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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 January to: Charlie Freedman - Phone: 0415 558 249
email: editor@melbournwalkingclub.org
by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 6th December.**

Laughter Is The Best Medicine

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

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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DECEMBER WALKS

Fri 1 Dec Boobyalla Track Clearing 5 – 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 the last track clearing date organised for this year and we expect to reach the Mt Boobyalla summit with most of the track clearing done to this point. We are planning a celebration of all we have achieved this year when we get to the top and of course a Christmas theme will also be appropriate. The track clearing is a fun day so do come along and join us. All help is greatly appreciated and no special skills are required.

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), sharp loppers as extras if you have them, 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.

Sun 3 Dec Open Day – Walter Briggs Hut, 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: 9.30am at the Warburton Bakery on the corner of the Warburton Highway and Thomas Avenue. Melway 290 B4.

Grading: Easy

Distance: 300m walk into hut from car park.

Transport: Private car. After morning tea 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 Walter Briggs Hut before this is the time to do it. Listen to the lyrebirds, cross the mountain stream and enjoy a gourmet lunch including a sausage sizzle on the open fire with Christmas treats to follow. There will be a choice of optional walks of varying length and difficulty from the hut through the surrounding rain forest areas. If you don't wish to do a walk that's fine, just enjoy sitting in front of the fire or outside chatting with new and old friends.

For anyone who would like to book an overnight stay in the future this is also a perfect opportunity to learn more about the hut.

Bring drinking water and your own hot or cold drinks to have with lunch. Remember that the weather can be much cooler on the mountain so be prepared with warm clothes, gloves and beanies, just in case. If you intend walking, long trousers and gaiters are recommended. Bring walking poles if you use them.

Numbers will be limited so book in early.

Mon 4 Dec "The Briars" Mt Martha Xmas BBQ

Leader: Ron Anderson Phone: 0448 512 525

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

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.

Wed 6 Dec 3rd Wednesday Christmas Lunch Walk

Blackburn – Mitcham: Lunch at Mitcham Hotel, Cnr Whitehorse and Mitcham Roads, Mitcham. Melway 48 K9.

Leader: Graeme Barker Phone: 9874 6938
0437 006 938

Rendezvous: Blackburn railway station at 9.50 am. Leader will meet train.

Maps: Melway 47 & 48 Grading: Easy Distance: 4 km approx.

Transport for Walkers: Belgrave train departing Flinders St at 9.26 am and arriving at Blackburn 9.50.

Morning Tea: At Morton Park, Blackburn, Melway 48 A10. Car Travel for Non-walkers: Car park entrance off Mitcham Road.

Walk Details: The walk is along Central Road to Springvale Road, and then on the cycling/walking track to Mitcham Hotel. The time of arrival at the hotel is 12.00 pm midday.

The Mitcham Hotel has a good selection of seniors meals, including fish and chips, chicken schnitzel, Caesar salad, etc. Prices for the seniors lunch are around \$17.00 for mains, desert \$5. There is also an extensive range of main meals (non-senior), average price \$25, such as chicken parmigiana, beef pie.

Transport after lunch: Mitcham station back to city. Toilets are available at Blackburn station and at morning tea.

Sun 10 Dec Dandenong Ranges – Menzies Creek – Johns Hill Circuit

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

Leader: Trevor Rosen

Phone: 0412 136 124

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9.30am at the carpark at Herman's Saddle Reserve, Menzies Creek. Either take the Burwood Highway, or alternatively the Monash Freeway and Wellington Rd to the Belgrave-Gembrook Rd. Follow the Belgrave-Gembrook Rd east to Herman's Saddle Reserve which is at the intersection with Grantulla Rd. Park in the carpark on the left hand side in the reserve. Toilets available.

Map: Melway 124 E11

Grading: Medium

Distance: 13km.

Transport: Private cars. About 52km from Melbourne.

Walk Details: This is a circuit walk which follows both walking tracks and road reserves through beautiful forests and farmland with sweeping views over the hills and back towards Melbourne. There is an excellent lookout at Johns Hill. Bring lunch to have along the way.

Afternoon Tea: At a café to be decided.

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 13 Dec Easy Metro: Xmas Lunch Walk – Templestowe Circuit Lunch at Cherry Tree Tavern

Leader: Graeme Barker

Phone: 9874 6938
0437 006 938

Rendezvous: 9.45 am at the bus stops at The Pines Shopping Centre, 181 Reynolds Road, Doncaster East (Melway 34 D6).

Map: Melway 34 Grading: Easy/Medium Distance: 7.5 km.

Transport: There are numerous buses to The Pines, including the #906 and #905 from stops in Lonsdale St., and the #901. For the #901 bus the easiest way is from Blackburn station, where the 8.45am Blackburn train from Flinders St arrives at Blackburn at 9.16 am, in time to catch the #901 bus at 9.25am, arriving at The Pines at 9.44 am. The #901 bus can also be caught from Greensborough station, but requires an earlier start by train from Flinders St to arrive at The Pines. From Lonsdale and Swanston Streets Cnr, #906 bus leaves at 8.59 am, arriving at The Pines at 9.36 am, and the #905 bus leaves at 8.54 am arriving at 9.43 am. If coming by car, park in The Cherry Hill Tavern car park, which is open from early morning.

Morning Tea: The Pines Reserve (behind The Pines Shopping Centre) adjacent to Ashton Rise, Melway 34 D6. Toilets at the shopping centre.

Walk Details: From morning tea the walk is along Schafter Drive to Mullum Mullum Creek, and continues north through Deep Creek Reserve

(toilet available), then loops and continues down Green Gully Linear Park, which leads to Reynolds Road and then the Cherry Hill Tavern.

Lunch: Lunch is booked at The Cherry Hill Tavern, 195 Reynolds Road for 12.30 pm. The menu offers a range of seniors meals at around \$16, including Caesar salad, chicken parmigiana, chicken schnitzel, lambs fry and bacon, fish and chips. Vegetarian and gluten free meals are available, but not all of these are seniors meals. Deserts are around \$10.

Transport After Lunch: Various buses from The Pines Shopping Centre.

Sun 17 Dec Coolart – Merricks Beach and Return

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

Leader: Kim Rosen

Phone: 0422 804 816

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9.30am at the Car Park of Coolart Homestead (Melway 193 H9).

Grading: Easy/Medium

Distance: 13km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: This is a circuit walk which includes a woodland walk through the Coolart Wetlands then onto the beach walking to Merricks Beach (where there are toilets) for lunch. We return along the beach and then further explore the Wetlands and Homestead area before returning to our cars.

Afternoon Tea: To be decided.

Mon 18 Dec Bike ride: Nunawading – Heathmont – Nunawading

Leader: John Rankin

Phone: 0408 373 148

NB. Please notify the leader if you intend to come on this ride.

Rendezvous: 10.00 am, outside Nunawading station (Springvale Rd).

Morning Tea: We'll have coffee at 'Station Street' café just across Springvale Rd from the station (Melway 48 G10).

Maps: Melway 48, 49, 63, 64 & 50 Grading: Easy Distance: 22km.

Transport: Two options – private car or train. Private car: Park in the car park in front of Harvey Norman, 396-408 Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading (Melway 48 G9). There is no time limit on parking in that section. Ride down between Harvey Norman and Focus Furniture/JB Hi-Fi to Walker Rd. Turn right and join the Box Hill – Ringwood trail. Continue west ~200 m to Springvale Rd. Cross the road to Nunawading station rendezvous. Train: Belgrave train; departs Flinders St station 9.23 am, arrives

Nunawading 9.53 am. NB: there is a lift which makes it easy with a bike.

Ride Details: This is an easy ride along paved bike tracks with several escapes. From Nunawading station we follow the Box Hill – Ringwood trail eastward to join the Eastlink trail southward. We then follow the Dandenong Creek trail eastward to join the Heathmont Rail trail northward to Ringwood Lake park for lunch (shelter and toilets). We'll take the opportunity to look at the display explaining early mining activity in Ringwood. After lunch we'll join the Mullum Mullum Creek trail westward to the Eastlink trail then rejoin the Box Hill – Ringwood trail and return to Nunawading station. There are toilets at the station, about half-way through the ride (H E Parker Reserve), and at lunch.

Escapes: At Heathmont station (12 km) and Ringwood station (15 km).

Wed 20 Dec Brimbank Park – Maribyrnong River

Leader: Stuart Galloway

Phone: 0421 560 031

Rendezvous: 8.55am on the right hand side pointing North (western side) of Essendon Station at the 476 bus stop.

Maps: Melway 15, 14, 26 & 27 in order.

Grading: Easy to Medium

Distance: Approx 14km.

Transport: Craigieburn Train leaving Flinders Street at 8.53am and arriving Essendon at 9:13, then boarding the 476 bus at 9:25 and alighting at Fullerton Road / Fosters Road junction at 9.58. Coffee shops in Fosters road if required.

Walk Details: Cross over the Calder Freeway then descend down to the Maribyrnong River. Morning tea on the river. Follow the river downstream until we reach Canning St Bridge. Lunch will be somewhere on the nice tree lined track along the river. Finally cross back over the river to the tram terminal on Cordite Road, to catch 57 tram to City. No escapes.

Wed 27 Dec Ashburton – Wattle Park – Laburnum

Leader: Alan Manzoori

Phone: 0417 546 604

Rendezvous: Ashburton Railway Station at 9.30am.

Maps: Melway 60, 61 & 47

Grading: Easy

Distance: 11 km.

Transport: 9.07am Lilydale Train ex Flinders Street (9.01am Southern Cross) to alight at Camberwell (platform 3) at 9.19am, then the 9.21 Alamein Train (platform 1). Arrive Ashburton 9.30am.

Morning Tea: Summerhill Park, Melway 60 D8, or Hartwell Station, Melway 60 C4 (weather dependent).

Walk Details: A pleasant walk using Anniversary trail then through parks and to Wattle Park. From Wattle Park pick up the Gardiners Creek trail to go through Wembley Park to arrive at Laburnum. Very little street walking and many escapes along the way.

JANUARY PROGRAM

Wed 3 Jan Brighton Beach – Albert Park – Flinders St

Leader: Bruce Armstrong

Phone: 0416 758 204

Sun 7 Jan Easy Half-day Metro walk: Blackburn Circuit

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

Note: This new half-day walk is for those wishing to do a short Sunday walk within easy reach of Melbourne, keeping the afternoon free.

Leader: Charlie Freedman

Phone: 0415 558 249

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 10:10 am outside Blackburn Station, south side in South Pde near the pedestrian crossing (Melway 47 K10). Morning tea in the rotunda a little to the east (opposite Gardenia St). There are cafés in South Pde for those wishing to buy a coffee.

Maps: Melway 47 & 48 Grading: Easy Distance: 9 km.

Transport: **Public transport:** 9:26am Belgrave train departing Flinders Street, arriving at Blackburn at 10:07am.

Private car: Plenty of parking (free on Sundays) near Blackburn Station.

Walk Details: A pleasant walk from Blackburn Station, a loop around Blackburn Lake (with a toilet and rest stop at the picnic area), then through more bushland along the upper Gardiners Creek. Finishing back at Blackburn Station, where lunch may be bought at one of the cafés.

Wed 10 Jan Fairfield

Leader: Stuart Galloway

Phone: 0421 560 031

Sun 14 Jan Starlings Gap – Ada Tree

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

Leader: Kim Rosen

Phone: 0422 804 816

Mon 15 Jan Nth Ringwood – Hubbard Res – Heatherdale

Leader: Doug Swinbourne

Phone: 0438 881 176

Sun 21 Jan Peninsula – Balcombe Estuary – The Briars

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

Leader: Jenny Hosking

Phone: 0423 627 232

Wed 24 Jan Newport – Seaholme

Leader: John Ackerman

Phone: 9337 1164

**Fri-Mon 26-29 Jan Australia Day Long Weekend –
Mt Buller Base Undercover**

Leader: TBC

Phone:

Wed 31 Jan Rosanna – Bundoora

Leader: Oliver Lucas

Phone: 9571 6865

Update of Membership Register

Every December we send out an updated Membership Register reflecting the changes in Membership during the year. Any contact detail changes that Members have advised me of during the year are also included.

This is a good time for Members to check their entry in the Register and let me know (by the end of November) of any changes in address, phone or email.

Even if you receive your Circular and other information by snail mail, if you have an email address, please send it to me. This is important so we can reach Members quickly should there be an urgent need; for example, a last minute change in the arrangements for a walk or other activity.

If you're not sure if your contact details are up to date, email me your details (wjrankin@outlook.com) and I'll make any necessary changes. Alternatively, give me a call on **0408 373 148**.

John Rankin – Membership Officer.

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.



Keith Tupper's NON Award, Buckley's Falls, 11th October

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