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 by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 3rd January.

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

We spend the first twelve months of our children’s lives
 teaching them to walk and talk,
 and the next twelve years telling them to sit down and shut up.

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.

2023 AGM: New Office Bearers

Note: After the AGM there are some new office bearers. See below.



HELP US GROW OUR CLUB'S MEMBERSHIP BASE
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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Office Bearers 2023-2024

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President: Kim Rosen
Secretary: Neale Oxley
Treasurer: Arthur Robertson
Activities Officer: Terry Simpson
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Charlie Freedman

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Mt Buller Lodge: John Gates
Walter Briggs Hut: Trevor Rosen
Activities: Terry Simpson
Membership: John Rankin

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Website Administrator: Charlie Freedman
Circular Editor: Charlie Freedman
Marketing: David Adams

Walk Coordinators

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

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

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JANUARY WALKS

Wed 3 Jan Brighton Beach – Albert Park

NOTE: The walk is reduced to Albert Park – approx 10 km.

Leader: Bruce Armstrong

Phone: 0416 758 204

Rendezvous: 9.30 am at Brighton Beach Station.

Maps: Melway 76, 67, 2P & 2N.

Grading: Medium/Easy

Distance: 10 km approx.

Transport: 9.05 am Sandringham Line train from Flinders St. arrives Brighton Beach at 9.30.

Morning Tea: At Green Point – Melway 76 C3.

Walk Details: Walk commences on Path on Esplanade and transfers to walking track parallel to Beach. Lunch enroute around Noon. Continue to Catani Gardens to Cowderoy St then Fraser St Light Rail Station. This Tram will take you to Southern Cross Station. Please bring plenty of water, sun screen and dress appropriately for the weather.

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 wanting 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.

Escapes: 765 bus in Blackburn Rd, 765 & 703 buses in Main St, plus a

train at Laburnum station.

Wed 10 Jan Fairfield – Inner Circle – Flemington Bridge

Leader: Stuart Galloway

Phone: 0421 560 031

Rendezvous: South side Fairfield station at 9:51am.

Transport: Trains every 10-15 mins on Hurstbridge line. Official train leaves Southern Cross 9:28am to arrive Fairfield 9:51.

Maps: Melway 44, 2C & 2D.

Grading: Easy

Distance: Approx 11 km.

Walk Details: From Fairfield station walk down to the Yarra. Morning tea at the amphitheatre. Lunch at Edinburgh gardens. Follow the Inner circle linear parkland to Flemington Bridge station.

Many escapes.

Fri 12 Jan Boobyalla Track Clearing – 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 Mt Donna Buang to meet the Park Rangers at the agreed location at 9.30am.

Activity Details: Yes, there's more to do! We reached the summit of Mt Boobyalla with the brush cutters at the end of November. The goal now is to clear the track over the other side of the hill until we reach the next access track, "Road 4". We will then be able to reach the Acheron Way on cleared tracks. This will require 3 or 4 more sessions. 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 will meet the Rangers on Mt Donna Buang (place to be advised) and will be transported into the work area. The equipment is provided – 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 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

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9.30am at the Ada Tree Car Park. We will have morning tea here. There are toilet facilities. (Warning: Google maps does not give you the best directions for driving to this walk. See directions below.)

Map: Melway X912 Grading: Medium Distance: 13km.

Transport: Private car. Drive to Warburton and then continue driving east on the Warburton Highway (B380) and Woods Point Road (C511) for approx.11km, then turn right into well formed 4WD/gravel Brahams Road. Follow it for 13km to the T junction with Big Creek Road generally keeping left at each junction. Turn left at Big Creek Road and after approx. 3.5km turn right onto Federal Road (Ada River Road) and continue to the Ada Tree Car Park. Distance from Warburton 29km, 45min.

Walk Details: After morning tea at the Ada Tree Carpark half the cars will go via Big Creek Road to reach Starling Gap where the walk will commence. We'll walk back through tall, shady mountain ash forest on old tramways to Federal Crossing and then back to the Ada Tree carpark. There is one creek crossing where poles will be useful. Gaiters and long trousers are recommended.

Afternoon Tea: At the Powelly Pub.

Mon 15 Jan Heatherdale – Ringwood

Leader: Doug Swinbourne

Phone: 0438 881 176

Rendezvous: 10:00am at Heatherdale Station.

Map: Melway 49

Distance: Approx 12 km.

Grading: Easy – medium (some hills).

Transport: Belgrave train departing Flinders Street at 9:26am, arriving at Heatherdale at 9:58am.

Morning Tea: Antonio Park (seating, shelter & toilets).

Lunch: Yarran Dheran (seating & toilets, no shelter).

Walk Details: There is a short walk from the station to Antonio Park, then a downhill walk to Schwerkolt Cottage (hopefully it, and the museum, will be open). We then proceed east along Mullum Mullum Creek, cross Eastlink by footbridge then west along the Eastlink cutting to the Mullum Mullum tunnel portal. We then walk a short way to Yarran Dheran for lunch. The route then proceeds northwards, then eastwards through Donvale – ending in North Ringwood. The #370 bus goes either to Mitcham or Ringwood (depending which comes first! Frequency is every 30 mins).

Escape: From Yarran Dheran it is a 15 mins (approx 1 km) walk to Whitehorse Rd. and the #901 bus. There are no escapes further on.

Sun 21 Jan Balcombe Estuary – The Briars, Mt Martha

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

Leader: Jenny Hosking

Phone: 0423 627 232

Rendezvous: **By Car**, 10.00am Balcombe Estuary Reserve Car Park, Mt Martha (Melway 144 K11).

By Bus, #781 9.43am bus at Bay Rd/Esplanade Bus Stop, Mt Martha.

Morning Tea: 10.00am Balcombe Estuary Recreation Reserve, Mt Martha. Coffee shops available in Mt Martha shopping centre.

Maps: Melway Maps 144, 145 & 151, and/or Google.

Grading: Medium with some hills

Distance: Approx 13km.

Transport: **Via car** – To Balcombe Estuary Reserve Car Park, Mt Martha.

Via public transport – 7.17am train ex Flinders St Station, arriving Frankston at 8.23am. Then #781 bus at 9.05am arriving Bay Rd/Esplanade Mt Martha Bus stop at 9.43am and then a short walk to the Balcombe Estuary Recreation Reserve. Leader will meet bus.

Walk Details: Pleasant walk following Balcombe creek and Mt Martha streets to historic Briars property and wildlife sanctuary. At the Briars, walk through woodlands, wetlands and visit bird hides. Coffee Shop located in the Briars. Return through swamp scrub and paperbark trees along the Balcombe estuary walk. Return buses every hour.

Wed 24 Jan Newport – North Williamstown

Leader: John Ackerman

Phone: 0447 648 528

Rendezvous: Newport Station Platform at 9.41am.

Maps: Melway 56 & 55

Grading: Easy.

Distance: 10 km, with escape at 7 km.

Transport: 9.20am Newport Train Ex Flinders Street, stopping Footscray 9.32 and Newport 9.40.

Walk Details: Leaving Newport Station we travel straight to the coast along Tait Street, stopping at a children's playground for tea. No toilets here. Heading south along the coastal path there are toilets at 1.5km from tea break. Another toilet a further 1km. Travelling along Nelson Place we turn right at Ann Street and proceed to tables and seats at Point Gellibrand Heritage Park. This is 300 metres from Williamstown Station which has toilets and a first class escape which is highly recommended.

We proceed across to the other side of the peninsula and down the Esplanade where there are more toilets. Sadly, these will be the last toilets you will see except for a few scrappy bushes in Jawbone Conservation Reserve. Here we turn right and avoid landing up Schutt Court and reach Kokoda Road and along backstreets to North Williamstown Station.

Wed 31 Jan MacLeod – Bundoora

Leader: Oliver Lucas

Phone: 0451 957 821

Rendezvous: MacLeod Station at 9:20am.

Maps: Melway 19 & 20 Grading: Easy/Medium Distance: 11.5 km.

Transport: 8:40am Hurstbridge line train from Flinders Street, arriving MacLeod Station at 9:20am.

Morning Tea: Harry Pottage Reserve, Melway 20 A7.

Walk Details: Pleasant walk through Gresswell Forest Reserve, then into Bundoora Park for lunch. After lunch to Mt Cooper, then down to finish at Plenty Road. Escape at 8km, Plenty Road trams.

Note: Toilets at MacLeod Station, near lunch spot, and going up to Mt Cooper.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Sun 4 Feb Pyramid Rock, Phillip Island

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

Leader: Trevor Rosen

Phone: 0412 136 124

Mon 5 Feb Peninsula

Leader: Doug Connell

Phone: 0419 527 653

Wed 7 Feb Kew – Box Hill

Leader: Alan Manzoori

Phone: 0417 546 604

Sun 11 Feb Warburton River Walk

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

Leader: John Gates

Phone: 0428 761 644

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: Warburton car park at 09:30 am.

Map: Melway 290

Grading: Easy

Distance: 14 km.

Transport: Private car. Take the Warburton Highway to Warburton after running off the Maroondah Hwy past Lilydale. We will have morning tea here. There are toilet facilities.

Walk Details: From the Warburton Highway we follow the river walk heading east. We cross the under the highway following the river up to Riverside Drive. We then return to Warburton on the south side of the river till we again cross the highway and continue on the north side of the river till we get to the Mayer Bridge and then return to our starting point. Lunch is at the picnic ground near the redwood bridge.

Afternoon Tea: At the Three Sugars Café.

Wed 14 Feb Heatherdale – Blackburn Lake – Laburnum

Leader: Graeme Barker

Phone: 0437 006 938

Sun 18 Feb Red Hill South – Puntly Lane

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

Leader: Glenys Harrison

Phone: 0415 934 978

Mon 19 Feb Yarraman – Dandenong Ck – Bon Beach

Leader: David Blackwell

Phone: 9557 1009

3rd Wed 21 Feb Brighton Beach

Leader: Graeme Barker

Phone: 0437 006 938

Sun 25 Feb Working Bee – Walter Briggs Hut

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

Leader: Kim Rosen

Phone: 0422 804 816

Mon 26 Feb Easy Metro: Heyington – Hughesdale

Leader: David Blackwell

Phone: 9557 1009

Wed 28 Feb Lilydale – Mooroolbark

Leader: Doug Swinbourne

Phone: 0438 881 176

Annual General Meeting News

At the AGM held on 23 November 2023 the following members were elected to the Executive Committee:

- President: Kim Rosen
- Secretary: Neale Oxley
- Treasurer: Arthur Robertson
- Activities Officer: Terry Simpson
- Membership Officer: John Rankin
- Immediate Past President: Trevor Rosen
- General Committee: Charlie Freedman, John Gates

The Mt Buller Lodge Convenor will be John Gates and the Walter Briggs Hut Convenor will be Trevor Rosen. The Website Administrator and Circular Editor will be Charlie Freedman. David Adams will be the Marketing Officer.

Trevor Rosen and Michael Corrigan were both awarded Life Membership of the Club. Jenny Hosking was the winner of the Golden Boot Award.

Neale Oxley, Secretary

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>

FedWalks 2024

Bushwalking Victoria are pleased to confirm that FedWalks 2024, where we will celebrate the 90th Anniversary of Bushwalking Victoria, will take place at Wilsons Promontory, with a base at Tidal River, on 11-13 October 2024. Accommodation for 300+ attendees has already been secured for the event, in roofed lodges or huts, powered and unpowered campsites. Save the date for now, more info and bookings will open in 2024.

Keeping the Group Together

The availability and convenience of GPS either on a mobile phone or handheld device, coupled with a printed map, are invaluable for resolving

uncertainties about location. However, members of a group can sometimes get separated and then lost. This is potentially very serious, especially if the members are inexperienced, unfamiliar with the terrain and location and not carrying emergency communication equipment. Major searches have resulted when people have become separated from their group. Here's some considerations to make when walking with a group:

bushwalkingmanual.org.au/the-trip/keeping-the-group-together



Richard Bowen's OBE Presentation – 22 Nov 2023

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.

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Arthur Robertson, Treasurer, MWC.



Alex Hordijenko trekking in the Himalayas near Namche Bazaar

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