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**MELBOURNE WALKING CLUB INC.**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: THURSDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2024**  
**AT 7:30PM**

To be held at the Box Hill RSL (Upton Room, downstairs),  
26 Nelson Rd, Box Hill, at 7:30 pm (Melway 47 C8)

**AGENDA**

1. Opening.
2. Apologies.
3. Noting of deaths during the past year and one minute's silence.
4. Confirmation of Minutes of the 2023 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. We encourage other members of the Club to nominate for election. It is important that we have new members joining the Executive.

**A Nomination Form is on the inside back page of this circular.**

**Dinner in the Bistro at 6:00pm** – A booking has been made for 20 people at one table which is the maximum number of people who can be seated at the table. More people are most welcome to have dinner before the meeting in the bistro but they will need to make their own bookings. People should therefore contact **Neale Oxley** beforehand and the first 20 will be able to sit at this table (email [secretary@melbournewalkingclub.org](mailto:secretary@melbournewalkingclub.org) or phone **0407 525 966**). Refreshments will be provided after the meeting.

**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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**NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES**

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Sunday	3 Nov	Cycling: Skipton Rail Trail	Colin Crook
Monday	4 Nov	Baldry Crossing	Ian Tregear
Wednesday	6 Nov	Bayswater – The Basin	David Watkins
Tuesday	12 Nov	Lunch – Charles Dickens	Charlie Freedman
Wednesday	13 Nov	Oak Park Circuit	Alex Hordijkeno
Sunday	17 Nov	Balnarring – Somers Beach	Daryl Hergt
Monday	18 Nov	Lilydale – Coldstream	Greg Taylor
Wednesday	20 Nov	Canning Reserve	Gordon Proudfoot
Sunday	24 Nov	Gembrook – 4 Bros Rocks	Tony Rogers
Monday	25 Nov	Richmond – Glen Iris	Les Littlejohn
Wednesday	27 Nov	St Kilda – Hampton	Bruce Armstrong

**Laughter Is The Best Medicine**

When you ask me what I'm doing today and I say "Nothing", it doesn't mean I'm free. It means I'm doing nothing.

**Office Bearers 2023-2024**

Club Executive

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

General Committee: John Gates  
 Charlie Freedman  
 Terry Simpson, &  
 Julie Paris

Sub-Committee Convenors

Mt Buller Lodge: Julie Paris  
 Walter Briggs Hut: Trevor Rosen  
 Activities: Susan Cranage  
 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 East: Trevor Rosen
Easy Metro Walks: Gordon Proudfoot	Sunday Walks West: Susan & Colin Crook
3rd Wed Walks: Graeme Barker	Sunday Peninsula Walks: Colleen Simpson
Bike Rides: John Rankin	Peninsula Walks: Ron Anderson

Generic email addresses to contact appropriate Club Members:

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**2024/25 Subscriptions were 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.

**MELBOURNE WALKING CLUB INC.**

**CLUB EXECUTIVE NOMINATION FORM 2024 - 2025**

I, ..... Hereby Nominate .....

For the position of .....

(Signature of Nominator) .....

Seconded by .....

Accepted .....

(Signature) .....

**To comply with the Club Constitution, nominations for all positions must be in the hands of the Secretary, Neale Oxley, not later than Wednesday 23rd October 2024.**

Creek Trail to Ballarat East Gardens (lunch break here) then follow the Specimen Vale Trail, return to Ballarat Rail Station via walking path on Scott Pde.

Morning Tea: Approx 11 am at the Eureka Centre (Eureka Street); facilities, Café, shelter, outdoor tables and toilets. NOTE: Highlight ... we have time and it is an option (no obligation) to visit the Eureka Centre Ballarat, to view the original Eureka Flag. This December 3rd 2024 marks 170 years since the Eureka Rebellion. Cost to visit Eureka Centre: Concession \$5, Others \$7, Ballarat Residents Free.

Escapes: From the Eureka Centre you can return to the Railway Station approx. 3 km away. Return trains to Southern Cross Station depart 3.20 pm or 4.20 pm.

Afternoon Tea Options: After the walk at the Goods Sheds Café or North Star Hotel; both venues are close to the Ballarat Railway Station.

### **Mon 9 Dec Greensborough – Plenty River Loop**

Leader: John Rankin

Phone: 0408 373 148

### **Tue 10 Dec Lunch – Charles Dickens Tavern**

Members are reminded of the regular social event which occurs on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except January) at the Charles Dickens Tavern in the basement of 290 Collins Street Melbourne at 11:45 am for 12 noon. For details contact Charlie Freedman on 0415 558 249.

### **Wed 11 Dec Christmas Lunch & Walk**

Leader: Gordon Proudfoot

Phone: 9717 0909  
0405 083 074

Rendezvous: Meet at South Kensington station at 10:00am (Melway 2T G8). Lunch at Anglers Tavern Bistro at 12.30pm (Melway 28 D8). Walk South Kensington station to Anglers Tavern. The walk is about 7 km.

Transport: Werribee/Williamstown train.

Morning Tea: 10.00 am at J J Holland Park (Melway 42 J4).

Maps: Melway 42 & 28 Grading: Easy Distance: 7 km.

Walk Details: Mainly along concrete or gravel paths.

Lunch: Lunch will be held at Anglers Tavern at 12:30pm (Melway 28 D8).

Escapes: No escapes.

### **Sun 15 Dec Seawinds – OT Dam**

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

Leader: Kim Rosen

Phone: 0422 804 816

### **Mon 16 Dec Bike Ride Nunawading – Hawthorn**

Leader: John Rankin

Phone: 0408 373 148

### **Wed 18 Dec Ringwood – Mullum Mullum Ck – Ringwood East**

Leader: Doug Swinbourne

Phone: 0438 881 176

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To book the whole Lodge email your details and requested dates to

[bullerlodge@melbournewalkingclub.org](mailto:bullerlodge@melbournewalkingclub.org)

Individual Bookings:

Members \$40 per person per night / Min 2 nights

Guests \$50 per person per night

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

## An Unmissable MWC Member Privilege

**Copy for December to: Charlie Freedman - Phone: 0415 558 249**  
**email: [charlifreedman@yahoo.com](mailto:charlifreedman@yahoo.com)**  
**by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 6th November.**

### **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 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 18 Members who we cannot contact by email.

If you're not sure if your contact details are up to date, email me your details (home address, phone number) at [wjrankin@outlook.com](mailto:wjrankin@outlook.com) and I'll make any necessary changes.

Thanks

John Rankin – Membership Officer

## **NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES**

### **Sat 2 – Tue 5 Nov Cup Weekend Base Under Cover Mt Buller Lodge**

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

Leader: Jill Morison Phone: 0401 070 845

Details: Walk on Sunday 3rd- Mount Stirling summit loop, intermediate grade, 16 km. 5-6 hours. Involves a drive to Telephone box Junction for the trailhead. Various walks possible on Monday 4th. For MWC Lodge accommodation for this weekend contact Jill Morison on 0401 070 845.

### **Sun 3 Nov Cycling: Ballarat – Skipton Rail Trail (Smythesdale to Linton and return)**

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

**Note. Suitable for mountain bikes, touring bikes, hybrid bikes and e-bikes. Not really suitable for road bikes with skinny tyres.**

Leader: Colin Crook Phone: 0418 386 459

Rendezvous: 10:30am at Smythesdale Historic Precinct, 62 Glenelg Highway, Smythesdale. 142km from Melbourne.

Grading: Easy, Mainly flat rail trail with packed gravel surface in good condition.

Distance: 34km in total.

Transport: Private Car.

lets - Melway 2N J6), opposite Stop 135 after crossing The Esplanade at Pedestrian lights.

Maps: Melway 2N, 2P, 67 & 76.

Grading: Easy

Distance: Approx 10km.

Walk Details: Pleasant walk commencing at Catani Gardens St Kilda and follow the path along side the beach. Passing St Kilda Marina, Point Ormond, Elwood Beach and Middle Brighton Beach. Lunch is expected at Brighton Beach Gardens (Melway 76 C3). Continue along track and Cross Nepean Hwy at Ferdinando Gardens and walk to Hampton Station. Plenty of Cafes near the Station.

Remember to take plenty of fluids and dress appropriately if a hot day. Use plenty of Sun screen.

Transport: 9.32 am Tram # 96 from corner Bourke and Spencer Sts. Alight at stop 135 corner Jacka Bld / Fitzroy St.

Toilets: Many along the route.

## **DECEMBER PROGRAM**

### **Sun 1 Dec Open Day Walter Briggs Hut**

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

Leader: Trevor Rosen Phone: 0412 136 124

### **Mon 2 Dec Peninsula Group Christmas BBQ – Location TBA**

Leader: Ron Anderson Phone: 0448 512 525

### **Wed 4 Dec Christmas Lunch Walk – TBA**

Leader: Jim Cone Phone: 03 9560 8175

### **Sun 8 Dec Ballarat Area: Eureka Trail and Specimen Vale Circuit Walk**

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

Leader: Susan Crook Phone: 0408 517 381

Rendezvous: 10.00 am. Meet at the Ballarat Railway Station at the Bus Bay, extension of Platform one (it is undercover).

Grading: Easy

Distance: 12 km.

Transport By Car: Parking available in Lydiard Street North, near Ballarat Station.

Transport By Train: From Southern Cross Station train departs 8.14 am, arrives Ballarat Station 9.43 am. **NOTE:** This Train service will be listed as an Ararat Service on timetable at Southern Cross.

Walk Details: From Ballarat Railway Station follow Eureka Trail through Black Hill to Ballarat Eureka Centre and Eureka Stockade. Walk connects with the Warrenheip

Rendezvous: Canning Reserve at 10.00am.

Transport: 8.48am No 57 tram ex Flinders and Elizabeth Streets Melbourne, arrives at terminus at 9.53am. Leader will be on that tram or will meet walkers at terminus.

Morning Tea: 10.00 am at Canning Reserve (Melway 27 G7).

Map: Melway 27      Grading: Easy/medium Distance: 7 km.

Walk Details: Mainly along concrete or gravel paths.

Lunch: Lunch will be held at Canning Reserve (Melway 27 G7). There is shelter, tables and seating.

Escapes: No escapes (but walkers can elect to turn around at any point and return to Canning Reserve).

### **Sun 24 Nov Gembrook – Bunyip State Park – Four Brothers Rocks**

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

Leader: Tony Rogers      Phone: 0466 246 507

### **Mon 25 Nov Easy Metro: Richmond – Glen Iris**

Leader: Les Littlejohn      Phone: 5987 2215  
0409 499 302 (on the day only)

Rendezvous: 9.30am at Richmond Station near snack bar south end of concourse.

Transport: Numerous trains service Richmond station. Any train except those going to Hurstbridge or Mernda heading East out of Flinders Street will pass through Richmond.

Maps: Melway 2H, 2H & 59      Grading: Easy      Distance: 10.5km.

Morning Tea: Barkly Gardens, Melway 2H B12.

Walk Details: Street walking to morning tea, after which we walk near Citylink on a path to cross the Yarra on a shared rail bridge. Past Heyington station to Kooyong station. Lunch in parkland, toilets open on day of recce, then follow Gardiners Creek trail to Glen Iris. There is some pleasant street walking involved.

Escapes: There are many escapes at railway stations we pass en route.

### **Wed 27 Nov St Kilda – Hampton**

**NOTE: The change of location.**

Leader: Bruce Armstrong      Phone: 0416 758 204

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 10.00 am Catani Gardens (Rotunda near Toi-

Morning Tea: Nimmons Bridge, Newtown.

Ride Details: This is a follow-on from the ride in March from Wendouree to Smythesdale. Meet at Smythesdale Historic Precinct which is on the left hand side as you enter Smythesdale township from Melbourne. It is opposite the Courthouse Hotel. Tables and seats and toilet facilities are at the rear of the precinct. It is an easy ride with attractive scenery including the spectacular wooden trestle bridge, Nimmons Bridge, where we will have morning tea. Lunch is at Linton near a takeaway store where lunch and coffee can be purchased. We will return to Smythesdale and have a debrief at the Courthouse Hotel.

### **Mon 4 Nov Baldry Crossing – Gwenmarlin Rd**

Leader: Ian Tregear      Phone: 03 9548 3391

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

Maps: Melway 254 & 260      Grading: Moderate      Distance: 13 km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: From Baldry Crossing we walk along Baldry Rd. to Mornington – Flinders Rd and Meakins Rd. Then Gwenmarlin Rd. till we enter the park for lunch and then return to the start through Greens Bush. This is a pleasant country walk along tracks beside the roads, then a bush walk where we should see some wild life. No escapes.

### **Wed 6 Nov Bayswater – Dandenong Creek – The Basin**

**NB. Note the new walk location.**

Leader: David Watkins      Phone: 0414 547 190  
[david39mwc@gmail.com](mailto:david39mwc@gmail.com)

Rendezvous: 9.40am at Bayswater Station forecourt.

Morning Tea: Bayswater Park (Melway 64 G3).

Maps: Melway 64 & 65      Distance: 11km.

Grading: Easy - 2 Small Hills.

Transport: 8.56am train ex Flinders Street, arriving Bayswater 9.35am. Return from the Basin by bus # 755 to Boronia Station, trains to city at 30 min intervals.

Walk Details: From Morning Tea we pick up the Dandenong Creek heading East and follow to Liverpool Rd and Retarding Basin for lunch (7.5km), seating but no toilets or cover. From Lunch using quiet country roads we continue to Wicks Reserve and finally the Basin.

Note: There are toilets at Bayswater station, Canterbury Gardens (3.7km),

Wicks Reserve (10km) and The Basin (11.1km).

Escapes: 1. At Canterbury Gardens (3.7km) bus #690 to Croydon or Boronia,  
2. At Colchester Rd (5km) to catch #690 or #755 bus to Boronia, and  
3. At lunch 7.5km to catch #755 bus to Boronia (involves 800m walk to bus stop).

### **Tue 12 Nov Lunch – Charles Dickens Tavern**

Members are reminded of the regular social event which occurs on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except January) at the Charles Dickens Tavern in the basement of 290 Collins Street Melbourne at 11:45 am for 12 noon. For details contact Charlie Freedman on 0415 558 249.

### **Wed 13 Nov Oak Park – West Breen Ck – Moonie Ponds Ck – Oak Park**

Leader: Alex Hordijkeno                      Phone: 0497 699 507

Rendezvous: 9.45am at Oak Park railway station.

Maps: Melway 16 & 17 Grading: Easy              Distance: 10 km.

Transport: 9:16am Craigieburn train ex Flinders Street, arriving Oak Park at 9:42am.

Morning Tea: Gavin Park Reserve (Melway 17 A8). Toilets and seating with shelter nearby.

Walk Details: A pleasant walk on suburban streets and bike paths alongside Westbreen and Moonee Ponds Creeks with a short steep hill at the end. The walk starts and finishes at Oak Park railway station. Lunch will be at Boeing Reserve (Melway 16 C5) where there are toilets, seating and cover. There are a number of train and bus escapes along the way.

### **Sun 17 Nov Balnarring – Somers Beach**

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

Leader: Daryl Hergt                              Phone: 0434 140 022

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 10:00 am at Balnarring Beach Rd foreshore car park (Melway 193 D10).

Maps: Melway 193 & 194      Grading: Easy      Distance: 12 km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: This walk is a pleasant walk along the beach starting at Balnarring Beach car park reserve. The walk will proceed east along the beach past the Lord Somers camp, yacht club and on to the hundred steps beach access. Lunch will be on the beach past the settled areas. The return will be via the Coolart Wetlands & Homestead followed by a return to Balnarring

beach. Look out for possible (no promises) dolphin and rare bird sightings (e.g. the endangered hooded plover).

Time permitting afternoon tea will be at Balnarring Village.

Note: Toilets are available at the start/finish and two places along the way at Somers. However, there will not be any toilets at the lunch spot on the beach.

### **Mon 18 Nov Yarra Valley Trail (Lilydale – Yering – Coldstream)**

Leader: Greg Taylor

Phone: 0430 047 218  
[yerlingview@gmail.com](mailto:yerlingview@gmail.com)

Rendezvous: Lilydale station at 9.40am.

Maps: Melway 38 & 280.

Distance/Grading: Easy flat walk of approximately 11.5km or 6km (Coldstream escape).

Transport: 8.45am Lilydale train Ex Flinders Street, arrive Lilydale 9.37am. Those who prefer can come by car and park in Lilydale.

Walk Details: This is a new easy flat walk of approximately 11.5km following the old Lilydale to Yarra Glen railway line which is being converted to a rail trail. Section one, to MacIntyre Lane, has been completed and this is where we are walking along to Yering Station for lunch or with an early escape to Coldstream at 5.7km. After lunch we retrace our steps back to Coldstream station, then walk along Station Street to the Melba Highway to catch Bus #685 back to Lilydale.

Morning Tea: 9.50am Melba Park for morning tea (opposite Clark street) with seating, cover and public toilets. Coffee is available (Gracious Grace adjacent to Croquet club).

Lunch: At the old Yering Station platform at end of current trail, no cover, toilets or formal seating.

Note: Toilets are available at the start and finish and also at Coldstream station, adjacent to the pump (bike) track.

Return Bus: Maroondah highway in Coldstream, to the left at corner of Kilara Road is stop for bus #685 11.3km to Lilydale. Bus times; 12.28pm; 1.08pm; 1.48pm, 2.28pm; 3.12pm; Journey time to Lilydale 10 mins.

If you would like to review the walk in 2 minutes go to the following web site:-  
<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=3260394470852576>

### **Wed 20 Nov Canning Reserve – Maribyrrong**

Leader: Gordon Proudfoot

Phone: 9717 0909  
0405 083 074