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MELBOURNE WALKING CLUB INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: THURSDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2026 AT 7:30PM

**To be held at the Box Hill RSL (Upton Room, downstairs),
26 Nelson Rd, Box Hill (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 2025 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.
10. Approval of Financial Statements.
11. Presentation of 50 and 25 year badges.
12. Nomination for Life Membership.
13. Golden Boot Award.
14. Other business introduced with permission of the meeting.
15. Closing of the meeting.

All positions on the Executive will be vacant at the AGM. Although most of the current members of the Executive intend to renominate for election, 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 page 15 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 the Secretary, **Alison Anthony** no later than 13 November and the first 20 will be able to sit at this table. Refreshments will be provided after the meeting. Email secretary@melbournewalkingclub.org or phone 0422 424 718.

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

Mon	2 Nov	Bushrangers Bay – Cape Schanck	Ian Tregear
Wed	4 Nov	Hartwell – Wattle Park – Laburnum	Campbell Denovan
Sun	8 Nov	Scotchmans Ck – Mount Waverley	Sue Cranage
Mon	9 Nov	Blackburn Lake Circuit	Doug Swinbourne
Tue	10 Nov	Lunch – Charles Dickens Tavern	Charlie Freedman
Wed	11 Nov	Diamond Creek – Eltham	John Rankin
Sun	15 Nov	Shoreham – Flinders Jetty	Luke Renehan
Wed	18 Nov	Drouin Circuit	Alex Hordijkeno
Fri-Sun	20-22 Nov	Mt Buller Lodge Working Bee	Julie Paris
Sat-Mon	21-23 Nov	Mt Buffalo Base under Cover	Richard Simpson
Mon	23 Nov	Gresswell Forest Loop	Souravi Ghosh
Wed	25 Nov	Watergardens – Keilor Village	Peter Barbetti
Sun	29 Nov	Murrindindi River Walk	John Gates
Mon	30 Nov	Bike Ride – Alphington Loop	John Rankin

Office Bearers 2025-2026

Club Executive

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

Sub-Committee Convenors

Mt Buller Lodge: Julie Paris
 Walter Briggs Hut: Trevor Rosen
 Activities: Susan Cranage

Activities Coordinators

Monday Peninsula Walks: Ron Anderson
 Easy Metro Walks: Alan Manzoori
 Sunday Walks – East: Trevor Rosen
 Sunday Metro Walks: Cynthia Lui
 Bike Rides: John Rankin

Generic email addresses to contact appropriate Club Members:

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General Committee

Charlie Freedman
 Julie Paris &
 Dean Howe

Other Officers

Website Administrator: Charlie Freedman
 Circular Editor: Charlie Freedman

Non-Executive Officer

MWC Fundraising: Nicole Smyth

Monday Metro Walks: Graeme Barker
 Mid-week Walks: Doug Swinburne
 Sunday Walks – West: Susan & Colin Crook
 Sunday Peninsula Walks: Colleen Simpson

Sealers Cove Boardwalk reopens at Wilsons Prom

Visitors can once again walk from Tidal River to Sealers Cove after the reopening of the Sealers Cove Boardwalk at Wilsons Promontory National Park. The 1.8-kilometre boardwalk restores access to one of Victoria's most popular hiking destinations, just in time for the spring school holidays.

The boardwalk was badly damaged in multiple storms in 2021 leaving it unsafe for walkers.

The boardwalk is an important link between Tidal River and Sealers Cove. Without it, visitors must complete a 26-kilometre one-way hike to reach the iconic beach.

Mount Buffalo Chalet Opening Soon

Victoria's Mount Buffalo Chalet, affectionately known as the "grand old dame", is about to get a new lease on life. Belgravia Outdoor Education (BOE) and Parks Victoria are reopening the weatherboard building after a 20-year hiatus. Once a premier destination for Victoria, the chalet is hoped to become a world destination. It will be available during school holidays and weekends for anyone longing for nostalgia or a different kind of encounter.

MELBOURNE WALKING CLUB INC.

CLUB EXECUTIVE NOMINATION FORM 2026 - 2027

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, Alison Anthony, not later than Wednesday 28th October 2026.

For further information and queries, please contact:

- Robert Ivory (043 4532 901), riv53758@bigpond.net.au.
- Eileen O'Callaghan, (040 2209 840), eocallaghan2000@gmail.com.

Please Note: You must contact Leaders if you want to attend this activity. Places are limited to 12 participants. All walkers must have good fitness as there are a lot of steps.



Keon Park to Watsonia Walk, September 20th

Bushwalking News Victoria (BNV)

The Melbourne Walking Club is affiliated with Bushwalking Victoria which publishes "Bushwalking News" monthly. The Current and past issues can be read on the Bushwalking Victoria website:

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



Bushwalking Victoria





MT BULLER LODGE

SPECIAL SUMMER OFFER:

Special Offer: Whole Lodge for just \$470 per night (min 2 nights) OR

Individual Bookings:

Members \$47 per person per night / Min 2 nights

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WE OFFER:

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- 5 en-suite bedrooms
- Fully equipped kitchen, lounge
- Deck, and BBQ for fun-filled days
- Lounge, TV & table tennis rooms
- Bike storage Room





IDEAS

TO BOOK:

- To book simply visit the Club Website,
- Click on Mount Buller and
- Open the Mount Buller Booking page

To book the whole Lodge email:

bullerlodge@melbournewalkingclub.org

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IDEAS

- Mountain Biking
- Hiking Trails
- Picnics in the Alpine Wilderness
- Visit Craigs Hut
- Wildlife Spotting
- Fishing
- Rock Climbing
- Stargazing
- Explore the nearby wineries
- Splash in Sparkling Rivers

MT BULLER LODGE SUMMER-READY WORKING BEE:
FRIDAY 20TH TO SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

The Mt Buller Lodge subcommittee is holding our annual summer-ready working bee in November. It is always a fun weekend with get-togethers at a pub meal on the Friday night and a barbecue on the Saturday. This year we will be installing a new barbecue as well as carrying out the usual tidying of the grounds, minor repairs and indoor cleaning. Members with a chain saw or a leaf blower are most welcome.

Free parking is available directly outside the lodge, accommodation is free and the working bee counts as an approved activity for walkers wanting to join Melbourne Walking Club. Volunteers please text or phone Julie Paris (0407 349 699) or Dean Howe (0422 494 333).

We welcome children under 18 years of age, provided they are accompanied by a parent or guardian who has agreed to supervise and accept responsibility for that child, and the arrangement has been agreed to by the leader prior to the day of the activity. Please note that any children under the age of 5 are not covered by the Club's insurance. Dogs or other pets are not permitted on walks or other activities.

Copy for December to: Charlie Freedman – Phone: 0415 558 249
email: charlifreedman@yahoo.com
by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 4th November.

Laughter Is The Best Medicine

If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would have put them on my knees.

New Members

Seven new Members were admitted during the months of July, August and September: Ana Evans, Jeremy Shepard, Jan Berry, Jasmine Smyth, Sew Yong Heng, Michael Bertie and James Kerford. 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

Yallock-Bulluk Coastal Trail

Parks Victoria has announced that access has now been restored to all three lookouts along the Yallock-Bulluk Coastal Trail. Visitor access has been restored at Punchbowl, with the lookout, walking paths and improved visitor facilities open for the community to enjoy. For information, visit:

<https://parks victoria.cmail20.com/t/r-e-tuddiyl-ohrirtuhir-h>

Wed 9 Dec Belgrave – Ferntree Gully

Leader: Richard Bowen

Phone: 0406 500 061

Wed 16 Dec Williamstown – Spotswood Hotel

Leader: Graeme Barker

Phone: 0437 006 938

Base Undercover Activity – Hiking Adventure
Blue Mountains Katoomba and Leura
Monday 5th – Friday 9th April 2027

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

An opportunity to explore the stunning Blue Mountains in autumn. This walk follows the newly opened Grand Clifftop Trails for two days and the Grand Canyon and Cliff route near Blackheath.

Enjoy spectacular World Heritage lookouts, panoramic clifftops, and several optional excursions.

The 3 single day hikes include iconic views like the Three Sisters, stunning Wentworth waterfalls, deep canyons, Pool of Siloam and Aboriginal cultural sites.

Leader: Robert Ivory

Co-leader: Eileen O'Callaghan

Rendezvous: Monday, 5th April 2027 at 6.00pm for a group dinner at the Alexandra Hotel.

Transport: Private car (10 hours from Melbourne) or public transport (fly to Sydney and 1 hour train to Leura). All walks are accessible by public transport using trains and buses from Katoomba, Leura and Blackheath.

Accommodation: Our base will be in the township of Leura. The Leisure Inn Spires apartments are recommended as a group booking or participants can book their own accommodation for a 4-night stay from Monday, 5th – Friday 9th April.

Day One: Tuesday 6th April: Wentworth Falls village – Gordon Falls picnic ground.

Distance: 13 km. Grading: Moderate – High. Approx. 5 - 6 hours. Vertical climb 450m.

Day Two: Wednesday 7th April: Gordon Falls picnic ground – Scenic World. Optional visit to Scenic World: cable car, gondola and funicular train to view the Blue Mountains. Cost is approx. \$60.

Distance: 12 km. Grading: Moderate. Vertical climb 250m.

Day Three: Thursday 8th April: Blackheath. Grand Canyon and cliff walk: from Evans Lookout to Govetts Leap lookout.

Distance: 14km. Grading: High. Vertical climb 550m.

Ride Details: This is a pleasant ride along made paths with some easy street riding. There are a few inclines. We follow the Darebin Creek trail north to La Trobe Uni, skirt around the university and head south through Ernest Jones Reserve and Macleod station to join the Main Yarra Trail and the Darebin Creek Trail back to Alphington Station. Lunch will be in Macleod Village Green adjacent to Macleod station; toilet and shelter.

Escapes: At Macleod station (14 km) and Heidelberg station (20 km).

DECEMBER PROGRAM

Wed 2 Dec Lilydale – Lilydale

Leader: Richard Bowen

Phone: 0406 500 061

Sun 6 Dec Walter Briggs Hut Open Day

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

Leader: Trevon Rosen

Phone: 0412 136 124

Mon 7 Dec Xmas Breakup Walk, Mornington

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

Leader: Ron Anderson

Phone: 0448 512 525

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 10:00am at Melway 104 E11. To find our meeting place, when driving north-west along Main St from the Nepean Hwy there is a clock tower at the roundabout at the Barkley St intersection. Turn left here into Barkley St and then turn right behind the shops into a parking area.

Map: Melway 104

Grading: Easy

Distance: 4km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: As a rule we make this a BBQ event, but this year we are going to try the Grand Hotel in Mornington after we complete a circuit walk of the town. We will be using some little-known tracks including the old rail line.

Tue 8 Dec Lunch – Charles Dickens Tavern

NB. Please let the leader know if you are going to attend this activity.

Leader: Charlie Freedman

Phone: 0415 558 249

Our regular monthly social lunch occurs on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except January) at the Charles Dickens Tavern in the basement of 290 Collins Street Melbourne at 12 noon. All members and visitors welcome.

Base Under Cover Trip April 2027: Goldfields Track from Castlemaine

Fri 23 – Mon 26 April 2027 Base Undercover Castlemaine

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



Spring Gully mine Fryerstown

Three sections of the Goldfields track between Vaughan Springs, Castlemaine, Specimen Gully Rd and over or around Mt Alexander to the Coliban Channel will be completed from the base at Castlemaine over the three days. This saves driving long distances to complete the Goldfields Track as day walks.

Leader: Kim Rosen

Phone: 0422 804 816

Rendezvous: Big 4 Castlemaine Gardens Holiday Park, Friday 23 April after 2pm.

Distance: Usually 12 – 14 km

Grading: Medium.

Max. No.: 16.

Transport: Private car. Because car shuttles are needed each day, one car is needed per two people.

Accommodation: 3 modern, spacious Villas, each with three bedrooms and two bathrooms have been reserved for the three nights. We will walk on the Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The Villas are very suitable for 3 singles, two couples or a couple and two singles. Catering will be a combination of eating out e.g. The Railway Hotel and self-catering, perhaps with a shared BBQ. Other cabins with one bedroom can also be booked directly with the Big 4, but they may not be as comfortable as the reserved Villas. For further information ring Kim on the above number or email

kimtrojen@yahoo.com

Bookings Now Open: An initial deposit of \$100 per head is required for a place in a Villa. The Villas cost \$462/night (split between 4 people, that is \$115.50 per person, per night). Non-walking partners of members are welcome. Contact Kim initially to make a booking.

Numbers are strictly limited so book in early.

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

Mon 2 Nov Bushrangers Bay – Cape Schanck

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

Leader: Ian Tregear Phone: 0478 624 763

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9:45am, Bushrangers Bay car park, Boneo Rd, Flinders (Melway 259 K8).

Maps: Melway 259 & 257 (inset) Grading: Moderate Distance: 10km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: From Bushrangers Bay car park it is a bush walk to Bushrangers Bay, then an undulating coastal walk to Cape Schanck for lunch. We return by the same route. Spectacular coastal scenery and wildlife with a variation of pleasant bush walking.

Wed 4 Nov Hartwell – Wattle Park – Laburnum

Leader: Campbell Denovan Phone: 0439 850 151

Rendezvous: Hartwell Railway Station at 9.30 am.

Maps: Melway 60, 61 & 47 Grading: Easy Distance: 9.8 km.

Transport: 8.59 am Blackburn Train ex Flinders St Station to alight at Camberwell at 9.14, then the 9.21 Alamein Train. Arrive at Hartwell Station 9.27 am.

Morning Tea: Hartwell Station.

Walk Details: A pleasant walk through parks to Wattle Park. Then pick up the Gardiners Creek Trail to arrive at Laburnum Station. Very little street walking, many escapes along the way.

Sun 8 Nov Scotchmans Creek Trail – Chadstone – Mount Waverley

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

Leader: Sue Cranage Phone: 0414 669 948

Rendezvous: 9.15am in park near corner of Drummond St & Cole Cr. Chadstone (Melway 69 G5).

Maps: Melway 69 & 70 Distance: 8 km.

Grading: Easy walking on well-defined paths.

Transport: Via private car.

Morning Tea: At Stanleys Café on Stanley Avenue.

Sun 29 Nov Murrindindi River Walk – “Skiers’ Walk”

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

This walk is intended to be an opportunity for members who mainly use the Mt Buller Lodge in winter to meet other members of the club. Visitors and friends are welcome.

Leader: John Gates Phone: 0428 761 644

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9.30am at the Murrindindi Scenic Reserve, Suspension Bridge carpark. There are toilets and picnic tables here.

Maps: Melway X910 R10. Google Maps: Murrindindi Scenic Reserve.

Grading: Easy Distance: 12km approx.

Transport: Private car. Take the Maroondah Hwy to Lilydale and then via Melba Highway north through Dixon’s Creek, then Glenburn. Just before Devlins Bridge turn right onto Murrindindi Road. Follow east for 5.5km and turn right for a further 2.2km to the information board and carpark on the left near the Murrindindi Camping area. Drive through the carpark to the picnic area next to the Murrindindi Suspension Bridge Carpark.

Walk Details: A car shuttle will be used to commence the walk further south at the Murrindindi Cascades car park. Some cars will be left at the Suspension Bridge carpark where the walk will finish. The river walk follows the Murrindindi River between the Cascades and the Suspension bridge and crosses the river 5 times. There are several picnic areas along the route which are suitable for a lunch stop. This is a pretty walk through tall trees and ferns with waterfalls at the Cascades.

Afternoon Tea: At a café in Yarra Glen.

Mon 30 Nov Bike Ride – Alphington Loop

NB. Please notify the Leader if you intend to come on this ride. The ride is suitable for all types of bikes, including ebikes, and all levels of expertise.

Leader: John Rankin Phone: 0408 373 148

Rendezvous: 9.55 am, Alphington station, outbound (north) side.

Morning Tea: Darebin Parklands (Melway 31 D9); seating and toilets.

Maps: Melway 31, 19, 20 & 32 Grading: Medium Distance: 28 km.

Transport: Two options – car or train.

By train: 9.25 am Hurstbridge train ex Flinders St station, arriving Alphington 9.53 am. Exit to north side.

By car: Park in car park at Alphington station or in nearby Toolangi or Naroon Roads and ride to the rendezvous.

Mon 23 Nov Gresswell Forest Loop

Leader: Souravi Ghosh

Phone: 0438 139 487

Rendezvous: 10.00 am at Watsonia Station, in front of the ticket window.

Map: Melway 20 D4 Grading: Easy Distance: Approx. 7 km.

Transport: 9.06am train Ex Flinders St (Platform 1) to Hurstbridge arriving at Watsonia Station at 9.50am. Bus route 566 Northland Shopping Centre to Greensborough also has a stop at Watsonia station in front of the BP petrol station.

Morning Tea: At the entrance of Gresswell Forest, Greenwood Drive. Undercover Seating and toilets available.

Walk Details: Walk from Watsonia station towards Gresswell Forest and stop at the entrance to the forest area for morning tea. After tea we enter into the forest area and explore Gresswell forest and surrounding areas. The trail is largely easy-going, has a few inclines and a mix of natural earth and gravel tracks. The reserve is a dedicated nature conservation area and it serves as a safe haven for many kangaroo families. If lucky, we may spot a few. There is a variety of birdlife in the reserve.

At the end of the walking trail, we return to the entrance of the forest and stop for lunch. After lunch we walk back to Watsonia station.

Wed 25 Nov Watergardens – Brimbank Park – Keilor Village

Leader: Peter Barbetti

Phone: 0413 413 551

Rendezvous: Watergardens Railway Station Ground Level, Shopping Centre side, at 9.15am.

Maps: Melway 13 & 14 Grading: Medium Distance: 11.5km.

Transport: 8.36am Watergardens/Sunbury train from Town Hall arriving Watergardens 9.14am. Return: 476 Bus either to Watergardens or Moonee Ponds train stations.

Morning Tea: Playground by Taylors Creek (Melway M13 J2). Cover & toilets.

Lunch: Playground by Green Gully Rd (Melway M14 E8). Cover & toilets.

Walk Details: Follow Taylor's Creek to Brimbank Park. After crossing a couple of fords at the Maribyrnong River (if suitable) there's a short climb to Keilor Village.

Escapes: Early escape at Parmelia Drive before morning tea. 476 bus to station.

Walk Details: Walk to start at 9.30am from the small park on Drummond Street. This walk is along the Scotchmans Creek Trail walking through the bushland surrounding the creek and the water skink lounges, then passing the Oakleigh Golf Course and the Oakleigh Recreation Centre to the historic Brickmakers Park for a look at some art and brickmaking installations. The walk continues through to the Scotchmans Run Reserve Lookout and Park and then to the Huntingdale Wetlands with its lake and birdlife. The walk will have a short break for morning tea at Stanleys Café. After morning tea, the walk will take the trail on the other side of the lake back to the car park in Drummond Street by approx. 12.30pm.

Toilets: There are no toilets at the rendezvous location. There are toilets located at Brickmakers Park and at the morning tea location.

Mon 9 Nov Easy Metro: Blackburn Lake Circuit

Leader: Doug Swinbourne

Phone: 0438 881 176

Rendezvous: 9:50am at Blackburn Station, north side Platform 3 (toilets on the island platform).

Maps: Melway 47 & 48

Grading: Easy

Distance: 4km morning, 2.5km afternoon.

Transport: 9:26am Belgrave train from Flinders Street Station – 9:29am at Richmond, arrives at Blackburn platform 3 at 9:50am.

Walk Details: We take the tunnel under the station to the southern side of the tracks then the paved path under Blackburn Road, past two sports fields and into Central Road to reach Blackburn Lake Sanctuary, which was created in 1889. Morning tea is at the Visitor's Centre (seating, toilets). The walk then follows a network of tracks in the sanctuary around the lake, which was popular as a subject with the 19th century painters Roberts and McCubbin. We return to the Visitor's Centre for lunch, and then to the station, taking a detour through Blackburn's most prestigious streets – part of the 1882 "Blackburn Model Town" development.

Escapes: After lunch #736 bus closest to Blackburn Station (1:16pm, 2:02pm, 2:33pm) or Glen Waverley Station.

Tue 10 Nov Lunch – Charles Dickens Tavern

NB. Please let the leader know if you are going to attend this activity.

Leader: Charlie Freedman

Phone: 0415 558 249

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Wed 11 Nov Diamond Creek – Eltham

Leader: John Rankin

Phone: 0408 373 148

Rendezvous: 9.35 am at Diamond Creek station.

Morning Tea: Diamond Creek Reserve picnic area (Melway 12 A6); toilet and shelter.

Maps: Melway 12, 22 & 21 Grading: Moderate Distance: 11 km.

Transport: Hurstbridge train departing Flinders Street 8.25 am, arriving Diamond Creek 9.31 am.

Walk Details: Note, there are several long inclines, a couple of steep inclines and one steep decline on this walk. It is an interesting walk with good views along the Aqueduct Trail. From the station we follow the Diamond Creek Trail south to join the Aqueduct Trail which we follow to Research Trail then rejoin the Diamond Creek Trail to Eltham station. Lunch will be in Research Park (Melway 22 F2); toilets, no shelter.

Escapes: Escape after lunch at about 7.5 km to Main Road; #578/579 bus to Eltham station.

Sun 15 Nov Shoreham – Flinders Jetty

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

Please contact the leader for information regarding this walk.

Leader: Luke Renahan

Phone: 0418 394 519

Wed 18 Nov Drouin Circuit

Leader: Alex Hordijkeno

Phone: 0497 699 507

Rendezvous: 10.36am at Drouin Railway Station.

Grading: Easy

Distance: 9 km.

Transport: 9.00am Traralgon V/Line train ex Southern Cross Station stopping Flinders Street 9.07am, Richmond 9.11am, Caulfield 9.20am, Dandenong 9.49am and arriving at Drouin 10.36am. Return trains from Drouin 1.17pm, 1.57pm, 2.37pm. Those who prefer can drive to Drouin and park in the township.

Morning Tea: On train prior to arrival in Drouin.

Walk Details: A pleasant walk around the outskirts of Drouin township. Drouin is renowned for its beautiful eucalypts, elms and other exotic trees and we will see fine examples on the day. The walk is on good paths and roadways with two moderate uphill sections. Toilets at Drouin station and at lunch time.

Escapes: Only escapes are towards the end of the walk.

Fri-Sun 20-22 Nov Mount Buller Lodge – Working Bee

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

Leader: Julie Paris

Phone: 0473 349 699

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Sat-Mon 21-23 Nov Mt Buffalo Base under Cover – Camp

NB. Limited places still available - please contact the leader if you want to attend.

Leader: Richard Simpson

Phone: 0419 528 130

Rendezvous: Lake Catani Campground – please arrive between 12noon and 1.30pm.

Transport: Some car pooling is recommended and once group finalised we can share details to arrange as suits individuals.

Maps: Google Maps, and download Mt Buffalo and Lake Catani Campground pdf maps (via Parks Victoria website).

Details: As per past Base Under Cover Camps each person is to be responsible for all needs including tent, sleeping gear, headlamp or torch, all food and cooking equipment, walking equipment suitable for all weather possibilities. The camp has hot showers, flush toilets (byo toilet roll just in case?), washing up areas, campfire circles (maybe bring some cut wood).

Recommend each person bring a comfortable camp chair (and even small table) for evenings and a good supply of personal drinking water as recommended on Parks VIC website. Drinks and nibbles welcome on each evening.

Activities: We will explore Mt Buffalo walks and side trips. Short half day walk Saturday afternoon, extended day walk on Sunday, and short half day drive & walk Monday morning after packing up camp. Leave mountain around 12noon on Monday for lunch in Myrtleford before driving home.