



The older I get,
the more I regret
all the people I've lost
over the years.

Maybe being
a trail guide
wasn't such a
great idea after all.

Oh well ...

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Copy for July only to: John Rankin - Phone: 0408 373 148
email: wjrankin@outlook.com
by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 7th June.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE
 We would greatly appreciate it if your 2023/2024 subs are paid
 by the 30 June 2023 (see page 11 of this circular for details).

Laughter Is The Best Medicine

The hardness of the butter is proportional to the softness of the bread.

Talk Over Lunch at Charles Dickens Tavern

This lunch, on the **2nd Tuesday of each month** (except January) has been revived. The next 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 June 13th**.

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

Children Attending Club Walks

Members and visitors should note that, at the present time, children under the age of 12 are not permitted to attend any Club activities, as they are not covered by the Club's insurance with BWV.

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

Maps: Melway 453, 454, 455 & 456.

Grading: Easy

Distance: Up to 13km.

Transport: Catch 8.30am Geelong Train, arriving 9.32am. Then 9.55am bus #60 to Drysdale, alighting at Lorne Lake Reserve at 10.25am.

Lunch: Small reserve at Christies Rd, Leopold. Toilets, seating and some limited cover.

Walk Details: Flat attractive walk, following the Bellarine rail trail. Finishing point will be dependent upon timing and weather conditions.

Escapes: Many available: 4km, 6km, 7.5km (Lunch), 9km & 11km.

Bushwalking News Victoria (BNV)

The Melbourne Walking Club is affiliated with Bushwalking Victoria which publishes "**Bushwalking News**" monthly. The Current and past BNVs can be read on their web page:



<https://bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/bushwalking-newsletter>

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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.

JULY PROGRAM

Mon 3 Jul Peninsula

Leader: Les Littlejohn Phone: 0409 400 302

Wed 5 Jul Aircraft – Point Cook – Sanctuary Lakes

Leader: Stuart Galloway Phone: 0421 560 031

Sun 9 Jul Punchbowl – Kilcunda

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

Leader: Terry Simpson Phone: 0400 037 291

Wed 12 Jul Mitcham – Glen Waverley

Leader: Doug Swinbourne Phone: 0438 881 176

Sun 16 Jul 16 Beach Circuit, Rye

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

Leader: John Rankin Phone: 0402 058 184

Mon 17 Jul Officer – Cardinia Creek – Berwick

Leader: Oliver Lucas Phone: 9571 6865

3rd Wed 19 Jul Sparks Reserve, Gardiners Creek

Leader: Graeme Barker Phone: 0437 006 938

Sun 23 Jul Beehive Gully – Hepburn Regional Park

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

Leader: Kim Rosen Phone: 0422 804 816

Mon 24 Jul Easy Metro: Eltham – Westerfolds Park – Eltham

Leader: Alex Hordijenko Phone: 9383 3257

Wed 26 Jul Drysdale – Bellarine Rail Trail – Moolap

This is a new walk.

Leader: David Watkins Phone: 0414 547 190
david39mwc@gmail.com

Rendezvous: 8.15am am at Southern Cross Station, close to V-line platform entry point.

Morning Tea: Lorne Lake Reserve, with toilets, cover and seating. Melway 456 F12.



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!

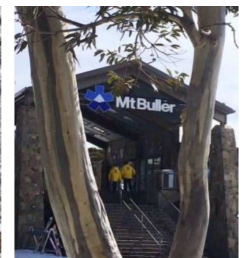
-Member only Bookings open April 1st-

-Guest Bookings open May 1st-

Winter Bookings - Members High Season \$101 midweek, \$112 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..!!!!



JUNE WALKS

Sun 4 Jun Domino Trail – Trentham

NB. Contact the leader to get details for this walk.

Leader: Michael Clarke Phone: 0412 849 989

Mon 5 Jun Peninsula: Seawinds – Baldry Crossing

Leader: Ron Anderson Phone: 0448 512 525

Rendezvous: 9:30am, all at Baldry Crossing (Melway 254 G6), and then organize a car shuttle to Seawinds.

Morning Tea: 9:30am at Baldry Crossing.

Maps: Melway 254 & 171 Grading: Moderate Distance: 13 km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: We all meet at Baldry Crossing to organize a car shuttle to Seawinds to start the walk. Do not drive to Seawinds to meet us there.

The walk is on the Two Bays track through Arthurs Seat Park to Greens Bush. It is mainly through bush land with a short section in the street. There is a very steep gully, and one long steep hill, but most of it is easy bush walking along the Two Bays Track. Lunch will be sitting in the bush.

Wed 7 Jun Olinda – Kalorama

Leader: Wayne Hansen Phone: 0415 351 492

Rendezvous: Leader will meet bus at Monash Ave, Olinda, at 9.46am.

Morning Tea: Olinda Recreation Reserve at approx. 10am, tables and toilets.

Transport: Train from Flinders St Station at 7.55am or 8.15am, arrives Croydon Station 8.37 or 8.59. Catch bus 688 at 9.07, arrives at Monash Ave, Olinda at 9.46.

Grading: Medium / hard Distance: 14 km.

Walk Details: A pleasant walk from Olinda Village to the R J Hamer Arboretum and down through the Dandenong Ranges National Park. Much of the walk is through tall eucalypts and tree fern gullies. Lunch is at Eagles Nest Picnic ground. There are tables but no cover or toilets. This walk entails a decent of about 330 m from morning tea to lunch. After lunch the walk continues through the forest tracks and ends at the intersection of the Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd and Falls Rd, an ascent of approx. 300 m. From here buses connect to Croydon Station.

rocky sections makes it demanding; boots or supportive mountain runners are recommended. Toilet is available at the camping ground. No running water is available.

Mon 26 Jun Easy Metro: City Parks

Leader: Oliver Lucas Phone: 0451 957 821

Rendezvous: 10am at the corner of Elizabeth & Flinders Streets.

Maps: Melway 2B, 2F & 2G Grading: Easy Distance: 8 km.

Transport: By tram to start - Coburg tram 19 to corner of Royal Parade & Macarthur Road, stop 14.

Morning Tea: University Cricket Ground, Melway 2B D5.

Walk Details: An easy walk through Melbourne General Cemetery, University of Melbourne, Carlton Gardens, Fitzroy Gardens and past the MCG to the Yarra River.

Wed 28 Jun Seville East – Launching Place

Leader: Richard Simpson Phone: 0419 528 130

Rendezvous: Warburton Hwy almost opposite Peters Road, Seville East at 10am. Often a Coffee Caravan is parked here! (Members travelling by private car could leave cars here and bus back at conclusion of walk.)

Morning Tea: After bus drop-off approx 10.25am along Track (no toilets).

Maps: Melway 285, 286 & 287 Grading: Easy Distance: 11.5 km.

Transport: 7.58am -OR- 8.32am Lilydale Train (Ltd Express - check stations) ex Flinders Street, arriving Lilydale 8.48am -OR- 9.25am respectively, to connect with Bus #683 departing Lilydale Station (eastern end) at 9.43am - arriving Seville East stop opposite Peters Rd near Old Warburton Hwy, Seville East at 10.04am.

Walk Details: Very pleasant easy walk along quiet country roads and tracks to Woori Yallock Station area for lunch - picnic tables and toilets available. Then following Warburton Rail Trail (flat walk) to Launching Place General Store Bus Stop. (Escape with buses to Lilydale available at lunch break at Woori Yallock.)

Anticipated walk finish around 2.10pm to connect with #683 bus to Lilydale departing General Store at 2.31pm. Regular train connections from Lilydale back to City.

Leader: Jenny Hosking

Phone: 0423 627 232
jenniferhosking@gmail.com

Rendezvous: 10.39am at Chelsea Station. Leader will meet this train.

Morning Tea: 10.45am at Chelsea Bicentennial Park (Melway 93 E12).

Maps: Melway 93 and/or Google.

Grading: Easy

Distance: Approx 4km.

Transport, Walk & Lunch: 9.47am Frankston Train ex Flinders St, arriving Chelsea Station at 10.39am.

Transport, Lunch Only: 11.07am Frankston Train ex Flinders St, arriving Chelsea Station at 11.59am. From Chelsea station, head north along Station Street, turn right at Thames Promenade. Longbeach RSL is at 4 Thames Promenade, Chelsea (Melway 93 B12).

Walk Details: An easy walk around the Wetlands, returning to Longbeach RSL for lunch at 12 noon.

Lunch: Booked at Longbeach RSL for 12.00 noon.

More information can be found at <http://www.longbeachrsl.com.au>. Senior Meals are available.

Sun 25 Jun Grass Tree Walk

NB. Please contact Richard by texting your interest on 0408 438 632 ahead of the day, and he will get back to you to confirm your participation.

Leader: Richard Jasek

Phone: 0408 438 632

Rendezvous: Boar Gully Camping Ground, Brisbane Ranges National Park, at 9.30am for morning tea. Departure at 10 am.

Maps: Brisbane ranges National Park.

Grading: Moderate with easy escape loops

Distance: 14km.

Transport: By private car. 84km west of Melbourne CBD via Western Hwy. Last named place is Rowsley from which Reid's Rd is a narrow bitumen strip with an unsealed section. Turn left at 12.6km from Rowsley into Camp Track to reach Boar Gully Camping Ground with parking bays.

Walk Details: Circuit walk through undulating woodlands studded with grass trees. Tracks are mostly closed vehicle management tracks and the Burchell walking trail, rocky in sections, with a grassy meadow in a gorge for lunch. One steep ascent after lunch.

Notes: This solstice walk is unlikely to be muddy even after rain, but the

Note: There is a steep uphill section of track about 400 m long about 3 - 4 km from the end of the walk. This is the only hard part of the walk. To eliminate the last km up Falls Rd, we can do a car shuffle. Please call me if you are driving.

Escapes: From lunch spot an escape is available to the Monbulk Rd via Stonyford Rd past the Silvan Reservoir. From here buses connect to Lilydale or Belgrave Stations.

Fri-Mon 9-12 Jun Celebration of Opening of Mt Buller Ski Season

NB. You must book if you intend to come to this event.

Rendezvous: Melbourne Walking Club (MWC) Lodge, 1 Stirling Avenue, Mt Buller, VIC 3723 (opposite the Fire Station).

Members book at: <https://melbournewalkingclub.cbdweb.net/app/login/member>.

Cost: Winter Low Weekend tariff applies.

Tariff Details: <https://www.melbournewalkingclub.org/mt-buller>.

Queries: Ian Morton, email: ianmorton@optusnet.com.au.

Whilst the official opening of 2023 Winter snow season begins on 3rd June, it will be celebrated 10 – 12 June 2023 on the King's Birthday Weekend. It will be an exciting weekend full of activities and events. PLUS, there will be guaranteed skiing from this weekend.

To obtain a Mt Buller online Member Booking Number, please contact Ian Morton, email: ianmorton@optusnet.com.au.

Wed 14 Jun Doncaster East – Heatherdale

Leader: Miles Pierce

Phone: 0429 359 832

Rendezvous: Small parkland and playground beside Creek on south side of Beasley's Nursery. From the Deep Creek reserve bus Mullum Mullum stop on Heidelberg – Warrandyte Rd, follow the Mullum Mullum Creek trail north-west then turn right after crossing a wooden bridge over the creek – total distance of about 200 m. Melway 34 F3.

Morning Tea: At the above rendezvous. Some picnic tables and/or seating. (Toilet facilities only available in Beasley's Nursery.)

Maps: Melway 34 & 49 Grading: Easy - Medium Distance: 11.5 km.

Transport: Bus 906 from city, ex King & Lonsdale Streets terminus at 8:39am, with scheduled arrival at Deep Creek Reserve bus stop in Doncaster East at 9:28. Alternative public transport options are available from other starting locations. (Suggest using the 'Plan journey' facility on

the PTV smart phone application.)

Walk Details: Most of the walk is on pleasant walking trails that follow the Mullum Mullum Creek upstream. As such, it is essentially flat save for some modest uphill at the end to exit the creek gully up to Whitehorse Rd.

Escapes: An escape is available at Park Rd – approx. 6 km from start – via bus 271 to Blackburn station.

Toilet Facilities: Aside from the toilets within Beasley's Nursery adjacent to the morning tea spot, the next formal toilet facilities are not until close to the end of the walk at Schwerkolt Cottage, Antonio Park and Heatherdale station.

Return: Trains to the city from Heatherdale station are available at 10 - 15 min intervals.

Note: The Launching Place to Warburton walk listed for this date in the May Circular has been deferred to later in the year due to a key part of the O'Shannassy Aqueduct Trail being temporarily closed.

Sun 18 Jun Bushrangers Bay – Cape Schanck Lighthouse – Lunch at RACV Cape Shanck

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

The number of people who are able to attend this trip is strictly limited to 20. You are advised to book early.

Leader: Colleen Simpson

Phone: 0410 442 978

Rendezvous: 9.30am at the Bushranger car park and picnic area on the Rosebud to Flinders Road (Boneo Rd C777). The car park is 4.4km after the RACV Cape Schanck Resort, on the right hand side of the road. A car shuttle will be required to leave some cars at the Fingal Beach Picnic Area Car Park, where our walk ends. We then drive to RACV for lunch.

Grading: Easy

Distance: 7.5 km.

Morning Tea: At the Bushranger car park.

Walk Details: The walk goes through coastal Banksias, alkaline scrub and swamp scrub down to Bushranger Bay, and a sandy beach which is surrounded by basalt cliffs with a large rock stack on the south end, known as the Elephant. This part of the walk is 2.5 km.

We then walk up to the Cape Schanck Lighthouse, which is a further 2.5 km. This part of the walk is in contrast to the first part, and it is of brooding headlands and wild waves that often crash onto jagged rock.

Cape Schanck is the most southern tip of the Mornington Peninsula, the meeting of Bass Strait and Westernport. There are magnificent views and near Cape Shanck there is an offshore rock stack known as Pulpit Rock. At Cape Schanck Lighthouse there are also toilets.

After exploring the area around the Lighthouse we will walk up to the Fingal car park. This is a distance of about 2.5 km through meandering coastal heath to the towering pine trees of Fingal Picnic Area. Here we will have a brief break while the remainder of the cars will be picked up from Boneo Rd. We then drive to the RACV Cape Schanck resort where we will have a sit down lunch in the restaurant. That will be the end of our walk.

Escapes: Cape Schanck Light House car park.

Mon 19 Jun Doncaster – Westerfolds Park – Eltham

Leader: John Rankin

Phone: 0408 373 148

Rendezvous: 9.30 am at Westfield Doncaster Shopping Centre, bus station.

Maps: Melway 33 & 21

Grading: Easy - medium

Distance: 13 km.

Transport: 8.30 am Belgrave train ex Flinders Street station, arriving Box Hill at 8.51 am. Then the 9.02 am #903 bus towards Templestowe (Bay 3), arriving Westfield Doncaster Shopping Centre 9.17 am (alternatively, #281, #278 or #293 buses); or #907 smart bus from Lonsdale St to Westfield. The #902 and #903 smart buses also stop at Westfield Doncaster bus station.

Morning Tea: Ruffey Lake Park (Melway 33 F10). Toilets and shelter.

Walk Details: A pleasant walk along tracks and back roads. From Shopping Town, we pass through Schramms Reserve and Ruffey Lake Park, cross under King St and follow Ruffey Lake Linear Park to Foote Street and enter Westerfolds Park. We exit the park at Fitzsimons Lane bridge and enter Lower Eltham Park and follow the Diamond Creek trail to Eltham station. Return trains every 20 minutes: 2.01, 2.21, 2.41 pm; also the #902 bus. Toilets at morning tea, lunch and Eltham station. Escapes at King St, George St, Foote Street, Porter St, Fitzsimons Lane and Main Road.

3rd Wed 21 Jun Mid Year Lunch Walk – Wetlands to Longbeach RSL, Chelsea

NB. You must contact Jenny Hosking no later than Friday 16th June if you are attending the lunch