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**Copy for September to: Charlie Freedman - Phone: 0415 558 249
email: charlifreedman@yahoo.com
by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 7th August.**

Laughter Is The Best Medicine

When I get a headache I take two Aspirin and keep away from children,
just like the bottle says.

2024/25 Subscriptions were due by 30 June 2024

Subscription rates are unchanged from last year.
Details are on page 11 of this circular.

New Members

Six new Members were admitted during the months of April, May and June: Richard Kohinga, Nicole Smyth, Gary Lorden, Robert Neale, Andy Kennon and Maria Arturi. We welcome these Members to the Club and wish them many happy years of walking and participating in other Club activities.

John Rankin, Membership Officer



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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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Office Bearers 2023-2024

Club Executive

President: Kim Rosen
Secretary: Neale Oxley
Treasurer: Arthur Robertson
Activities Officer: Vacant
Membership Officer: John Rankin
Immediate Past President: Trevor Rosen

General Committee: John Gates
Charlie Freedman, &
Terry Simpson

Sub-Committee Convenors

Mt Buller Lodge: John Gates
Walter Briggs Hut: Trevor Rosen
Activities: Vacant
Membership: John Rankin
Marketing: Terry Simpson

Other Officers

Website Administrator: Charlie Freedman
Circular Editor: Charlie Freedman

Walk Coordinators

Metro Walks: David Watkins, & Doug Swinbourne	Sunday Walks: Terry Simpson (Temporary)
3rd Wed Walks: Graeme Barker	Easy Metro Walks: Gordon Proudfoot
Bike Rides: John Rankin	Peninsula Walks: Ron Anderson
	Sunday Peninsula Walks: Colleen Simpson

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Bushwalking Victoria Leader Training

Bushwalking Victoria will run a leader training day for new leaders and those aspiring to lead a bushwalk for their club, to gain confidence in leading walks. Enrolments opened on 1 July 2014. Maximum number of participants 20. Please enrol online at the link provide in their July newsletter. All new members of the club who are interested in leading walks are encouraged to attend one of these training days."

Come and Try a BTAC Activity close to Melbourne: 2-4 August 2024

Enrol online here:

docs.google.com/forms/d/1d3OjW5Uva8ZWAqolvtUZcfTuj20nLC8AuvLhsFDfTaE/closedform

Bushwalking Tracks & Conservation

Come and Try a BTAC Activity close to Melbourne: 2-4 August 2024

The BTAC August activity in Bunyip State Park welcomes new volunteers as well as seasoned volunteers to a combination of training and walking track maintenance experience. The Mortimer Nature Walk needs some loving care. Learn the techniques of track maintenance and help restore the track.

More Details:

www.parkconnect.vic.gov.au/Volunteer/public-planned-activity/?id=68911757-f82a-ef11-8ee7-00224897e5a7

2024/25 Subscriptions are due by 30 June 2024,
and are set out below with discounts available to members
who wish to take them when paying.

2024/25 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 2024).

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 A Robertson, 45 Albany Cres, Aspendale, Vic, 3195.**

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.

Arthur Robertson, Treasurer, MWC.

Mon 23 Sep Jells Park – Nortons Park – Shepards Bush – Knox City

Leader: Jenny Hosking

Phone: 0423 627 232

Wed 25 Sep The Pines – Eltham

Leader: Marsha Rankin

Phone: 0402 058 184

Sun 29 Sep Walter Briggs Hut – Mt Donna Buang – Working Bee

NB. You must contact the leader if you want to attend this activity.

Leader: Trevor Rosen

Phone: 0412 136124

Sunday 16th June – Bushrangers Bay Hike

13 people joined this lovely hike led by Jill Morison from Baldry Road to Bushrangers Bay car park on Boneo Road. It was fairly chilly as you can see from the attire. Afterwards the group went to RACV Cape Schanck for afternoon tea which was very nice.



Anne Cherny

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:



Bushwalking Victoria

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

Parks Victoria Visitor Guides

Parks Victoria used to provide Park Notes for each of their parks. These guides included excellent information on visitor facilities, walks and a good sketch map of the park.

The complete catalogue of Park Notes (over 200 of them) is now available at the Parks Victoria Visitor Guides Resource Library. They can easily be printed on a home printer. Many of the maps are also available in a georeferenced form through the Avenza app map shop for free.

Parks Victoria Visitor Guides Resource Library:

www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/visitor-guides

Avenza app map shop: www.avenza.com/avenza-maps

MT BULLER LODGE



Winter Season

June - September

Individual Bookings Only

Plan and book early to secure your preferred dates!



Come on up and stay for skiing, or a winter wonderland holiday in the club's Mt Buller Lodge.

Ski Room, Sports Room, Drying Room, Central Heating and more ...

You're welcome to invite family or friends:

- Member only Bookings open April 1st.
- Guest Bookings open May 1st.

The Lodge is located right at the village centre.

It sleeps up to 16

5 bedrooms (3 x 4 bed / 2 x 2 bed)

- each bedroom has its own en-suite bathroom.

Fully equipped kitchen and dining room, lounge, TV and table tennis rooms, deck and barbeque. A small supermarket is close by.

Winter Weekend Bookings:

Members & Dependants -

High Winter - \$119 / night

Low Winter - \$112 / night

Visitors -

High Winter - \$184 / night

Low Winter - \$177 / night

Winter Midweek Bookings:

Members & Dependants -

High Winter - \$107 / night

Low Winter - \$101 / night

Visitors -

High Winter - \$165 / night

Low Winter - \$158 / night

To book simply visit the Club Website, click on Mount Buller and open the Mount Buller Booking page

An Unmissable MWC Member Privilege

AUGUST WALKS

Sun 4 Aug Brisbane Ranges – The Three Creeks Walk

You must contact the leader if you want to attend this activity.

Leader: Kim Rosen Phone: 0422 804 816

Rendezvous: 9.30 am at The Bert Boardman Recreation Reserve on the left before Steiglitz about 500 metres before the Old Courthouse. We will have a quick morning tea there. Toilets and Picnic tables are available. After morning tea we will drive to the start of the walk at The Crossing Picnic Ground, Brisbane Ranges National Park (Melway Day Tour Map X911).

Grading: Medium Distance: 14km.

Transport: Private car. From Melbourne the fastest route is via the West Gate Bridge and Geelong Road before turning off at the Avalon Airport exit then over the bridge toward Anakie and on towards Steiglitz.

Walk Details: This is a circuit walk which starts and ends at The Crossing Picnic Ground. It is an attractive walk which explores the three main creeks that drain the box and ironbark covered hills immediately north of Steiglitz. Most of the walk follows the final leg of the 3-day Burchell Trail. There are many points of interest along the way, including Fridays and the Old Mill Camping Grounds, Grahams Creek Picnic Area and the Century Mine.

Afternoon Tea: To be decided.

Mon 5 Aug Baldry's Crossing – Greens Bush

Leader: Jim Smith Phone: 0437 077 532

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9:45am Baldry's Crossing, Melway 254 G6.

Maps: Melway 254 & 253 Grading: Medium Distance: 12km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: This is a pleasant bush walk though Nepean Park towards Long Point, with good tracks. It is undulating terrain with some medium steep sections. Along the way we walk through one of if not the largest areas of Grass Trees [Xanthorrhoea] in Victoria; they only grow approximately 1 cm each year. We return by part of the same track, and stay on bush tracks for all of the walk. There is a toilet and seating at the lunch stop camp ground. Morning tea is at Baldry's crossing.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Mon 2 Sep Port Nepean Park Portsea

Leader: Doug Connell Phone: 0419 527 653

Wed 4 Sep Hurstbridge Circuit

Leader: Stephen Pfundt Phone: 0434 199 736

Rendezvous: 9.40am at Hurstbridge Station.

Maps: Melway 185, 263 & 264 Grading: Medium Distance: 12 km.

Transport: 8.25am Hurstbridge train ex Flinders Street, arriving Hurstbridge at 9.40am. Aiming for return train from Hurstbridge at 2.00pm. Next is 2.40pm. As always, check PTV timetables for any possible changes.

Morning Tea: In Fergussons Paddock, near Hurstbridge station. Shelter & toilets available.

Walk Details: Pleasant walk, mainly sparsely populated countryside, sealed and unsealed roads, and grassy reserves. Lunch at Panton Hill Firefighters Memorial Park, Melway 264 A9.

Note: Some steep hills; hiking pole may be useful. No escapes.

Sun 8 Sep Murrindindi River Walk – Cascades

NB. You must contact the leader if you want to attend this activity.

Leader: Kim Rosen Phone: 0422 804 816

Wed 11 Sep President's Walk Ballarat – Eureka Centre – Ballarat

Leader: Kim Rosen Phone: 0422 804 816

Sun 15 Sep Merricks to Red Hill

NB. You must contact the leader if you want to attend this activity.

Leader: Eileen O'Callaghan Phone: 0402 209 840

Mon 16 Sep Craigieburn Circuit

Leader: Alan Mannzoori Phone: 0417 546 604

Wed 18 Sep Melbourne Botanical Gardens

Leader: Les Littlejohn Phone: 0409 400 302

scape of the Great Dividing Range and punches above its weight in the foodie stakes. Today the median property price for a house is currently \$1,152,500 with an annual capital growth of 9.76 %. It has a permanent population of 1,800 and 84% of the houses are owner-occupied. It is within commuting distance of Melbourne.

Mon 26 Aug Easy Metro: Williamstown – Seaholme

Leader: Terry Keating Phone: 0418 149 032

Rendezvous: Williamstown station at 9:46 am (toilets).

Maps: Melway 56, 55 & 54 Grading: Easy Distance: 10 km.

Transport: 9.20 am Williamstown train ex Flinders St station, arriving at Williamstown 9:46 am.

Morning Tea: BBQ area adjacent Williamstown Cricket Ground (Melway 56 D11); seating, toilets, no shelter.

Walk Details: We follow the track along the Bay via Williamstown Beach, Jawbone Marine Sanctuary, Kororoit Creek and Altona Coastal Park to Seaholme station. Several toilets along the way.

Escapes: Maddox Rd (bus #415).

Wed 28 Aug Heatherdale – Croydon

Leader: Doug Swinbourne Phone: 0438 881 176

Rendezvous: Heatherdale Station at 9:58am.

Maps: Melway 49, 63 & 64 Grading: Easy Distance: 12 km.

Transport: Belgrave train departing Flinders Street at 9:26am, arriving at Heatherdale station at 9:58am.

Morning Tea: Heatherdale Reserve (seating, little shelter, toilet may be open).

Walk Details: The walk proceeds downhill to Heatherdale Reserve for morning tea, then crosses Canterbury Rd. to connect with Dandenong Creek. Travelling eastwards, the bike path passes through attractive bushland and reaches Bayswater Park where we will have lunch (seating, shelter and toilets). We then backtrack a short distance, cross Canterbury Rd again and join the Tarralla Creek Trail which leads directly to Croydon Shopping Centre and the rail station where the walk ends.

Escapes: Lunch is a short walk from Bayswater Station.

Wed 7 Aug South Morang – Bundoora

Leader: Ingrid David Phone: 0478 858 156

Rendezvous: South Morang railway station at 10.00am.

Maps: Melway 182, 183, 9 & 10 Grading: Easy Distance: 11.4 km.

Transport: 9.02am train on Mernda line ex Flinders St, arriving at South Morang at 10.00am.

Walk Details: From McDonalds Road we go along Darebin Creek south to Childs Road then McKimmes Road. Morning tea at Sports Ground on McDonalds Road. Lunch will be either at Sycamore Reserve or Thomastown East Reserve. Then we follow the Western to Ring Road until we get to Plenty Road where we can catch a tram to the city. If the tram trip seems too long, follow the leader to Watsonia Railway Station.

Escapes: At McDonalds Road bus 901; at Maywood Road bus to Epping Station; at Childs Road bus 566 to Northland; & at McKimmes Road bus 570 to Thomastown or Bundoora.

Mon 12 Aug Bike Ride: Eltham – Hurstbridge – Eltham

Leader: John Rankin Phone: 0408 373 148

Rendezvous: 9.45 am, Youth St (near the tennis courts) on the west (outbound) side of Eltham station.

Maps: Melway 21, 22, 11, 12 & 185.

Grading: Easy Distance: 31 km.

Transport: **Option 1:** 8.43 am Hurstbridge train from Flinders St station arriving Eltham 9.42 am. **Option 2** (by car): Park in the Eltham station Car Park or on Youth Rd adjacent to the tennis courts where parking is 5 hours.

Morning Tea: Eltham North Adventure Playground (shelter and toilets); just past Edendale Farm Community Centre.

Ride Details: This is a pleasant and easy ride along the Diamond Creek Trail to Hurstbridge then returning along the same the route. Lunch will be on the return leg at Wattle Glen War Memorial Park, just past Wilson Reserve and toilets. Toilets at Eltham and Hurstbridge and along the way.

Escapes: At Wattle Glen and Diamond Creek stations.

Wed 14 Aug Hoppers Crossing Circuit

Leader: Stuart Galloway Phone: 0421 560 031

Sun 18 Aug Portsea – London Bridge and Quarantine

NB. You must contact the leader if you want to attend this activity.

Leader: Neale Oxley Phone: 0407 525 966

Rendezvous: Portsea Jetty Park, Melway 156 E2, at 9.30am for 10.00am departure. There is ample unlimited time car parking.

Grading: Easy/Medium Distance: 9.5 km.

Transport: Private Car but no shuttle.

Morning Tea: Portsea Park. Cafe and toilets are available.

Lunch: Quarantine Station. There is a caravan serving drinks and snacks on location.

Walk Details: From Portsea Park we walk the Back Beach Road footpath to the coast before following the Farnsworth track to London bridge viewing point. A walk through the Coastal Moonah Woodland and Tea Tree on Wilsons Folly track brings us to the Quarantine Station for lunch. After lunch a walk past the Army School of Nursing and the Commandants house brings us to historic Police Point Shire Park before returning to Portsea via a short walk along the footpath beside Nepean Highway. There are some long stairs and soft sandy tracks but no beach walking. Toilets at Portsea Park, Back Beach, London Bridge and Quarantine.

Afternoon Tea if desired can be had at Le Capucin Portsea Park.

Mon 19 Aug Mount Martha – Dromana

Leader: Les Littlejohn Phone: 5987 2215
0409 400 302

Rendezvous: Conifers Picnic Ground (Melway 150 H7) at 10:06am.

Transport: 7:56am Frankston train ex Flinders Street, arrives Frankston at 9:04am. Dromana #781 bus departs bay C at 9:14am, alight at Conifers picnic ground at 9:14am. Leader will be at Frankston for bus departure.

Maps: Melway 150 & 160 Grading: Easy Distance: 12km.

Morning Tea: At rendezvous. Toilets, water, and shelter available.

Walk Details: (Originally advertised as Mt Martha to Safety Beach.) From rendezvous we will ascend to the summit of Mt Martha before descending to sea level. We then head in through the Martha Cove development. The transformation from swampland to its current state is amazing. Our route will take us along the inland border and a suitable lunch spot exists

(toilets available). After lunch we will join the foreshore and proceed to Dromana. Buses 788,781 and express 887 provide transport back to Frankston.

Escapes: Bus escapes as follows: sailing club on Marine Drive before lunch, and on Dromana Parade soon after lunch.

3rd Wed 21 Aug Jacana – Broadmeadows

Leader: Ingrid David Phone: 0478 858 156

Rendezvous: Jacana Railway Station at 9.46am.

Maps: Melway 6 & 7 Grading: Easy.

Distance: 5 km before lunch, 2 km after.

Transport: Craigieburn Line Ex Flinders St at 9.16am, arriving at Jacana at 9.46.

Walk Details: Morning Tea at Jack Roper Reserve. Seating overlooking the lake, lots of bird wildlife, toilets nearby. Then to Will Will Rook Cemetery. Lunch is at Seabrook Reserve recently upgraded, it has seating, cover and new toilets. After lunch we proceed to Broadmeadows Railway Station.

Escapes: From Jack Roper Reserve 538 Bus to Jacana Station, and from Seabrook Reserve Bus 540 to Broadmeadows Station.

Sun 25 Aug Explore Historic Trentham

NB. You must contact the leader if you want to attend this activity.

Leader: Terry Simpson Phone: 0400 037 291

Rendezvous: 10:00 am at the old Trentham Railway station in Trentham. There are toilets available.

Grading: Easy Distance: 9km.

Transport: Private car. Take the Calder Freeway and turn off at C792. At Woodend take the Trentham turn off.

Walk Details: Explore the quaint Historic Trentham, followed by lunch at a Trentham Hotel.

The Trentham Historical Society will help provide commentary on this historic and beautiful town. Trentham was first settled by gold prospectors in the 1850s and later developed for its timber resources from the surrounding Wombat State Forest. The Post Office opened on 16 July 1862. Rich red volcanic soil also made the town famous for potatoes. The railway arrived in 1880. Trentham sits high atop the stunning land-