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**Copy for April to: Charlie Freedman - Phone: 0415 558 249
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by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 1st March.**

Talk Over Lunch at Charles Dickens Tavern

The regular social event which, prior to Covid, occurred on the **2nd Tuesday of each month** (except January) is about to be revived. If there is enough interest, the first lunch will be held at the **Charles Dickens Tavern Bistro**, in the basement of 290 Collins Street Melbourne, at **11:45 am for 12:00 noon**, on **Tuesday March 14th**.

If you wish to attend, you must contact Barry Revill:
Phone: **9555 1114** or email: barryrevill@bigpond.com.

Laughter Is The Best Medicine

The short fortune teller who escaped from prison
was a small medium at large.



HELP US GROW OUR CLUB'S MEMBERSHIP BASE
by joining the Melbourne Walking Club Facebook page – and then *inviting your own friends and family* to also join our page...!
It's a great way to encourage new members!

On our Facebook page we post pictures from weekly walks, upcoming events for your diary, invites to potential members to come along as a visitor, Mt Buller and Donna Buang news, and so much more!
Please have a look – and Join NOW!!!

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MWC Facebook Group

The Club's Facebook Group is open to all members and other interested people. Access it using the following link and join up:
www.facebook.com/groups/241419961129378

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The current proposed scope for the Wilsons Prom Revitalisation includes:

- an exclusion fence across the Yanakie Isthmus - together with conservation programs, the fence is designed to stop destructive introduced species, helping make the national park a sanctuary where native animals and plants can thrive,
- an upgrade of the visitor area at Tidal River with improved toilets, seats, shelter and a renewed visitor centre,
- additional cabin-style accommodation outside the northern park boundary, and at Tidal River,
- upgrades to the Wildlife Walk to make it all-abilities accessible, and
- a new Telegraph Saddle trail to connect Tidal River and Mt Oberon.

Parks Victoria is doing feasibility studies, assessments and talking to the community about their ideas and preferences. The draft designs for the visitor area at Tidal River are now available and open for public comment.

Find out more and stay informed by registering on Engage Victoria:
<https://engage.vic.gov.au/wilsons-prom>

2023/24 Subscriptions will be due by 30 June 2023, and are set out below with discounts available to members who wish to take them when paying.

2023/24 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 2023).
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.

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>

MWWC Completes Their Centenary Year

Way back in 1922, October and November were busy months for a small group of Melbourne women, then excluded from established walking clubs, who wanted to start a women’s walking club. On the 15th October, to *initially test their walking powers*, 10 intrepid women set out to walk from Warburton to Woori Yallock. In pouring rain only some started but even they quickly returned to shelter with the remaining group to await the train back home! However, this did not deter our amazing forbears for very long.

By the end of November 1922, Melbourne Women’s Walking Club was established with the committee and rules ratified, the Club name adopted (they narrowly avoided being called the Melbourne Ladies’ Walking Club) and the first walking program approved.

One hundred years later in mid-November 2022 for their final Centenary celebration, nearly 90 Club members participated in a three-day walking bonanza based at Pallotti College at Millgrove.

Over the three days they were blessed with a smorgasbord of walking (13 walks in total of varying grades) – without rain and even with some sunshine! River strolls, powerful waterfalls, stunning rainforest, puffing up some hills, discovering the site of our old Club Hut at Britannia Creek, along with patches of snow, towering Mountain Ash, spectacular views, the odd snake and a few leeches successfully given the flick, all added to the experience.

It was the first time that MWWC had undertaken such an ambitious program, offering a diverse range of walks and activities to so many MWWC participants. It was a huge success.

Wilson's Promontory Revitalisation Project

The Victorian Government is investing \$23M to revitalise Wilsons Promontory NP. It will become Victoria’s largest conservation sanctuary and have improved visitor experiences.



MELBOURNE WALKING CLUB - “ALL SEASON”... MT. BULLER LODGE

The MWC MT. BULLER LODGE ! - EXCLUSIVE USE NOW AVAILABLE !
What an amazing asset the Mt. Buller Lodge is to the Club. And in reality what an amazing “*privilege of membership*” it is for all of us to have access to this first class facility any time, any season of the year..!

And now for 3 x Seasons you can book it as your own private holiday home !!!

The Lodge is beautiful and fully equipped for a holiday any time of year. Our hard working Buller Sub-committee and Executive committee would like to see more members holiday on the mountain - and we recognise that this new “**exclusive booking**” option for the **sole use** of the **WHOLE** Lodge will appeal to many members taking their families or friends over the Spring, Summer and Autumn seasons.

It’s your own holiday home on the mountain!

You get all 5 bedrooms (3 x 4 bed / 2 x 2 bed) – each with en-suites. Total 16 beds Fully equipped Kitchen & Dining room, Lounge, TV & Table Tennis rooms, Deck & BBQ.

And there’s lots to do on the mountain – for you and your kids - and even grand-kids! Walks, Bicycle trails, Horse Riding, Tennis, Indoor Sports Facility, Licensed Supermarket - or just curl up on a couch with a drink and a good book, and soak up the scenery..!

Please consider the MWC Mt. Buller Lodge when booking your next holiday!



POSTCARDS

MARCH WALKS

Wed 1 Mar Laverton – Cherry Lake – Seaholme

Leader: Gordon Proudfoot Phone: 9717 0909
0405 083 074

Rendezvous: Laverton Station at 9.51 am (south side).

Transport: 9.28 am Werrabee train from Southern Cross Station (platform 14), arriving Laverton at 9.51 am. Return trains from Seaholme station to city on 15 minute service.

Morning Tea: At Laverton Park. Melway 53 F10. Toilets, shelter and seating.

Maps: Melway 53 & 54 Grading: Easy Distance: 10km.

Lunch: Lunch will be at Cherry Tree Lake Reserve (Melway 54 J9). Shelter and toilets available.

Walk Details: Mainly on formed paths (partly along Laverton Creek) then some street walking until lunch. Then formed paths around Cherry Lake and street walking to Seaholme Station.

Mon 6 Mar Devilbend Park, Moorooduc

Leader: Jim Smith Phone: 0437 077 532

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9:45 am at the picnic area off Graydens Rd Tuerong, Melway 152 J3. Toilet facilities at start.

Maps: Melway 153 & 152 Grading: Easy Distance: 12 km.

Transport: Private Car.

Walk Details: We will circumnavigate Devilbend Reservoir, the walking is easy on flat ground all the way. The trail meanders through lowland forest and grassy woodland in bushland and open fields, lunch spot will be in the bush. The walk starts at the picnic area in Devilbend Park and finishes there.

Wed 8 Mar Ballarat Historical Buildings

Leader: Alex Hordijkeno Phone: 9383 3257

Rendezvous: Southern Cross Station at 9.00am.

Grading: Easy Distance: 9 km.

Transport: 9.16am Wendouree V/Line train ex Southern Cross station, arriving Ballarat 10.41am.

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 leaders, Richard and Cristina, 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.

Mon 24 Apr Easy Metro: Oakleigh – Mentone

Leader: Les Littlejohn Phone: 0409 400 302

Wed 26 Apr Hurstbridge – Diamond Creek – Eltham

NB. This is a new walk.

Leader: Keith Tupper Phone: 9457 2595
0434 112 192 (26 April only)

Rendezvous: 9.37am at Hurstbridge Station.

Maps: Melway 185, 12, 22 & 21 Grading: Easy Distance: 13km.

Transport: 8.19am train ex Flinders Street. Alternatively, car or bus to Eltham station to board Hurstbridge train there at 9.22am.

Morning Tea: TBA (close to Hurstbridge station).

Walk Details: A scenic walk along recently opened trail.

Possible Escapes: Wattle Glen (4km) or Diamond Creek (7km) after lunch. Trains from Wattle Glen and Diamond Creek run every 40 minutes; from Eltham every 20 minutes.

Sun 30 Apr Ballarat Area

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

Leader: Colin Crook Phone: 0418 386 459

downstream to the River Bend Historical Park for lunch. Continue downstream back to Werribee station.

Escapes: Bus 167 at Heaths Road back to Hoppers crossing station, or bus 180 Tarniet Rd/Golden square Cr to Werribee station.

APRIL PROGRAM

Sun 2 Apr French Island

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

Leader: Trevor Rosen Phone: 0412 136 124

Mon 3 Apr Peninsula

Leader: Doug Connell Phone: 0419 527 653

Wed 5 Apr Fitzroy – Historical Walk – Flinders St Stn

NB. This is a new walk.

Leader: Les Littlejohn Phone: 0409 400 302

Wed 12 Apr Eltham – Westerfolds Park – Doncaster

Leader: John Rankin Phone: 0408 373 148

Sun 16 Apr Devil Bend

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

Leader: Daryl Hergt Phone: 0434 140 022

Mon 17 Apr Drysdale – Leopold – Moolap

NB. This is a new walk.

Leader: David Watkins Phone: 0414 547 190

3rd Wed 19 Apr Williamstown

Leader: Doug Swinbourne Phone: 0438 881 176

Fri-Tue 21-25 Apr Anzac Day Long Weekend – Mt Buller Base Undercover

NB. You must contact leaders before Wednesday 13 April 2023 if wish to attend this event.

Leaders: Richard Jasek Phone: 0408 438 632
Cristina Ferreiro Phone: 0407 237 327

Return trains from Ballarat at 2.04pm, 2.44pm or 3.24pm arriving Southern Cross station 1hr 27mins later.

Morning Tea: On train prior to arrival in Ballarat.

Walk Details: An easy walk admiring the many historical buildings in central Ballarat. We will also be walking along Sturt Street, which is lined with a number of interesting memorials and statues, to Lake Wendouree for lunch (toilets available) via historic Webster Street. After lunch we visit the Old Ballarat Cemetery before making our way back to Ballarat station.

3rd Wed 15 Mar Maribyrnong and Aberfeldie Parks

Leader: Graeme Barker Phone: 9874 6938
0437 006 938

Rendezvous: 9.47 am at Moonee Ponds Railway Station.

Map: Melway 28 Grading: Easy Distance: 4 km am & 2 km pm.

Transport: 9.32 am Craigieburn train ex Flinders Street, 9.35 Southern Cross, arriving Moonee Ponds station at 9.47. Leader will meet this train, then we catch the 10.00 am #467 bus to the corner of Holmes and Waverley Streets for a short walk to Aberfeldie/Maribyrnong Parks. Car parking available at Maribyrnong and Aberfeldie Parks. Return bus #467 to Moonee Ponds or #468 to Essendon.

Morning Tea: Maribyrnong Park (Melway 28 D7). Toilets are available in both parks.

Walk Details: South along Maribyrnong River towards Riverside Golf & Tennis Centre and returning along the river to Maribyrnong Park for lunch (approx. 3.5 km). After lunch north to Poyntons Nursery & Garden centre and return to bus stop (approx. 1.5 km).

Sun 19 Mar Sorrento Ocean Beach – Bridgewater Bay – Return

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

Leader: Arthur Robertson Phone: 9580 6405
0419 895 916

Rendezvous: Sorrento Ocean Beach Car Park on the right-hand side near the toilets, at 9:45am for a 10:00am start.

Grading: Medium Distance: 14 km.

Transport: Private vehicle.

Morning Tea: On walk, to be carried with you. Lunch at Bridgewater Bay.

Walk Details: Very nice foot track, mainly through the coastal sand dunes. Very undulating, with a lot of the track being in soft sand which makes it harder particularly if hot.

Escapes: Possible at Koonya Beach Car Park, and Bridgewater Bay Car Park, Johns Wood Road, Blairgowrie.

Wed 22 Mar Southern Cross – Waterfront City – Flemington – Maribyrnong

Leader: David Watkins

Phone: 0414 547 190
david39mwc@gmail.com

Rendezvous: 9.00am at Southern Cross Station forecourt at Collins Street exit at top of escalators from platforms. Close to Sweet Station shop.

Morning Tea: At 1.9km, New Quay Central Park, Melway 2E D4

Maps: Melway 43, 42, 28 & 29 Grading: Easy Distance: 11km.

Transport: Own arrangements to Southern Cross Station.

Lunch: In vicinity of Pipemakers Park, specific spot weather dependent, Melway 28 B10.

Walk Details: Generally flat walk, following Moonee Ponds Creek, then through streets of North Melbourne and Sale Yard housing development to the Maribyrnong River to follow Eastern bank to Raleigh Road. One set of steps, one gentle hill of 600m in length and a final “sting in the tail” 20m steep climb at finish.

Escapes: Escapes available at 5.5km & 8km.

Sun 26 Mar 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

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.

Walk Details: Work to be done includes the continuation of our project to pave a cleared area near the woodshed. This work requires the positioning of suitable rocks which are found in the immediate area. Other work will involve assisting with the clearing and maintenance of the

tracks; cleaning the hut and general maintenance.

Bring your lunch, drinking water and a thermos for hot drinks. If you have not had an opportunity to visit the hut before, this is the perfect time.

The hut is a precious asset of the club and we need your help to maintain it. Any assistance will be most appreciated.

Mon 27 Mar Batman – Merri Creek – Fawkner – Gowrie

Leader: Gordon Proudfoot

Phone: 9717 0909
0405 083 074

Rendezvous: Batman Station at 9.37 am.

Morning Tea: At Coburg Lake Reserve. Melway 17 J10. Toilets and seating, but no shelter.

Maps: Melway 17 & X891

Distance: 10km.

Grading: Medium (a couple of short hills).

Transport: 9.10 am Upfield train from Flinders Street, 9.16 am Southern Cross, arriving Batman at 9.37. Return trains from Gowrie station to city on 20-minute service.

Walk Details: Mainly along paths along the creeks but some street walking.

Lunch: Lunch will be at Northern Memorial Park (Melway X891 D2). Shelter, seating, and toilets available. Also, a chance to purchase coffee etc. at the café (provided it is still open when we get there).

Wed 29 Mar Hoppers Crossing – Historical Park – Werribee

Leader: Stuart Galloway

Phone: 0421 560 031

Rendezvous: North side of Hoppers Crossing station at a small park at the start of Powell St.

Grading: Easy

Distance: 12 km.

Transport: 9:05am Werribee Line to Hoppers Crossing, arriving 9:35am. Return by train from Werribee station.

Walk Details: An easy flat walk, mostly through parks and connecting streets and along the Werribee river. Meet on North side of Hoppers crossing station, near a little park on Powell St. Morning tea is at an oval, Warringa Crescent reserve near the end of Powell street (toilets present). There is an optional detour to the Heathdale Glen Orden Wetlands after morning tea. After a series of parks and connecting streets we reach the Werribee river at the weir. Follow the river