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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)

NOTE: All positions on the Executive Committee will be vacated at the AGM.

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.

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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DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

Wed	2 Dec	Lilydale Circuit	Richard Bowen
Sun	6 Dec	Walter Briggs Hut Open Day	Trevon Rosen
Mon	7 Dec	Xmas Breakup Walk, Mornington	Ron Anderson
Tue	8 Dec	Lunch – Charles Dickens Tavern	Charlie Freedman
Wed	9 Dec	Belgrave – Ferntree Gully	Richard Bowen
Wed	16 Dec	Xmas Lunch: Spotswood Hotel	Graeme Barker

Laughter Is The Best Medicine

Wrinkles: something other people have ... similar to my character lines.

Copy for January to: Charlie Freedman – Phone: 0415 558 249
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by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 2nd December.

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

General Committee
Charlie Freedman
Julie Paris &
Dean Howe

Sub-Committee Convenors
Mt Buller Lodge: Julie Paris
Walter Briggs Hut: Trevor Rosen
Activities: Susan Cranage

Other Officers
Website Administrator: Charlie Freedman
Circular Editor: Charlie Freedman

Non-Executive Officer
MWC Fundraising: Nicole Smyth

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

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Sat-Wed 16-20 Jan Cradle Mountain, Tasmania

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

Leader: Cynthia Lui Phone: 0415 038 776

Wed 20 Jan Cranbourne Gardens – Cranbourne Gardens

Leader: David Blackwell Phone: 0407 877 028

Sun 24 Jan Mt Boobyalla & Walter Briggs Hut

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

Leader: Kim Rosen Phone: 0422 804 816

Wed 27 Jan Glen Waverley – Glen Iris

Leader: Richard Bowen Phone: 0406 500 061

Fri 23 – Mon 26 April 2027 Base Undercover Castlemaine

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

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 **kimtjrosen@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. Two of the luxury Villas are already booked out.
Contact Kim ASAP to reserve your place.

Wed 16 Dec Christmas Lunch Walk: Williamstown – Spotswood

Leader: Graeme Barker Phone: 9874 6938
0437 006 938

Rendezvous: 9.40 am at north side of Williamstown Railway Station.

Maps: Melway 56, 55 & 41 Grading: Easy Distance: 7km.

Transport: 9.08 am Williamstown train ex Flinders Street, 9.12 am Southern Cross, arriving Williamstown at 9.35 am. Return trains from Spotswood to the city at 10 minute intervals.

Morning Tea: 10.00 am at Port Gellibrand Park (Melway 56 E11). Toilets available.

Walk Details: An interesting historic walk at a leisurely pace, past many old houses in the streets of Williamstown and allowing a visit to the Williamstown Botanic Gardens. Then along pathways beside The Strand where fine views of the local harbour and the city can be seen. Lunch is at the Spottiswoode Hotel, 62 Hudsons Road, Cnr of Hall Street, Spotswood at 12.30 pm (Melway 41 K12).

Previously the hotel had Seniors lunches, but these have been discontinued, and have in their stead a normal menu selection, with prices for 2 courses around $40.00. However, the hotel has a regular specials board which lists a number of meals at lower prices. There is ample car parking opposite the hotel off Hudsons Road.

JANUARY PROGRAM

Wed 6 Jan Kensington South – Maribyrnong

Leader: Doug Swinbourne Phone: 0438 881 176

Sun 10 Jan Beaumaris Cliffs

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

Leader: Simon Shepard Phone: 0466 087 772

Mon 11 Jan Valley Reserve, Mount Waverley

Leader: Lyn Cone Phone: 0498 972 945

Wed 13 Jan Hurstbridge – Hurstbridge

Leader: Stephen Pfundt Phone: 0434 199 736

Sun 17 Jan Yarra River Walk & O'Shannesy Aqueduct

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

Leader: Terry Simpson Phone: 0400 037 291

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

Wed 2 Dec Lilydale Circuit

Leader: Richard Bowen Phone: 0406 500 061

Rendezvous: Lilydale Railway Station at 9.37am.

Morning Tea: Grandstand by oval in Melba Park (Melway 38 E4).

Map: Melway 38 Grading: Easy (one hill) Distance: Approx. 10km.

Transport: Lilydale train leaves Flinders Street Station at 8.45am, arriving Lilydale at 9.37am.

Walk Details: Follow the rail trail, and leave to walk to Lilydale Lake for lunch. After lunch, walk around the lake and back to Lilydale station.

Escape: At lunch time (where there are toilets).

Note: Return trains at 1.39pm and every half hour.

Sun 6 Dec Open Day – Walter Briggs Hut, Mt Donna Buang And lunch at the Alpine Hotel, Warburton

NB. You must contact the leader if you intend coming to the hut and then joining us for lunch at the Alpine Hotel in Warburton.

Leader: Trevon Rosen Phone: 0412 136 124

Rendezvous: 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. From the bakery we will drive up the mountain, a 30 minute drive and park near the hut.

Details: This is an opportunity for members and their friends to visit the hut and its beautiful forest surroundings. If you haven't visited the hut before this is the time to do it. Listen to the lyrebirds, cross the mountain stream and learn about the history of the hut and the work of the Walter Briggs Hut Subcommittee. Morning tea will be provided by the Subcommittee at the hut with a Xmas theme. There will be an optional short walk from the hut through the surrounding rain forest area before lunch.

After you have explored the hut and its surrounds we will drive back down to Warburton to have an end of year lunch together at the beautifully restored and heritage listed Alpine Hotel. At this stage a booking has been made for 20 people at 1.00pm. Follow this link to the menu: **https://alpineretreat.com.au/menu**

NOTE: We need to know numbers attending lunch by December 1st. Come and join us!

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.

Wed 9 Dec Belgrave – Ferntree Gully

Leader: Richard Bowen Phone: 0406 500 061

Rendezvous: Belgrave railway station at 9.56am.

Morning Tea: Apex Park, Belgrave (Melway 75 F10).

Maps: Melway 74 & 75 Grading: Easy Distance: Approx: 11 km.

Transport: Belgrave train from Flinders Street Station @ 8.56 am, arriving at Belgrave 9.56 am.

Walk Details: After morning tea, follow the walking track near the railway to Upper Ferntree Gully. After lunch in Kings Park Upper Ferntree Gully, follow the rail track to Upper Ferntree Gully station. Trains to the city at 2.28 and at 30 min. intervals.

Escapes: Tecoma station, Upwey station and Upper Ferntree Gully.