook Drive in particular. The walk has been reversed to provide more downhill walking.

Lunch is by the Eaglemont Tennis Club (Melway 31 K11). Toilets are scarce, but plenty of bush beside the Yarra. Later, toilets are at Wilson Reserve & Darebin Parklands. Return to city from Alphington station.

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 – Walter Briggs Hut

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

Leader: Trevor Rosen

Phone: 0412 136 124

Rendezvous: 9.30am at the Warburton Bakery, 3415 Warburton Highway, Warburton. We will have morning tea here and directions will

then be given to the start of the walk which is at the Ten Mile Carpark on the Mt Donna Buang Road. Toilets available at Warburton and Ten Mile Carpark.

Grading: Medium

Distance: 13km.

Transport: Private cars.

Walk Details: This is a circuit walk. We will follow the road downhill from the Ten Mile Carpark for 1km and then turn left up the access track towards Mt Victoria and a pair of communication towers. The track is then followed for 2.6 km over Mt Victoria to the summit of Mt Donna Buang. The tall observation tower can be climbed and on a clear day has wonderful views. From the summit we will walk to Mt Boobyalla which is a further 2.5 km away. After lunch we will walk back to the Mt Donna Buang summit and descend off track to the Walter Briggs Hut. After visiting the hut we then walk back to our cars at the Ten Mile Carpark. Walking poles and gaiters are recommended. Bring plenty of water.

Afternoon Tea: At the Walter Briggs Hut.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Wed 1 Feb Heidelberg – Banyule Flats – Rosanna

Leader: Steven Pfundt

Phone: 0434 199 736

Mon 6 Feb Peninsula

Leader: Don Ziino

Phone: 0438 596 626

Wed 8 Feb Gembrook – Emerald

Leader: Richard Simpson

Phone: 0419 528 130

Sun 12 Feb Queenscliff – Point Lonsdale

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

Leader: Neale Oxley

Phone: 0407 525 966

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: Meet 9.30am at the root of Queenscliff pier, Melway 236 H6. Morning tea before departure.

Grading: Easy but some stairs and beach walking

Distance: 16 km.

Transport: Queenscliff is 110 kilometres from Westgate, allow minimum 1 hour 30 mins. Ferry from Sorrento arrives Queenscliff at 9.40am and costs \$58.00 for two senior foot passengers return.

Walk Details: We follow the coastline to Shortland Bluff past Doctors jetty, the pilot station and if the tide is low enough continue around the