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We would greatly appreciate it if your 2023/2024 subs are paid.
If you have not yet paid, they are now overdue.
See inside back page of circular for payment details.

Laughter Is The Best Medicine

Secret: A story you tell to one person at a time.

Vale - Keith Davidson

Keith Davidson died suddenly at home on 25 July 2023. He joined the Club in 2013 and was a regular Sunday walker and an active member of the Walter Briggs Hut Subcommittee. He attended many club social functions and always enjoyed the company of fellow bush walkers. He loved the outdoors and was a great walking companion with many interesting stories to tell. He also enjoyed sailing, skiing and cycling. He was a frequent visitor to the Walter Briggs Hut at Mt Donna Buang and was always willing to lend a hand when there were jobs to be done. He was also a devoted father and grandfather. He was a true friend and he will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

Trevor and Kim Rosen.



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constitutes about half the journey.

Further information:

www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/point-nepean-national-park

Mon 23 Oct Easy Metro: Hawthorn – Fairfield

Leader: Jenny Hosking

Phone: 0423 627 232

Wed 25 Oct Keon Park – Greensborough

Leader: Oliver Lucas

Phone: 9571 6865

Fri 27 Oct Boobyalla Track Clearing

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

Leader: Kim Rosen

Phone: 0422 804 816

Children Attending Club Walks

Members and visitors should note that if they wish to bring a child aged between 5 and 17 on any club activity, they must discuss this with the leader beforehand. It is always at the discretion of the leader whether to allow a child to attend any club activity or not.

2023/24 Subscriptions were due by 30 June 2023, and are set out below with discounts available to members who wish to take them when paying.

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Terry Simpson, Treasurer, MWC.

3rd Wed 18 Oct Westerfolds Park

NB. Combined with Metro.

Leader: Jim Cone

Phone: 9560 8175

Sat-Sun 21-22 Oct Federation Walks – Trentham

NB. You must book if you intend to come on these walks.

Bookings open 10am on 31st July 2023 fedwalks.org.au

Sun 22 Oct Point Nepean National Park Walk

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

Leader: Andy McLean

Phone: 0418 394 594

Rendezvous: 9.45 am in the Quarantine Station car park. Route is well signposted.

Transport: Private car. Take Eastern Freeway (M3), then Mornington Peninsula Freeway (M11) onto Point Nepean Road and follow to Portsea.

Public Transport: Melbourne to Frankston train. 788 bus to Portsea. Stops at park entrance. Short walk to Quarantine Station.

Morning Tea: 10:30 am as close to the Quarantine Station carpark assembly point as possible. This will allow us 45 minutes after arrival to take in all there is to offer within the Station.

Grading: Easy/medium with a few short hills Distance: 9.2 km.

Walk Details: From the Quarantine Station, we follow Coles Track with the Bay to our right 'til we reach The Bend. Further on, the track meets a service road at Pearce Barracks. From there, we can take in the sights for a short while before continuing on to Fort Nepean, where we'll find tables for lunch, toilets and much to see at this once heavily guarded entrance point to Port Philip Bay.

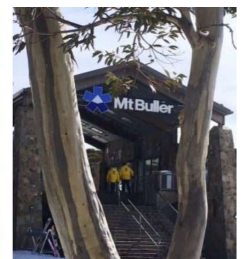
The return journey takes us back over the same route 'til we hit Observatory Point where we'll turn right (south) to reach Gunners Cottage. After a short break, we'll continue back eastward along Defence Road to reach our original start point at Quarantine Station carpark. For the keen amongst us, we can stop at historical Portsea Hotel on the way back to Melbourne for whatever takes our fancy.

Lunch: At Fort Nepean.

Escapes: You can take a left at Observatory Point, a right at Gunners Cottage, then follow the signs back to Quarantine Station. This



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SEPTEMBER WALKS

Sun 3 Sep Metro: Templestowe Circuit

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

Leader: John Rankin

Phone: 0408 373 148

Rendezvous: 9.35 am at the bus stops at The Pines Shopping Centre, 181 Reynolds Rd, Doncaster East.

Maps: Melway 34 & 22 Grading: Medium Distance: 13.0 km.

Transport: By public transport OR private car. There are numerous buses, including the #906 and #905 from stops in Lonsdale St and the #901, either directly or from Blackburn or Greensborough stations. Best to check the PTV app for times and other options. If coming by car, park in the Pines Shopping Centre car park off Reynolds Rd (nominally 4 hours but not enforced) or one of the streets near the morning tea spot. There are toilets in the Shopping Centre.

Morning Tea: Matisse Reserve, 17 Renoir Ave., Templestowe (Melway 34 C6). No cover, no toilets.

Walk Details: This is a new walk and is essentially a figure of eight. From morning tea we follow the Green Gully Trail to the Mullum Mullum trail then cross the Mullum Mullum Creek just before the junction with the Yarra and do a loop eastward along the Yarra through Tikalara Park then to the play area near Beasley's Nursery for lunch (toilet and coffee in the Nursery). We then follow the Mullum Mullum Creek to Reynolds Rd and return to The Pines. Some of the tracks can be muddy after rain so wear appropriate footwear. Some gentle hills.

Escapes: The only escape is at lunch (at 8.8 km) on the #906 bus on Heidelberg–Warrandyte Rd.

Mon 4 Sep OT Dam Red Hill

Leader: Don Ziino

Phone: 0438 596 626

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9:45am on Arthurs Seat Rd, between Bellingham Rd and Heath Lane (Melway 190 A2).

Maps: Melway 190 & 160 Grading: Strenuous Distance: 11km.

Transport: Private car. Look for a car park on Arthurs Seat Rd with a large Mural painted water tank.

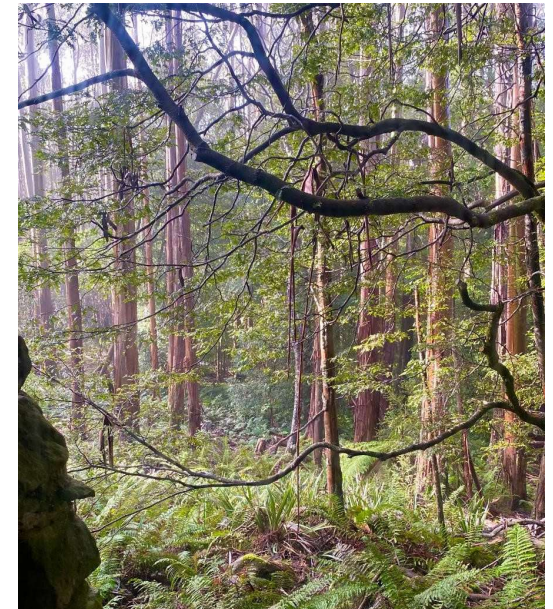
Walk Details: We will leave the cars there and walk to Eatons Cutting, where we then start a bush and open country walk, and proceed through

tranquillity surround the historic Walter Briggs Hut on Mt Donna Buang.

Cost per head is \$35, but you need to bring your own drinks and glasses. Due to space the lunch is limited to 16. We hope it will be a memorable occasion and a chance to enjoy the surrounds. Please book early.

Meet at the Warburton Bakery in Warburton at 11.30 am, where we will lead you, by car, up the mountain to the parking area.

Please contact Terry Simpson on 0400 027 391 or by email at simpson.ter@gmail.com



Mon 16 Oct Grantulla Rd Selby – Clematis

Leader: Wayne Hansen

Phone: 9879 7346

Wed 18 Oct Metro: Heidelberg – Westerfolds Park – Eltham

NB. Combined with 3rd Wednesday group.

Leader: Richard Bowen

Phone: 9885 0438
0406 500 061

Rendezvous: Heidelberg Station at 9.30 am.

Maps: Melway 31, 32, 33 & 21

Grading: Easy/Medium

Distance: 15km.

Transport: 8.49am train from Flinders Street, arriving Heidelberg Station at 9.26.

Morning Tea: Heidelberg Park (Melway 32 B4).

Walk Details: Follow the Yarra River and cross Plenty River, then to lunch at Westerfolds Park. Cross Yarra River again and walk to Eltham via the miniature railway.

Notes: Escapes at Fitzsimmons Lane, and near miniature railway.

Rendezvous: McCrae Lighthouse at 9:30 am, Melway 159 K10.

Transport: Private car.

Morning Tea: At rendezvous, 9:30 am.

Maps: Melway 158 & 159.

Grading: Easy/medium, flat with some short climbs.

Walk Details: From the highlands and lowlands of historic McCrae foreshore, lane ways, walkways reserves, and Dromana's Boot Hill and back to foreshore.

Wed 4 Oct Heidelberg – Outer Circle – East Camberwell

Leader: Charlie Freedman Phone: 0415 558 249

Rendezvous: 10:00am at Fred Lasslett Reserve, just outside Heidelberg Station on the east (lower) side (Melway 31 K5).

Maps: Melway 31, 32, 45 & 46 Grading: Easy Distance: 13km.

Transport: 9:15am Eltham train, departing Flinders St, arriving Heidelberg at 9:51. Also bus numbers 546, 551 & 903 stop at Heidelberg station. Return trains from East Camberwell to the city at 15 minute intervals, or more often after about 3pm.

Walk Details: A pleasant walk along the Main Yarra Trail, through Hays Paddock and Stradbroke Park, then via the old Outer Circle line to East Camberwell station.

Escapes: Number 548 bus on Burke Rd, 200 & 207 buses on Kilby Rd, 302 & 304 buses on Belmore Rd, 48 tram on High St, and 109 tram on Whitehorse Rd.

Fri-Mon 6-9 Oct Base Undercover – Mt Buller

Leader: Jenny Hosking Phone: 0423 627 232

Wed 11 Oct South Geelong – Barwon River – South Geelong

Leader: Gordon Proudfoot Phone: 9717 0909

Sun 15 Oct Walter Briggs Hut 'Feast in the Forest'

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

The Walter Briggs Committee have organised a Feast in the Forest at the hut on Mt Donna Buang.

You are invited to a sit down meal. The beauty and peace of the forest is a great way to enjoy food with friends. Tall trees and a sense of

Arthurs Seat Park to Boundary Rd. then loop back up to OT Dam for lunch. This is a steep section of the walk with some more short steep hills after lunch.

There are good views and rugged bush tracks that make this an attractive walk.

Wed 6 Sep Wattle Glen – Flat Rock Road – Wattle Glen (or Hurstbridge)

Leader: Steven Pfundt Phone: 0434 199 736

Rendezvous: 9.35am at Wattle Glen Station.

Maps: Melway 12, 271 & 263 Grading: Medium-Hard.

Distance: Approx. 13km (or 9km if terminating at Hurstbridge).

Transport: 8.25am Hurstbridge line train from Flinders St.

Morning Tea: Peppers Paddock (Melway 12 G4).

Walk Details: A pleasant walk, along country back roads (bitumen and gravel) and some walking paths. Several hills up and down. Escape possible to Hurstbridge station for a shorter walk.

Notes: No undercover lunch. Toilets at Peppers Paddock only.

Sun 10 Sep Anakie Gorge Circuit

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

Leader: Tony Rogers Phone: 0466 246 507

Rendezvous: 10 am at Anakie Gorge Picnic Area, Brisbane Ranges National Park, Staughton Vale VIC 3340.

Google Maps Reference: 47QC+WQ Staughton Vale, Victoria.

Grading: Medium Distance: 10 km.

Transport: Private Car. From Melbourne, drive on the M1 Freeway towards Geelong. Leave the freeway at the Little River exit and drive through Little River township. Take Little River Rd and Little River-Ripley Rd to Bacchus Marsh Rd/C704 in Balliang. Turn left onto Bacchus Marsh Rd/C704. Continue Granite Rd. Drive to Gorge Rd in Staughton Vale. Follow the signs to the picnic area.

Morning Tea: In the picnic area.

Walk Details: This walk combines the Ted Errey Nature Circuit with the scenic Anakie Gorge Walk to create one of the best circuit walks in the Brisbane Ranges National Park.

Wed 13 Sep Presidents Walk: Dromana – Arthurs Seat – Eagle Gondola

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

Leader: Trevor Rosen

Phone: 0412 136 124

Rendezvous: 10.45am at the Mornington Peninsula Visitor Information Centre, 359B Point Nepean Rd, Dromana. The centre is located between Codrington St and Permien St.

Grading: Easy / Medium

Distance: 11 km approx.

Transport: There are two options to get to the Mornington Peninsula Visitor Information Centre at Dromana. Either by private car or by catching public transport. If you're driving there is ample parking either in front of the centre or in the side street. If you're using public transport catch the train to Frankston and then catch the #887 bus from Frankston Station which stops outside the centre. The following options are available:- 8.41am train from Southern Cross arrives Frankston 9.54am. Bus #887 departs Frankston Station 10.14am and arrives at 10.42am. 8.51am train from Southern Cross arrives Frankston 10.04am. Bus #887 departs Frankston Station 10.14am and arrives 10.42am.

Morning Tea: Bring your own. We will have morning tea either in the park adjacent to the centre or across the road next to the beach.

Walk Details: We will walk from the Visitor Information Centre to the base terminus for the Arthurs Seat Eagle gondola. This is a short walk along back streets and is about 1.5km. We will then catch the gondola up to the top of Arthurs Seat. The one way adult fare is \$23.00 and concession \$19.50. (The return fares are adult \$31.00 and concession \$28.00.) We will then do the Summit Circuit Walk which is about 2km and includes part of the Seawinds Gardens, several lookouts and the William Ricketts sculptures. We will have lunch in the gardens.

After lunch we will walk to the Two Bays Walking Track and walk back down to Dromana to where we started the walk at the Visitor Information Centre. Most of this track is easy to walk on but one section is quite steep and rocky. In this section there are rough steps but poles are recommended.

For those using public transport the #887 bus departs on the half hour going back to Frankston. (There is also a #788 bus to Frankston but it takes twice as long.)

If anyone does not wish to walk back down to Dromana you should buy a return ticket for the gondola. If you don't wish to walk from the Visitors

Grading: Easy - medium

Distance: 12 km.

Transport: 8:56am Belgrave train ex. Flinders Street, arriving @ Box Hill @ 9:17am. Bus 302 departing the interchange @ 9:34am, arriving Elgar Park @ 9:44am.

Morning Tea: Elgar Park (toilets).

Lunch: Yarran Dheran (toilets).

Walk Details: The walk progresses south of Eastlink along the Koonung Trail, then crosses to the north side of Eastlink, passing under Springvale Rd, Mitcham Rd. and Park Rd. It then enters Mullum Mullum Reserve and over Quarry Rd where it meets Mullum Mullum Creek. There is a short uphill section to Yarran Dheran for lunch. After lunch we return downhill to the creek and follow it along Eastlink Trail almost to Scherwolt Cottage, where we head south and uphill to Antonio Park (toilets), cross Maroondah Hwy and finish at nearby Heatherdale Station. The #901 bus also passes Antonio Park.

Escape: At Springvale Rd. the #902 bus to Nunawading Station.

Fri 29 Sep Boobyalla Track Clearing 2. – Mt Donna Buang

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

Leader: Kim Rosen

Phone: 0422 804 816

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 8.45am at the Warburton Bakery on the corner of Warburton Highway and Thomas Avenue, Melway 290 B4.

Grading: Medium

Distance: 5km.

Transport: Private car. After a quick morning tea we will drive up to the summit of Mt Donna Buang and meet the Park Rangers there at 9.30am.

Activity Details: Please see previous Circular entry for Friday 15 September 2023 for all details, which remain the same.

Afternoon Tea: Three Sugars Café, Warburton.

OCTOBER PROGRAM

Sun 1 Oct Walter Briggs Hut Working Bee

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

Leader: Kim Rosen

Phone: 0422 804 816

Mon 2 Oct McCrae Mornington Peninsula

Leader: Ian Bell

Phone: 0478 439 268

seating. Lunch is 3 km from the start.

Escapes: Multiple escapes at 2 km and 5 km.

Sun 24 Sep Sugarloaf Reservoir

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

Leader: John Gates

Phone: 0428 761 644

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: Rotunda, Ridge Picnic Area, Sugarloaf Reservoir at 09:30 am.

Maps: Melway 264, 265, 266 & 272.

Grading: Medium

Distance: 16 km.

Transport: Private car to Sugarloaf Reservoir. The entrance is from Simpson Road and is 17km from Eltham, or 10km from Yarra Glen. The entrance to the reservoir and picnic area is well sign posted.

Walk Details: For most of the walk we follow the relatively level perimeter of the reservoir, although the we go inland for a short hilly section.

Notes: The well-defined track enjoys pleasant views. Toilets are only available in the picnic area. There are no escapes.

Mon 25 Sep Easy Metro: Kooyong – Canterbury

Leader: Graeme Barker

Phone: 9874 6938
0437 006 938

Rendezvous: 9.45 am at Kooyong Railway Station (South Side).

Maps: Melway 46, 59 & 60 Grading: Easy Distance: 11 km.

Transport: 9.33 am Glen Waverley train ex Flinders Street, arriving Kooyong at 9.45. Return from Canterbury to CBD and eastern suburbs, 15-minute service.

Morning Tea: H. A. Smith Reserve at 10.00 am. (Melway 59 D2).

Walk Details: A very pleasant walk mainly through parkland reserves following Gardiner's Creek and Ashburton railway line with no hills. There is seating available at morning tea and lunch. Plenty of escapes.

Wed 27 Sep Box Hill North – Heatherdale

Leader: Doug Swinbourne

Phone: 0438 881 176

Rendezvous: 9:20am at Box Hill Station bus interchange bay 6.

Maps: Melway 47, 48 & 49.

Centre to the gondola at the start of the walk you could drive to the base terminus of the Eagle gondola and again buy a return ticket.

Visitors and friends are also welcome.

Fri 15 Sep Boobyalla Track Clearing 1. – Mt Donna Buang

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

Leader: Kim Rosen

Phone: 0422 804 816

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 8.45am at the Warburton Bakery on the corner of Warburton Highway and Thomas Avenue, Melway 290 B4.

Grading: Medium

Distance: 5km.

Transport: Private car. After a quick morning tea we will drive up to the summit of Mt Donna Buang and meet the Park Rangers there at 9.30am.

Activity Details: This is a joint project between the MWC, the Melbourne Women's Walking Club (MWWC), Boroondara Bushwalkers and the Parks Victoria Rangers based at Woori Yallock. The Boobyalla Track is a well sign-posted track which commences at the summit of Mt Donna Buang and heads north. It has become very overgrown and not suitable for club walks. An introductory day was held on Friday 21 July. It went well and 5 further days between now and the end of 2023 have been arranged.

At the summit we meet the Rangers, attend their safety briefing and are then transported into the work area. The equipment is provided – last time it was sharp loppers and pruning saws. Next time we have the option of being trained to use brush cutters.

What to bring: Gardening gloves, gaiters, ear-muffs (if you want to use a noisy brush cutter), packed lunch, drinking water, clothing for all seasons.

N.B. Participants need to have a current Working with Children Check (<https://service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children>), must register on ParkConnect (<https://www.parkconnect.vic.gov.au>) and join the group "Melbourne Walking Club – Woori Yallock". The following link gives instructions for registering and joining the group: www.melbournwalkingclub.org/images/Forms/ParksVicGrp.pdf

Please contact Kim if you need assistance.

Afternoon Tea: Three Sugars Café, Warburton.

Sun 17 Sep Peninsula: Tuckeys Track

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

Leader: Neale Oxley

Phone: 0407 525 966

Rendezvous: 9:30 am at Blairgowrie Foreshore opposite Nepean Hwy pedestrian crossing. Free parking available in Mackie St.

Morning Tea: Before commencement of walk. Coffee shops available in Blairgowrie.

Grading: Easy with few stairs except the climb to St Pauls Hill summit.

Distance: 11 km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: We walk west along the beach to the First Settlers information centre then skirt the Sisters headland to Sullivan Bay and Sorrento sailing club. The historic Tuckeys track runs from here to St Pauls hill where Lt Governor Collins directed Lt James Tuckey to set up a lookout station in 1803.

Lunch: Near St Pauls Hill or Diamond Bay. Return via quiet suburban streets and Hughes Rd.

Escapes: At any time by retracing steps. No public transport.

Mon 18 Sep Launching Place – O’Shannassy Aqueduct – Warburton

Leader: Miles Pierce

Phone: 9890 8319
0429 359 832

Rendezvous: Bus bay 1 at Lilydale railway station at 9:30 – 9:40 am to catch the no. 683 bus at 9:43 am to Launching Place (Don Road / Warburton Hwy stop).

Morning Tea: Intersection of Don Road and Harberts Road, about 1.2 km north from the bus stop (limited seating, no toilets). Melway 287 H3.

Maps: Melway 287 & 289, & 1:25000 topographic maps 8022-4-3 & 8022-4-2.

Grading: Medium

Distance: 15 km.

Transport: 8:15 am Lilydale train from Flinders St., sched. arr. Lilydale 9:10, or 8:45 Lilydale train, sched. arr. Lilydale 9:37 (6 mins before scheduled bus departure).

Walk Details: An attractive and interesting walk that includes tree-lined

roadside trails, about 1 km of serious uphill road and track, then 8 km of level walking along the picturesque access track beside the historic O’Shannassy aqueduct. The aqueduct contours through a forest of tall trees and giant tree-ferns with occasional good views of the upper Yarra valley. The final 2 km into the western edge of Warburton is downhill on made streets. A bit of uphill ‘pain’, but much to gain! The leader will also outline the history and significance of the aqueduct and point out some of its notable features.

The aim will be to have lunch – perhaps a tad late – at the Dee Road picnic area that has tables and a great view, but no cover. If it is raining, a former gauging station hut shortly before Dee Road may be able to be used as a shelter shed.

Route 683 afternoon buses leave from the Scotchmans Creek stop on Warburton Highway at 40 minutes past the hour and take about 50 minutes to reach Lilydale railway station. With public transport travel time included, be prepared for a longish day. (Unless the party is particularly slow, the Scotchmans Creek bus stop should be reached in time to catch the 3:40 pm bus.)

Escapes: The walk could be shortened to about 12.5 km by following Dee Road from the aqueduct downhill into Millgrove and then catching a #683 bus from there (at about 45 mins past the hour).

3rd Wed 20 Sep Alphington – Darebin Parklands – Northlands Shopping Centre

Leader: Ingrid David

Phone: 0478 858 156

Rendezvous: 10:07am at Alphington Station.

Maps: Melway 224

Grading: Easy, no hills

Distance: 7 km.

Transport: Catch the 9:36am train from Flinders St, arriving at Alphington Station at 10:07.

Morning Tea: At Darebin Parklands 0.6 km from the station, toilets and shelter available.

Walk Details: A pleasant walk along a shared bike/walking track. We go past community gardens to historic areas like a blue stone quarry, a rubbish tip and wetlands. Most of the walk runs alongside the Darebin Creek. The walk ends at Northlands Shopping Centre, 7 km from the start. Seating and toilets available. Multiple bus routes to railway stations from Northlands.

Lunch: At John Caine Memorial Park, seating, shelter and toilets available. Or alternative lunch spot natural bush setting using logs for