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UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2023/24 ARE NOW OVERDUE

If your 2023/2024 subs are paid, thank you.
If you have not yet paid, they are now overdue.
 See inside back page of circular for payment details.

Laughter Is The Best Medicine

The early bird may get the worm,
but the second mouse gets the cheese.

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.



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by joining the Melbourne Walking Club Facebook page – and then *inviting your own friends and family* to also join our page...!
It's a great way to encourage new members!

On our Facebook page we post pictures from weekly walks, upcoming events for your diary, invites to potential members to come along as a visitor, Mt Buller and Donna Buang news, and so much more!



Please have a look – and Join NOW!!!



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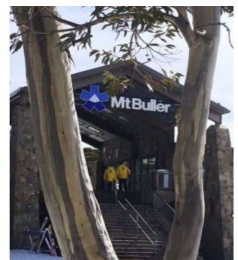
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To book, visit the Club Website, obtain a member booking number, and open Mt Buller Lodge Booking page!
Families & friends will just love staying with you in your lodge – and the snow- capped mountain views..!!!!



OCTOBER WALKS

Sun 1 Oct Walter Briggs Hut Working Bee

NB. You must contact the leader if you intend coming to the hut.

Leader: Kim Rosen

Phone: 0422 804 816

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 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. After morning tea we will drive up the mountain, a 30 minute drive, and park near the hut.

Working Bee Details: We need assistance making new duckboards for the entrance track to the hut, sanding back a window which is difficult to open and making adjustments to the metal insert of the fireplace. Other work to be done includes the continuation of our project to pave a cleared area near the woodshed. This work requires the positioning of suitable rocks which are found in the immediate area. If handyman jobs aren't for you the hut also needs a spring clean and the tracks to the summit and down to the Healesville Road need checking and clearing as required. There is a job for everyone. You will enjoy your day in the pristine forest surrounds of our hut, warming up in front of the open fire and the camaraderie of other club members who love being at the Walter Briggs Hut.

Bring your own lunch, drinking water and a thermos for hot drinks. Gardening gloves, rubber gloves (for cleaning), clippers, secateurs and any other tools you think would be useful should also be brought. Gaiters are useful if track clearing.

If you have not had an opportunity to visit the hut before, do come and join us. The hut is a precious asset of the club and we need your help to maintain it. Any assistance will be most appreciated. We particularly need people (members or visitors) with handyman or trade skills.

Mon 2 Oct McCrae Mornington Peninsula

Leader: Ian Bell

Phone: 0478 439 268

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 next to the **Bean There** coffee hut at Fred Lasslett Reserve (corner Yarra & Mount Streets), just outside Heidelberg Station on the east (lower) side (Melway 31 K5). **Bean There** should be open for coffee if you need your morning fix.

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

Morning Tea: Approx 10:45am at the shelter at Yarra Flats (Melway 32 C6). Entry off The Boulevard if driving. Seating but no toilets.

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, then through Hays Paddock and Stradbroke Park, and finally via the old Outer Circle line to East Camberwell station. Lunch will be at Hays Paddock, with shelter, seating & toilets available (Melway 45 J1). Unfortunately for those who are still kids at heart, the Hays Paddock playground is closed.

There is a little street walking (mostly side streets), and only gentle hills.

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

Notes: Toilets at Heidelberg Station (on the platform), Hays Paddock at lunch, and about half-way between lunch and East Camberwell station.

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

Leader: Jenny Hosking

Phone: 0423 627 232

Rendezvous: Melbourne Walking Club (MWC) Lodge, 1 Stirling Avenue, Mt Buller, VIC 3723 (opposite the Fire Station).

Availability & Cost: There are limited places available for this trip.

At present, it only costs \$35 per person per night to stay at MWC's Ski Lodge at Mt Buller when attending Formal Activities in the program

published in the circular. As this is a club event, please book through the leader, Jenny Hosking, rather than through the online booking system.

Maps: Melway Touring Map X922 D11 and/or Google Maps.

Distance & Grading: Variety of walks to cater for all.

Transport: Private car.

Base Undercover Details: Here is your opportunity to stay at the lodge and walk the mountain/ski trails.

Walks available include your choice of; Summit Nature trail, Family trail, Delatite River Trail, Corn Hill track to Mt Stirling, Little Mt Buller, Canyons side trip, Klingsporn Bridle track, Woollybutt loop, Wombat drop interpretive loop and Summit interpretive loop.

Wed 11 Oct Buckley Falls – Barwon River – South Geelong

Leader: Gordon Proudfoot

Phone: 9717 0909

Rendezvous: Southern Cross Station (outside waiting room) at 8.15am.

Morning Tea: At picnic area (on the Barwon River, Melway map 351), No Toilets, but they are close by in Queens Park (near the golf course). There is seating and shelter.

Maps: Melway 451 & 452

Grading: Easy (no hills).

Distance: 10km or 13km.

Transport: 8.30 am train to Geelong from Southern Cross. The train stops at Deer Park, Tarneit, then all stops (except North Shore) to Geelong. Return trains from South Geelong (departing every 40 minutes). The train arrives in Geelong at 9.35 am Then number 43 bus at 9.58am to Buckley Falls/Highton Road arriving at 10.21am

Walk Details: Mainly along paths along the Barwon River but some street walking.

Lunch: Lunch will be at Barwon Valley Park. There are toilets nearby (at the billabong, on Barrabool Road). There is shelter, and seating at the lunch spot.

Sun 15 Oct Walter Briggs Hut ‘Feast in the Forest’

NB. You must contact Terry Simpson if you want to attend.

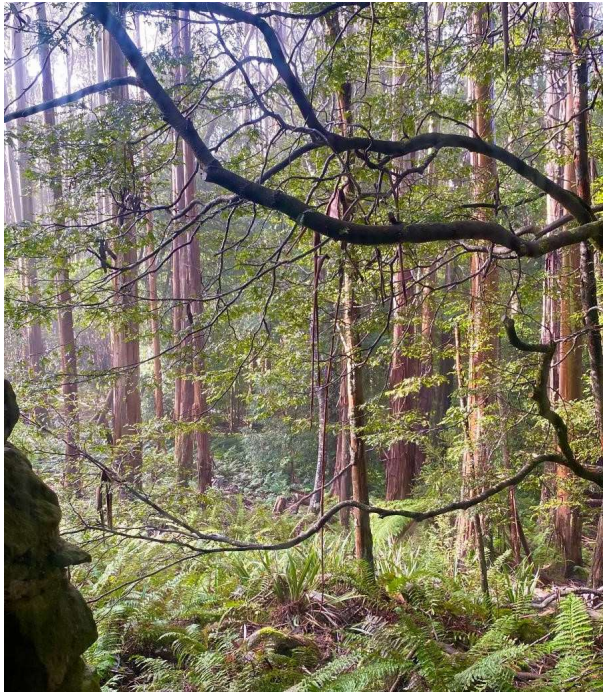
The Walter Briggs Committee have organised a Feast in the Forest at the hut on Mt Donna Buang.

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 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 Menzies Creek – Clematis

Leader: Wayne Hansen

Phone: 0415 351 492

Rendezvous: Leader will meet bus at Grantulla Rd next to Hermons Saddle reserve (Melway 124 E11).

Transport: Flinders St Station 8.30am Belgrave train, arrives Belgrave Station 9.31. Catch bus 695 at 9.45 to Gembrook, get off at Grantulla Rd at 9.52.

Morning Tea: John Hill reserve approximately 40 minutes into the walk.

Grading: Medium

Distance: 10km.

Walk Details: The first 700m of the walk up Jacksons Hill Rd is quite steep. It is then a pleasant walk on quiet back roads. After morning tea at the John Hill reserve, where there are panoramic views, we head down Ridge Rd and a track which is quite steep. From here we follow along the Menzies Creek to our lunch spot which is an open area surrounded by deciduous trees. Plenty of logs for seating. No toilets. After lunch the

track ends at a large number of steps back up to Cascade Rd, where it is a gentle climb back up to Clematis near the Puffing Billy station. From here you can catch the bus back to Belgrave (1.23 and half hourly thereafter).

Escapes: No escapes.

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 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.

3rd Wed 18 Oct Westerfolds Park

NB. Combined with Metro.

Leader: Jim Cone

Phone: 9560 8175
0498 972 945

Rendezvous: Picnic area at Melway Ref 33 E3 at 10.30am. Car parking available.

Map: Melway 33 E3

Grading: Easy

Distance: 5km.

Transport: **Option 1**: 8.59am train from Flinders Street arriving Box Hill at 9.26am. Bus 293 from Box Hill bus station departing 9.38am arriving cnr Fitzsimmons Lane and Parkwood Place at 10.02am.

Option 2: 902 bus from Nunawading station departing at 9.40 arriving at cnr Fitzsimmons Lane and Porter Street at 10.12am. Leader will be waiting at bus stop to lead to rendezvous.

Walk Details: Pleasant walking in open country then following the Yarra River West bank with moderate street walking which is quite attractive.

Note: The walk is designed to meet up with the metro walk at lunch time. No escapes but toilets at rendezvous and another along the track.

Sat-Sun 21-22 Oct Federation Walks 2023 – Trentham

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

Bushwalking Victoria with assistance from some Bushwalking Clubs are hosting the 2023 FedWalks to be held in Wombat State Forest and based at Trentham Sports Ground Reserve. All members of Bushwalking Victoria and affiliate clubs may attend.

The walks program and the *Book Here* tab can be found at the FedWalks website: <https://fedwalks.org.au/walks-program>.

Bookings are now open and all Melbourne Walking Club members are encouraged to attend. Further details can be found on the website: <https://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 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

Rendezvous: Hawthorn Station at 9.40am.

Morning Tea: Approx 10am at Denham Street Park (Melway 44 J9/10).

Maps: Melway Maps 45, 44 & 30 and/or Google.

Grading: Easy

Distance: Approx 10km.

Transport: Via public transport – 9.31am Lilydale train ex Flinders Street, arrives at Hawthorn station at 9.40am.

Walk Details: Walk alongside the Yarra River. Great views of the river and city. Toilets at morning tea, lunch and other places.

Wed 25 Oct Keon Park – Greensborough

Leader: Oliver Lucas

Phone: 0451 957 821

Rendezvous: 9:45am at Keon Park station, Melway 8 J11.

Maps: Melway 8, 18, 19, 9, 10 & 20 Grading: Easy Distance: 12km.

Transport: 9:02am South Morang train from Flinders St. Do **NOT** catch the 9:05 train as it does not stop at Keon Park. Finish at Greensborough station. At the end there are options of the 901 buses to The Pines and Blackburn station or 902 to Doncaster Shoppingtown.

Morning Tea: 10:08am at Dole Reserve, Melway 18 K1. Toilets available.

Walk Details: A mainly flat walk through parks and reserves - few footpaths. Lunch at Binnak Park, Melway 10 D11. Tables & toilets available.

Escapes: At 7.5km there is an escape by tram to the City.

Fri 27 Oct Boobyalla Track Clearing 3 – Mt Donna Buang

NB. You must contact the leader if you intend to join 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 is currently not suitable for club walks. An introductory day was held on Friday 21 July and two further dates were arranged in September. This is a fun day working with the Park Rangers and members of two other clubs in beautiful mountain ash forest. All help is greatly appreciated.

We meet the Rangers at the summit of Mt Donna Buang and are then transported into the work area. The equipment is provided – sharp loppers or brush cutters etc. Training is provided with the equipment.

What To Bring: Gardening gloves, gaiters, ear-muffs (if you want to use a noisy brush cutter), packed lunch, drinking water and 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>), and must register on ParkConnect (<https://www.parkconnect.vic.gov.au>) and join the group "Melbourne Walking Club – Woori Yallock". Please contact Kim if you need assistance.

Afternoon Tea: Three Sugars Café, Warburton.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Wed 1 Nov Healesville – Maroondah Reservoir – Healesville

Leader: Jenny Hosking

Phone: 0423 627 232

Rendezvous: Cnr Green St & Maroondah H'way, Healesville to meet #685 bus arriving at 10.12am.

Morning Tea: Coronation Park, River St, Healesville (Melway 270 C12).

Maps: Melway Maps 270 & 278 and/or Google.

Grading: Easy/Medium

Distance: Approx 12km.

Transport: **Via car** – park car at Coronation Park Picnic area.

Via public transport – 8.15am Lilydale train ex Flinders Street, arrives at Lilydale station at 9.10am and then catch 9.40am #685 bus to Healesville arrives at cnr Green St and Maroondah Highway at 10.12am.

Walk Details: Fantastic walk through forests and fern gullies, picnic grounds and water views. Walk begins along St Leonards Rd, east into Yarra Ranges Park to Maroondah Reservoir for lunch (BBQ & Toilet Facilities). Return to start via back streets and Queens Park. There is much to see in Healesville so if you wish you can delay departure to Lilydale and connecting trains. Buses depart Healesville to Lilydale at 2.29pm, 3.49pm to connect with city trains.

Sun 5 Nov Metro: Upper Ferntree Gully (1,000 steps) – Chandlers Hill – Upper Ferntree Gully

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

Leader: Simon Shepard

Phone: 0466 087 772

Rendezvous: 10.05am at the 1,000 steps café (previously Tree Frog Café), Dandenong Ranges National Park picnic ground, departing 10.20am (Melway 74 H5 & 65).

Snack Break: Approx. 11.30am at One Tree Hill (shelter, seats & toilets).

Lunch: 12.30pm approx.

Maps: Melway Maps 74 & 65 (Google maps -37.87667543534727, 145.32087427102667).

Grading: Medium

Distance: Approx. 13km.

Transport: **Via car** – Travelling from Melbourne CBD, head south east on the Monash Freeway (M1) for 21km, before turning left onto Ferntree Gully Rd (State route 22) and travelling for another 12km before turning right onto Burwood Hwy (State route 26) for 4km, taking you to the 1,000 steps café, Mount Dandenong Tourist Road, Upper Ferntree Gully (Dandenong Ranges National Park picnic ground).

Via train – Depart on the Belgrave train line from Flinders St Station at 8.36am, arriving at Upper Ferntree Gully station at 9.45am. Please check the PTV website or app for any disruptions. Cross the train lines and walk on the left-hand side of the tracks along School Rd, then School track for 10 mins, to reach the 1,000 steps café.

Walk Details: We climb the 1,000 steps, arriving at the top and catching our breath soon after, with a well-earned snack break at One Tree Hill. There is shelter, seats and toilets at this stop. From One Tree Hill, it is a lovely, easy walk to Chandler's Hill for lunch. The views from here back to Melbourne are stunning. From Chandler's Hill it is a steep descent loop walk, before a gentle climb back up the hill and then a fairly, steep descent back to the Dandenong Ranges National Park picnic ground. We will arrive no later than 3.05pm back at the picnic ground and Melbourne bound trains depart from Upper Ferntree Gully station at 3.30pm and every 20 mins after that (again check the PTV website or app for details).

Given the steep ascents and descents on this walk, please bring walking poles, if you have them.

Mon 6 Nov Coppins Track – Spray Point

Leader: Doug Connell

Phone: 0419 527 653

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9:45am at Sorrento Back Beach car park (Melway 156 J9).

Map: Melway 156

Grading: Easy

Distance: 10km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: A pleasant walk along the cliffs at Sorrento Back Beach. The track is a little sandy in parts but on the whole good walking with a nice lunch stop on the cliffs overlooking the ocean at Spray Point. We then return back along the same track to the car park.

Wed 8 Nov Kalorama – Silvan Reservoir – Mt Evelyn

Leader: Greg Taylor

Phone: 0430 047 218

Fri 10 Nov Boobyalla Track Clearing

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

Leader: Kim Rosen

Phone: 0422 804 816

Sun 12 Nov Starlings Gap – Ada Tree

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

Leader: Richard Jasek

Phone: 9820 2974

Mon 13 Nov Oaklands Rd – Woodlands – Oaklands Rd

Leader: Alex Hordijkenko

Phone: 9383 3257

3rd Wed 15 Nov Croydon Town Park

Leader: Graeme Barker

Phone: 9874 6938

Sun 19 Nov Hastings – Jacks Beach

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

Leader: Daryl Hergt

Phone: 0434 140 022

Wed 22 Nov Southern Cross – Parliament via Botanical Gardens

Leader: Richard Bowen

Phone: 9885 0438

Mon 27 Nov Easy Metro: Batman – Fawkner

Leader: Alex Hordijenko

Phone: 9383 3257

Wed 29 Nov Essendon West – Maribynong – Seddon

Leader: John Rankin

Phone: 0408 373 148

New Members

Six new Members were admitted during the months of June and July: Natalia Orel, Heloise Syme, Kaye Allan, Anna Carlile, Natalie Spilling and Brendon Beattie. 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

Vale Brian Shimmen, 26th July 1931 - 12th August 2023

Brian James Shimmen was born at Tweedle Nursing Home in West Footscray on the 26th July 1931 to Beatrice and James Shimmen. His father Jim described Brian as "A cow of a Kid"! Brian took this as a great complement, as he prided himself on being strong willed.

Brian attended the local primary school in Footscray and then went on to Williamstown High School, where he completed his matriculation at age 15. Brian then gained full time employment at Goldsborough Mort Wool and Stock and Station Agents. After two years of coming home each day smelling of sheep and cow manure he got a job at





OBE Awards to Gordon Proudfoot and Miles Pierce

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