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Copy for August to: Charlie Freedman - Phone: 0415 558 249
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 by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 5th July.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

We would greatly appreciate it if your 2023/2024 subs are paid by the 30 June 2023 (see inside back page of circular for details).

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

Laughter Is The Best Medicine

Tomorrow: One of the greatest labour saving devices of today.

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 July 11th**.

If you wish to attend, please contact Charlie Freedman:
Phone: **0415 558 249** or email: charliefreedman@yahoo.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.

New Members

Six new Members were admitted during the months of March, April and May: Troy Paterson, Scott Levingston, Ian Taylor, Nathan James, Eve Armytage and Anthony Lenaghan. 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

Office Bearers 2022-2023

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Activities: Jenny Hosking

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Doug Swinbourne
3rd Wed Walks: Graeme Barker
Bike Rides: John Rankin

Sunday Walks: Kim Rosen
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Peninsula Walks: Ron Anderson
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The *Walkers' Rag* was a single copy typed magazine illustrated with little sketches. It was humourous, gently satirical and sometimes ironic. Each issue had a profile of a 'Famous Walker'. The magazine made its appearance at irregular intervals commencing in 1930, with the editor's identity unknown to most Club members. This was not disclosed until after his death that Trevor Davey was responsible. The final issue, prepared by his friends fittingly featured Trevor as a 'Famous Walker'.

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>

**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.

Rendezvous: 9.30 am at the corner of Spencer and Collins Streets under the large clock.

Maps: Melway 2F, 2E, 2K & 2J Grading: Easy Distance: 10 km

Transport: Arrive at Southern Cross Station by 9.15 am and take escalators to ground level and meet at large clock (cnr Collins/Spencer Sts) for 9.30am start.

Morning Tea: Depending on weather: Melway 2E F8, or if wet Melway 2F A9 (Jeff's Shed).

Walk Details: A pleasant walk along Southbank Promenade to St Kilda Rd. Then to Albert Rd. Lunch at Albert Park Lake, Melway 2K D7. We then weave our way to Beach St to Port Melbourne 109 Tram.

Wed 30 Aug Jacana – Flemington Bridge

Leader: Gordon Proudfoot

Phone: 9717 0909

Stalwart Walkers of Our Earlier Days

Following is another extract from a document titled ***Stalwart Walkers of Our Earlier Days*** published by the Melbourne Walking Club.

Trevor Davey

Trevor joined the Club in 1923 and until his tragic death whilst on active service in 1943 became one of the Club's most popular and active members. A Club trip without Trevor was an unusual occurrence, but he wrote little of his experiences. What is known is that he led the Christmas trip with pack-horses to the Cobberas and Pilot in 1938. He was a member of the pioneering party who walked from Buffalo to Mt Selwyn, Barry Mountains, Speculation and Howitt in 1934-5, spent a fortnight on a winter trip to Cradle Mountain area, probably in 1936, which included a 5-day trip to the centre of the reserve, an area dominated by Mts Pelion East and West, Oakleigh and Ossa. Christmas 1940 saw Trevor and a small group of fine walkers, Alan Budge, Clyde Grant, Harry Wright, and Peter Allnut in the Castle Hill and Wonnangatta region. With a companion, he visited Mt Cook in New Zealand in the mid-1930s but he left no record of the trip. Somewhat frustrating for the researcher, Trevor's photographs include the Ada River area, Mt Cobbler, Lake Mountain, Mts Selma and Useful, the Murrindindi and Wellington River country, but no written accounts of his visits there survive.

Trevor was a competent skier and he spent several winters exploring the Bogong High Plains from a base camp at Cope Hut.



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Families & friends will just love staying with you in your lodge – and the snow-capped mountain views..!!!!



JULY WALKS

Mon 3 Jul Peninsula

Leader: Les Littlejohn Phone: 5987 2215 Mobile: 0409 499 302

Transport: Private car. Bus #788 from Frankston at 8.40 am arriving at 9.28 am. For anyone coming from Melbourne, disruptions will be in force on the Frankston line. Check the website.

Rendezvous: 9.45 am in the car park just south of Safety Beach sailing club (Melway 150 E11)

Morning tea: Near rendezvous

Maps: Melway 150 & 160

Grading: Easy, but with one very steep hill. Distance: 12 km

Walk Details: This is a Figure 8 walk and gives a close up look at the Martha Cove development. We will start by walking through the Martha cove residential development before climbing steeply to a view point affording good views over the Kangerong Basin. We will descend to sea level, visiting Pebble Cove then follow a coastal path back to where we started. We will continue along the foreshore to Prescott Ave for lunch. After lunch we will head inland through Safety Beach Country Club before heading north along the eastern side of the marina development before following the marina access back to our starting point.

Escapes: None

Wed 5 Jul Drysdale – Bellarine Rail Trail – Moolap

This is a new walk.

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

Rendezvous: 8.15 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.

Maps: Melway 453, 454, 455 & 456.

Grading: Easy Distance: Up to 13 km

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

to Sanctuary lakes for Lunch. (NB: First toilets at Sanctuary Lakes Shopping Centre, just before lunch). The return is also by Skeleton Creek, adjacent to the Sanctuary Lakes golf course.

Escapes: Bus #495 Boardwalk Blvd (to Williams Landing), #486 Sanctuary Lakes (to Laverton)

AUGUST PROGRAM

Wed 2 Aug Canterbury – Outer Circle – Hughesdale

Leader: Marsha Rankin Phone: 0402 058 184

Sun 6 Aug Kurth Kiln – Gembrook

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

Leader: Tony Cagney Phone: 0411 843 609

Mon 7 Aug Peninsula – Flinders Hinterland

Leader: David Painter Phone: 9570 5591

Wed 9 Aug Olinda – Silvan

Leader: Richard Simpson Phone: 0419 528 130

Mon 14 Aug Sydenham (Watergardens) – Brimbank Park – Keilor

Leader: David Blackwell Phone: 9557 1009

3rd Wed 16 Aug Nortons Park, Scoresby

Leader: Jim Cone Phone: 9560 8175

Sun 20 Aug Merricks – Red Hill Trail

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

Leader: Sue Cranage Phone: 0414 669 948

Wed 23 Aug Fairfield – Yarra River – Heidelberg

Leader: Alan Manzoori Phone: 0417 546 604

Sun 27 Aug Grasstrees – Brisbane Ranges

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

Leader: Stuart Galloway Phone: 0421 560 031

Mon 28 Aug Easy Metro: Southern Cross Stn – Port Melbourne

Leader: Bruce Armstrong Phone: 0416 758 204

via the Western Highway and the C141 turn off near Ballan.

Walk Details: This is a circuit walk commencing at the rear of the Mineral Springs Carpark and climbing gently to Jackson's Lookout (great views unless it is foggy) and then through the attractive Hepburn Regional Park forest. The track is gently undulating and the first half of the walk follows the Goldfields Track as far as the Chocolate Mill on the Midland Highway. The highlight of the walk is the honeycombed 'Beehive Gully' which resulted from the erosion of the old gold diggings in the area. The second highlight is the opportunity to shop and perhaps indulge in a hot chocolate at the Chocolate Mill before the return walk which follows a different track. Bring a packed lunch to have on the way.

Afternoon Tea: To be decided.

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

Leader: Alex Hordijken Phone: 9383 3257; mob. 0497 699 507

Rendezvous: 10:01 am at Eltham railway station

Maps: Melway 21 Grading: Easy Distance: 11 km

Transport: 9.06 am Hurstbridge train ex Flinders Street arriving Eltham station at 10.01 am. Return trains from Eltham to City at 20 minute intervals. Travel time 45 minutes.

Morning Tea: Eltham Central Park (Melway 21 J5)

Walk Details: A pleasant walk following Diamond Creek to Eltham Lower Park, across footbridge to Candlebark Park. West along Yarra river to Westerfolds Park and return to Eltham Station. Mostly parkland with some street walking. Escapes at Fitzsimons Lane either before lunch (5 km) or after lunch (8 km). Toilets en-route. Shelter at morning tea but not at lunch.

Wed 26 Jul Aircraft – Point Cook – Sanctuary Lakes

Leader: Stuart Galloway Phone: 0421 560 031

Transport: Southern Cross 9:48 am Werribee Line to Aircraft station. Arrive at Aircraft 10:12 am.

Morning Tea: Picnic area near Pt Cook Road bridge over Skeleton Creek (No toilets)

Grading: Easy Distance: 12 km

Walk Details: This is an easy walk in low lying Wetlands, linked by Suburban streets. No hills. The walk initially follows Skeleton Creek followed by the Boardwalk Boulevard Wetlands. Follow Chatham Creek

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

Sun 9 Jul 2023 George Bass Coastal Walk then lunch at the Kilcunda Hotel

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

Leader: Terry Simpson Phone: 0400 037 291

Rendezvous: 9.30 am Punchbowl Road San Remo. Parking at the end of the road. There are no toilets here but there are toilets at either Grantville 10 minutes before Punchbowl Road or at San Remo, 5 minutes past the Punchbowl turnoff.

The walk is one way only as we will have a car shuffle to the Ocean View Hotel, Kilcunda where we will have lunch at the end of the walk.

Grading: Easy Distance: ~7 km

Morning tea: on the beach about an hour into the walk

Walk details: The George Bass Coastal Walk is a cliff-top trail that stretches from the outskirts of San Remo at Punchbowl Road, to the Bass Highway (just opposite the hall at Peppermint Road) in Kilcunda. The trail offers spectacular views of the Bass Strait coastline and is known for its breathtaking and diverse scenery, from rugged coastline, woodland gullies, and tucked-away coves, to the almost iridescent green hills spotted with happy cows. The Hotel is located in Kilcunda and offers fine tucker and wine. It has a fabulous view situated where the rolling green hills of rural Gippsland meet a rugged coastline of long sandy beaches, surging surf, and the Bass Strait seas.

Wed 12 July – Mitcham – Glen Waverley

Leader: Doug Swinbourne Phone: 043 888 1176

Rendezvous: 9:55 am at Mitcham Station

Maps: Melway 33 & 21

Grading: Easy - medium Distance: 12 km

Transport: 9:26 am Belgrave train from Flinders Street Station, arriving Mitcham at 9:55 am.

Morning Tea: Simpsons Oval (shelter and toilet)

Lunch: Bellbird Dell South (shelter, no toilet – toilets 200 m after at Terrara Park)

Walk Details: The walk is mostly flat and along suburban streets until Bellbird Dell, which is a very pretty natural bushland park. After lunch it progresses through the Bushy Park Wetlands to a pipeline reserve which leads to High St. Rd. The walk ends there at the Kerrie Rd. shops where there is a bakery-café. Bus #742 departs to Heatherdale Station and Ringwood (1:51, 2:35, 3:15 pm) and bus #736 departs from Gallaghers Rd to Glen Waverley Station (1:56, 2:41, 3:25 pm).

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: 0408 373 148

Rendezvous and Morning Tea: 9.30 am, Sixteen Beach General Store, Crn Tasman Drive and Marcia Ave, Rye (Melway 167 J9). Excellent coffee! There are no toilets but a toilet will be available early in the walk (at the Leader's house) after morning tea, and again on return after the walk.

Maps: Melway 167, 157 Grading: Easy Distance: 12 km

Transport: Private car. If coming from Melbourne, at the end of the Mornington Peninsula freeway, at the second roundabout, turn left into Boneo Rd and follow it to Browns Rd. Turn right and follow Browns Rd (there is a dogleg at Truemans Rd) until it becomes Tasman Drive. Park in the Sixteen Beach parking area (opposite the General Store).

Walk details: This is a very pleasant and scenic walk but some of it is exposed and, depending on the weather, can be windy and cold, so dress accordingly. From Sixteen Beach parking area we join the Mornington Peninsula National Park trail and follow it to the St Johns Wood Road exit. We then follow the track beside St John Wood Rd to the bay side of the Peninsula to Blairgowrie (toilet). We then walk along the front to Rye, where we will have lunch (toilet). From there we follow the path beside Canterbury Jetty Rd to rejoin the National Park trail and return to Sixteen Beach Car Park.

Mon 17 Jul Cheltenham – Black Rock

Leader: Oliver Lucas Phone: 9571 6865; mob. 0451 957 821

Rendezvous: 9.40 am at Cheltenham railway station

Maps: Melway 86, 77, 85

Grading: Easy Distance: 12 km

Transport: 8.37 am Frankston train ex Flinders Street station. At Caulfield station it is necessary to transfer to bus due to railway works.

Morning tea: Cheltenham Park (Melway 86 G1). Toilets available.

Walk details: Parks and reserves and street walking. Lunch will be in Balcombe Park reserve (toilets). Finish at Black Rock then bus to railway stations.

Escapes: Several escapes available at bus stops, then to train stations.

3rd Wed 19 Jul Sparks Reserve, Gardiners Creek

Leader: Graeme Barker Phone: 9874 6938; mob. 0437 006 938

Rendezvous: 10.30 am at RHL Sparks Reserve, Box Hill. Melway 47 G11.

Map: Melway 47 & 61.

Distance: am: 5.5 km; pm: 2.5 km (optional) Grading: Easy

Transport: By train OR car. 9.40 am Lilydale train ex Flinders Street arriving Laburnum at 10.03 am. Leader will meet train for short walk to rendezvous. Return trains pm 10 minute service. If coming by car, drive directly to car park at corner of Middleborough and Albion Roads, Melway 47 G11.

Morning tea and Lunch: RHL Sparks Reserve (Melway 47 G11).

Walk details: am - Flat easy walk along Gardiners Creek with note taken of the Box Hill 'Artist's Trail'. pm: a short walk back to Laburnum station or the optional 2.5 km to Blackburn station.

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

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: Meet 9.30 am at Hepburn Mineral Springs Reserve at the far end of the car parks (near the toilet block). We will have our morning tea here before commencing the walk. It is likely to be very cold so bring beanies, gloves, warm jackets, etc.

Grading: Easy/Medium Distance: 13 km

Transport: Private car. Drive to Daylesford then on to Hepburn Springs