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MELBOURNE WALKING CLUB INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: THURSDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2023
AT 7:30PM

To be held at the Veneto Club (Gondola Room), 191 Bulleen Rd, Bulleen
at 7:30 pm (Melway 32 D9)

AGENDA

1. Opening.
2. Apologies.
3. Noting of deaths during the past year and one minute's silence.
4. Confirmation of Minutes of the 2022 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. (Campbell Denovan has agreed to be Honorary Reviewer.)
10. Approval of Financial Statements.
11. Presentation of 50 and 25 year badges.
12. Golden Boot Award.
13. Other business introduced with permission of the meeting.
14. 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 also nominate for election. It is important that we have new members joining the Executive.

A Nomination Form is on the inside back page of this circular.

Members are able to purchase dinner before the AGM in the downstairs bistro at 6.00pm. For catering purposes we are required to advise the bistro of the numbers who will be attending. If you intend to come to dinner beforehand you **MUST** advise the Secretary, Neale Oxley, preferably by email on secretary@melbournewalkingclub.org no later than 16 November. Otherwise contact Neale on 0407 525 966.

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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Copy for December to: Charlie Freedman - Phone: 0415 558 249
email: editor@melbournewalkingclub.org
by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 1st November.

Laughter Is The Best Medicine

Always borrow money from pessimists – they don't expect it back.

Office Bearers 2022-2023

Club Executive

President: Trevor Rosen
 Secretary: Neale Oxley
 Treasurer: Terry Simpson
 Activities Officer: Jenny Hosking
 Membership Officer: John Rankin

General Committee: Kim Rosen,
 John Gates,
 Michael Corrigan, &
 Charlie Freedman

Sub-Committee Convenors

Mt Buller Lodge: Jenny Hosking
 Walter Briggs Hut: Kim Rosen
 Activities: Jenny Hosking

Other Officers

Website Administrator: Charlie Freedman
 Circular Editor: Charlie Freedman

Walk Coordinators

Metro Walks: David Watkins, &
 Doug Swinbourne
 3rd Wed Walks: Graeme Barker
 Bike Rides: John Rankin

Sunday Walks: Kim Rosen
 Easy Metro Walks: Gordon Proudfoot
 Peninsula Walks: Ron Anderson
 Sunday Peninsula Walks: Colleen Simpson

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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.

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.

MELBOURNE WALKING CLUB INC.

CLUB EXECUTIVE NOMINATION FORM 2023 - 2024

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, Neale Oxley, not later than Wednesday 25th October 2023.

and photographed walking guides including *Day Trip Sydney*.

You can read more about the book here:

thamesandhudson.com.au/product/day-trip-melbourne-52-nature-adventures

Who's a clever boy, then?

Farmer Ted was sitting on his verandah when a truck and trailer pulled up. Out jumped a young fella, full of beans.

"G'day mate. What can I do for you?" Ted asked.

The young chap replied, "G'day. I'm Noah, from Sydney. We're setting up a new zoo and I have the job of capturing native animals under licence. I'm up in this area to catch a few cockatoos and other birds. Do you know where I might find some?"

"Sure," said Ted. "Go back along the track for about a kilometre and you'll see a turn to your right. Go along until you see a dead tree next to a billabong. Huge mobs of cockies come in about 4 o'clock and sit up on the dead tree before having a drink."

"That's great. Thanks so much," Noah replied.

"By the way, how are you going to catch them?" Ted asked.

"I use a product called Bird Lime," Noah said. "I paint it on a branch and birds stick to it. I take what birds I need and then spray water on the branches and it neutralises the lime and the rest fly off."

"Ohhh. Good luck with that," Ted said.

So, the young fella drives off and finds the tree and billabong, and paints all the dead tree's branches. Three days later, he's back at the farmhouse.

"How did it go?" Ted asked.

Noah shook his head and replied. "Well, I found the spot like you said, and painted the lime on all the branches. Sure enough, hordes of cockies came in and settled on the dead tree. They soon found they were stuck and there was hell to pay as they tried to take off. The boss cockie let out one big screech, and they all flapped their wings and took off, pulling out the whole bloody tree and flying off with it. I've been chasing them for days!"

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:



Bushwalking Victoria

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



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NOVEMBER WALKS

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

keen bushwalker. He will be remembered as a kind, gentle, distinguished man and we are all going to miss him greatly.

Jenny, Robert, Pam and Tim Hosking.

Alan's Funeral was held at Le Pine Mordialloc on 2nd October 2023.

A few years ago Alan, Jennifer and I were returning by car from Harold Ogilvie's funeral, and Alan started to recall who from the Club was there. Memory tells me, say 14. Alan would be amazed at the great turn-up of members at his own funeral service. I don't hazard a number, too hard to think about, for we seemed to be everywhere as we gathered after Alan had gone on his way to cross the Great Divide.

Jenny read "If" by Rudyard Kipling. Grandson Lewis spoke of family and Alan's terrible leg infection, with risk of amputation, but saved eventually with the advent of penicillin. He was also Dux of Broken Hill High School, then won a South Mine Scholarship to Sydney University and then a Medical Degree.

Married Wendy, had their family, and moved to Melbourne. Trevor told us of Alan's thirty years with the Club, his life membership, and working with others on the Club executive. His passion was to get to know lots of our members, and his winning of five Golden Boots. Marie spoke of Alan being their family doctor, also walking with the two families with Maroondah Bushwalkers, and their days skiing with them at Baw Baw and Hotham.

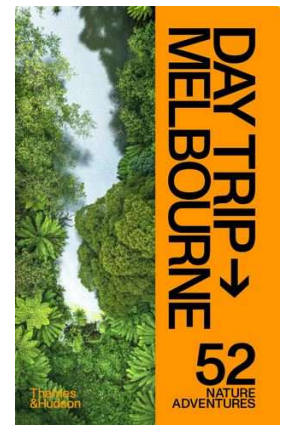
Alan was a regular on the First Monday Peninsular walks, and often he and I would do a shorter version of the official walk, and we enjoyed our days out together often on a beach or quiet country dirt road. This I will miss.

Denis Ward.

New Book of Walks Around Melbourne

Day Trip Melbourne by Evi O & Andrew Grune (published by Thames & Hudson Australia).

With a trip for every week of the year, **Day Trip Melbourne** takes you to mountains, waterfalls, swimming holes, beaches, forests, coastlines, snow trails, urban parks, Aboriginal sites, rivers, canyons, cliffs, historic architecture and more. Each adventure includes directions by car or public transport, a map showing walking routes and facilities, and a guide to trip highlights. **Day Trip Melbourne** is part of a series of beautiful designed



Transport: Train to Croydon arrive & rendezvous at Bus Stand # 688 from station @ 9:30. Catch Bus 688 to Kalorama Park Look Out departing from Croydon @ 9:55am, alight at Kalorama Park / Five Ways, Melway 52- J9, at approx. 10:20am. And walk to the Kalorama Park picnic reserve.

Walk Details: A beautiful Dandenong Ranges National Park walk around Kalorama through to Silvan Reservoir park for lunch via Olinda Creek Rd, past Bartlett and Georges tracks and onto Silvan Road. After lunch we walk over Olinda Creek via the Grey Gum track, across the aqueduct and use the Olinda Creek track again through Kalorama to Hunter St. then down towards Mount Evelyn via the Mt Evelyn Aqueduct trail and onto the Rail trail past Clegg Road to the junction of York Road & Wray Cr. where Bus #679 departs opposite the Library on Wray Cr. at approx. 2.20pm. (Note: Change at Montrose CFA for Bus 688 to Croydon.)

Escapes: There are two possible escapes using Bus Route #663: -

Escape No1: - To Lilydale Stonyford Rd. after lunch, 800m to bus stop on left past CFA – 1:10pm.

Escape No 2: - To Belgrave opposite Priestly Cr. near Margaret St. approx. 1.56pm.

Fri 10 Nov Boobyalla Track Clearing 4. – 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 has become very overgrown and is currently not suitable for club walks.

We need your help to clear this track so that our club and other bushwalking clubs can enjoy walking in this area again. We have had three days working on the track and it is looking much improved. It is a fun day, so come and try it.

We meet the Rangers at the summit of Mt Donna Buang and are then

Map: Melway 145 Grading: Moderate Distance: 4km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: We meet at the Briars Homestead for morning tea, then head off through the bush land at the Briars Park returning to the Homestead for a BBQ lunch. The walk is steep in places with some steps but a nice walk along formed tracks.

3rd Wed 6 Dec Xmas Lunch – Mitcham Hotel

Leader: Graeme Barker Phone: 9874 6938

Sun 10 Dec Johns Hill – Dandenong Ranges

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

Leader: Trevor Rosen Phone: 0412 136 124

Mon 11 Dec Seville East – Warramate Hills – Woori Yallock

Leader: David Blackwell Phone: 9557 9177
0407 877 028

Rendezvous: Lilydale Station platform 10.03 am.

Maps: Melway 285 & 286 Distance: 12½ km.

Grading: Medium/Easy.

Transport: 9.07 am Lilydale train from Flinders St. arrives Lilydale 10.03, then 10.13 #683 Warburton bus to Douthie Rd Seville East. An earlier train at 8.45 arrives Lilydale at 9.37 & thus we could take the earlier bus at 9.43 (but I don't trust Metro that much).

Morning Tea: Killara station on the old rail trail to Warburton 11 am. No cover or toilets, only seating on the platform or proper seats next to it.

Walk Details: Walking north along Sunnyside Rd to the Rail Trail, then along it to Woori Yallock. [Possible escape here.] Only an occasional small hill. Keep your eyes open on Sunnyside Rd as motorists don't always try hard to avoid walkers. After the rail trail, a short road walk up to a fairly recently opened reserve area by the Yarra at Melway 286 G8/G7/G6. Finally return to Woori Yallock for the #683 bus back to Lilydale, and train back to Melbourne.

Escape: Possible via #683 bus at Woori Yallock by not tackling the last part by the Yarra. Buses depart for Lilydale (& Chirnside Park) at 1.08, 1.52, 2.39, 3.53, 4.22, & 4.52. Walk distance to escape is about 7½ km.

Wed 29 Nov Essendon West – Maribyrnong – Seddon

Leader: John Rankin

Phone: 0408 373 148

Rendezvous: 9.30 am west side (Rose St) Essendon station. Leader will meet the group there. From there we take a short bus ride to the start of the walk. There is a toilet at the station but not at morning tea.

Maps: Melway 27, 28 & 42 Grading: Easy Distance: 13 km.

Transport: 9.04 am Craigieburn train ex Flinders Street station, arriving Essendon 9.25 am. On arrival, take the Rose St exit to bus station. We then take the 9.36 am #903 Altona bus to Prospect St/Buckley St stop, arriving 9.45 am (OR the 9.43 am #465 Swan St, Keilor Park bus, arriving 9.48 am). Alternatively, those connecting with the #903 elsewhere could go directly to the Prospect St/Buckley St stop and meet the group there.

Morning Tea: Lily Reserve (Melway 27 K3). Magnificent views, seating but no shelter or toilet.

Walk Details: This is a very pleasant and interesting walk along the Maribyrnong River. We start with magnificent views of the city then descend into the river valley. We pass some historical sites including the old Meatworks and Hume pipe works in Pipemakers Park, the old munitions factory and the old Footscray wharves then pass by Flemington racecourse and the Docklands industrial area to Seddon station. Return trains every 10 minutes. There is a toilet at Essendon station and several along the way. Lunch will be in Footscray Park (shelter and toilet).

Escapes: Escapes at Maribyrnong Rd (57 & 82 Tram, #468 bus), Ballarat Rd (#404 bus), Footscray Rd (#220 bus).

DECEMBER PROGRAM

Fri 1 Dec Boobyalla Track Clearing

Leader: Kim Rosen

Phone: 0422 804 816

Sun 3 Dec Walter Briggs Hut Open Day

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

Leader: Kim Rosen

Phone: 0422 804 816

Mon 4 Dec “The Briars” Mt Martha Xmas BBQ

Leader: Ron Anderson

Phone: 0448 512 525

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 10 am, Melway 145 D11.

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), sharp loppers or pruning saws if you have them (as extras), 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.

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 Woodlands Historic Park

Leader: Alex Hordijkeno

Phone: 0497 699 507

Rendezvous: 9:33am at Broadmeadows railway station.

Maps: Melway 177 & 178 Grading: Easy/Medium Distance: 10 km.

Transport: 9.00am Craigieburn train ex Flinders Street arriving Broadmeadows station at 9.33am and then catch Roxburgh Park bus #484 from Broadmeadows station at 9.49am arriving at Lamark Ct/ Barrymore Rd at 10.04am. Return by #479 bus to Airport West Shopping Centre then by #59 tram to Essendon and train to city.

Morning Tea: On Gellibrand Hill, Melway 178 G12. No facilities but plenty of large rocks to sit on.

Walk Details: A pleasant and interesting walk on dirt roads and tracks through wooded parkland with some gentle hills. A slightly steep climb up to the morning tea spot on Gellibrand Hill which has a radar station and excellent views of the airport, Melbourne city and Mt Macedon. Lunch will be in an outbuilding at the 150 year old Woodlands Historic Homestead with seating and toilets available. No escapes.

3rd Wed 15 Nov Croydon Town Park

Leader: Graeme Barker

Phone: 9874 6938

0437 006 938

Rendezvous, Morning Tea & Lunch: 10.20am at Croydon Town Park,

Melway 50 K5.

Map: Melway 50 Grading: Easy Distance: am: 5km; pm: 2km.

Transport: 9.07am Lilydale train ex Flinders Street, arriving Croydon at 10.03. Leader will meet train and walk 1km to the rendezvous. Return trains pm 30 minute service.

Car: Parking available at south end of park adjacent to council offices.

Walk Details: **am:** On formed walking paths, parkland, retarding basin and recreation areas.

pm: Walk is around the Croydon Oval back to Croydon station. There is an optional historic street walk - hills and views.

Note: Toilets available only at beginning and end of walk.

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

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 10:00am at Babington Park, Marine Parade Hastings, opposite The Hastings Club. Melway 154 J8.

Maps: Melway 154 & 165 Grading: Easy Distance: 12 km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: Starting at Babington Park we pick up the Western Port Bay trail heading south. This is a very pleasant easy walk commencing along the boardwalk over Kings Creek then along the Hastings foreshore reserve past the yacht club and continuing to the Western Port Bay trail. This then joins up with the Bittern coastal wetlands boardwalk through Warringine Park which will lead us to coastal mangroves then on to Jacks Beach Crib Point for lunch in a picnic area with tables. After lunch there is a short walk to Jacks Beach with pleasant views of Western Port Bay. We then return via the same path back to the start.

NB: No escapes.

Note: Toilets available along the way and at the lunch spot.

Wed 22 Nov Southern Cross Station – Parliament

Leader: Richard Bowen Phone: 9885 0438
0406 500 061

Rendezvous: 9.30 am at the clock, Spencer Street exit from Southern Cross Station.

Maps: Melway 2E, 2L, 2G & 2F Grading: Easy Distance: 10km.

Transport: Bus, Train or Tram to Southern Cross Station.

Morning Tea: Docklands Park (Melway 2E 7G).

Walk Details: Southern Cross station - Harbour Esplanade - Webb Bridge - Polly Woodside - Clarendon Street - Swan Street bridge - Music Bowl - lunch in Botanic Gardens, then to Parliament via Captain Cook's cottage.

Note: Many escapes and toilets en-route.

Thu 23 Nov Annual General Meeting

Note: It is important that as many members as possible attend the meeting to ensure a quorum of ten percent of the Membership.

Venue: Veneto Club (Gondola Room), 191 Bulleen Rd, Bulleen (Melway 32 D9).

Time: 7:30 pm.

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Mon 27 Nov Easy Metro: Batman – Fawkner

Leader: Alex Hordijkeno Phone: 0497 699 507

Rendezvous: 9:37am at Batman railway station.

Map: Melway 17 Grading: Easy Distance: 8 km.

Transport: 9:12am Upfield train ex Flinders Street, arriving Batman station at 9:37am. Return trains to city on this line at 20 minute intervals.

Morning Tea: At Coburg Lake Reserve, Melway 17 J10. Toilets and seating with limited shelter.

Walk Details: A pleasant flat walk following Merri Creek with some street walking to Fawkner station. Numerous escapes.

For those wanting a longer walk, the walk can be extended by 2 km to Gowrie station by following the paths through Fawkner Cemetery and Northern Memorial Park.