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**Copy for April to: Charlie Freedman - Phone: 0415 558 249
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by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 6th March.**

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

I backed a horse at twenty to one. It finished at twenty past four.

The Mt Buller Lodge Story

An old document by Gerald Morton giving the history of the Mt Buller Lodge has been found by Trevor Rosen. It has been transcribed and is now on the website's *Download* page as a PDF.

Click *The Mt Buller Lodge Story* link on the following web page:

www.melbournewalkingclub.org/photo-gallery/downloads



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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.

Arthur Robertson, Treasurer, MWC.

They saw how lovely Nature touch'd
 The scene with fairy wand,
 And climbed the ridge and looked with joy
 On all the blue beyond.

The girls, too, scrambled up the side,
 and tore their pretty frock,
 And said, "Oh, my, we'd like to buy
 The Window in the Rock!"

The rippling tide came flowing in
 Upon the golden sand,
 So calm, so peaceful was the scene,
 So noble, pure, and grand.

They left it as the sun went down,
 That true unerring clock,
 But far away they'll learn to love
 The Window in the Rock,

For there are rocks in human lives
 Which seem to have no door,
 But one high Window overhead
 Which stands for Evermore.

Where we can see the blue beyond
 To comfort, cheer, or mock,
 Why, everybody talks about
 That Window in the Rock.

The Cobargo Chronicle, 16th Jan 1914.

The Window in the Rock or *The Hole in the Rock* is today promoted as *Australia Rock*.

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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MARCH WALKS

Sun 3 Mar Point Roadknight – Aireys Inlet

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

Leader: Glen McIntyre

Phone: 0468 971 450
glenmmcintyre@gmail.com

Rendezvous: 10.00am Point Roadknight Beach Carpark (NOT Point Roadknight Bridge).

Grading: Easy

Distance: 12-13km.

Transport: Private car. Drive over the Westgate Bridge in the direction of Geelong. Take the Geelong bypass and follow signs to Great Ocean Rd towards Anglesea on the B100. Drive through Anglesea until you get near the outskirts. You will see a sign on the left that says Point Roadknight Beach. Go down Third Avenue, through a number of roundabouts to the carpark and park near the toilets.

For the car shuffle some of us will take our cars to the Airey's Inlet Lighthouse carpark. At Airey's Inlet turn left into Inlet Rd just before a brown sign for Spit Point Lighthouse precinct. Continue up the top of the hill to the Lighthouse carpark..

Walk Details: This is a very pleasant walk about 50% along the beach and then along the Surf Coast Path up to a ridge where you have some spectacular views overlooking the sea until you get to the Airey's Inlet lighthouse. Here we will finish the day at the very pleasant coffee shop.

The beach we walk along is the nesting place of the hooded plover which nests from August to March.

It is an easy walk and should take about 3 hours. Urquhart Bluff is about half way. There are tables and toilets there. However a nicer place for lunch is a few hundred meters up on the ridge where there is a table and a couple of benches. Here you have a bird's eye view of the beach back to Anglesea.

Participants must contact the leader as this walk requires a car shuffle with some cars required at Airey's Inlet. Car shuffle arrangements can be worked out once we meet. While some have morning tea some cars can be taken to Airey's Inlet.

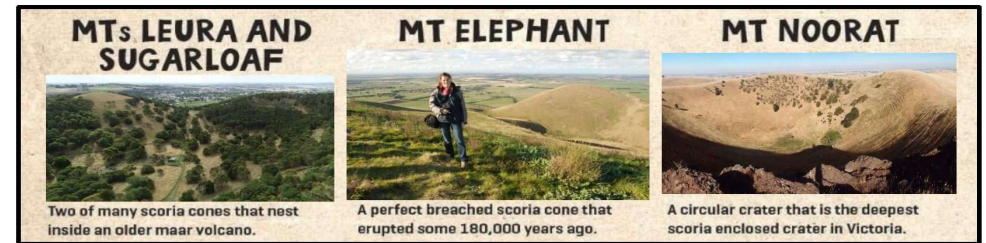
Mon 4 Mar Somers – Sandy Point

Leader: Doug Connell

Phone: 0419 527 653

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9:45am at Somers Store Car Park, Melway

The 4 Peaks Challenge 2024



Think you can rise to the challenge of 'summitting' Mt Leura, Mt Sugarloaf, Mt Elephant and Mt Noorat on the same day? Then this Friends of Mt Leura Inc. activity, in partnership with Mt Leura & Mt Sugarloaf Management Committee, is a must do for you and your family or friends.

- When: Sunday April 21st 2024 ... for a full day of activity.
- Where: Meet/start @ Volcanic Education Centre (Mt Leura Road, Camperdown) at base of Mt Leura at 9.30am. Coffee van onsite.
- BYO: Morning tea, lunch, snacks and plenty to drink; sunscreen, day pack plus camera and/or binoculars for the terrific views.
- Wear: Sturdy footwear and clothing suitable for the weather.
- Transport: BYO vehicle.

All welcome, and bring the kids ... but please note that some steep and rough terrain will be encountered so a degree of physical fitness is required.

For more information contact Friends of Mt Leura:
John Fallon on 0487 341 337

The Window In The Rock

They took a car, a Balmain car,
Some tourists from the City,
And when they reach'd Narooma lake
They vowed that it was pretty.

They lunched beside the waters bright
On oysters, fish, and hock,
And then they all went forth to see
The Window in the Rock.

Fri 12 Apr Boobyalla Track Clearing

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

Leader: Kim Rosen Phone: 0422 804 816

Sun 14 Apr Mt. Macedon – Days Picnic Ground

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

Leader: Terry Simpson Phone: 0400037291

Mon 15 Apr Glen Waverley – East Malvern

Leader: Bruce Armstrong Phone: 0416 758 204

Rendezvous: Glen Waverley Railway Station @ 9.40am.

Morning Tea: Bogong Reserve.

Maps: Melway 71, 70 & 69 Grading: Easy Distance: 10 km.

Transport: Glen Waverley line train leaving Flinders Street at 9.04 am arriving at Glen Waverley Station at 9.39 am. Toilets at Station.

Lunch: Caloola Reserve – toilets available.

Walk Details: Pleasant walk following park trails with minor street walking to East Malvern Station.

Escapes: Escape at lunch (approx 1 km walk to Oakleigh Station).

3rd Wed 17 Apr Bayswater Park

Leader: Richard Bowen Phone: 9885 0438

Sun 21 Apr Mornington – Mt. Martha Clifftop Walk

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

Leader: Arthur Robertson Phone: 0419895916

Mon 22 Apr Easy Metro: Fairfield – Collingwood

Leader: Jim Cone Phone: 9560 8175

Wed 24 Apr Heidelberg – Yarra & Plenty – Montmerency

Leader: Ingrid David/David Watkins Phone: 0478 858 156 / 0414 547 190

Sun 28 Apr La Gerche Forest – Creswick

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

Leader: Tony Cagney Phone: 0411 843 609

194 B10.

Maps: Melway 194 Grading: Easy Distance: 11km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: Beach walk from the Somers Store to Sandy Point, where we cannot walk any further because of the boundary of Cerberus Naval base. We have lunch in the sand dunes then return on the same beach track to the car park opposite the Somers store. With the weather OK this can be a nice summer walk, there is a toilet at the start only, the walk has plenty of bush.

Wed 6 Mar Westgate – Victoria Harbour – City

Leader: David Watkins Phone: 0414 547 190
david39mwc@gmail.com

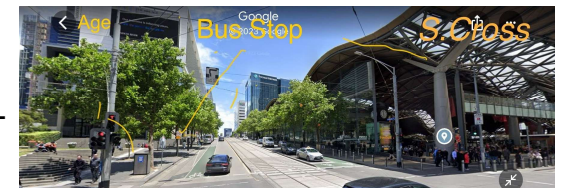
Rendezvous: 9.30am under Westgate Bridge at Sardine Street (Melway 56 D1).

Morning Tea: Westgate Park; Shelter, Toilets (Melway 42 F12).

Grading: Easy

Distance: 12km approx.

Transport: From Southern Cross station cross Collins Street to Catch 9.02am #237 Fishermans Bend Bus along-side forecourt of The Age building, alight at Bus Terminus (Sardine St.) under Westgate Bridge at 9.24am.



Lunch: Near end of Station Pier.

Walk Details: A flat walk through Westgate Park then down to Sandridge Life Saving Club. At this point a decision will be made on walking down the Webb Trail to the Observation Point and return. We shall take the coastal path and follow to Beacon Cove and lunch. Following lunch we pick up the walking track following the #109 Light Rail Route to the Westgate Freeway and then across Seafarers Bridge along Flinders Wharf to Docklands Park and Southern Cross Station to complete walk. Many escapes.

Sun 10 Mar Mt Donna Buang – Walter Briggs Hut – Boobyalla Track

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

Leader: Kim Rosen Phone: 0422 804 816

Rendezvous: 9.30am at the Rainforest Gallery, Acheron Way, Mt Donna Buang. Car parking is available as well as toilets. We will leave some cars here and then drive to the summit of Mt Donna Buang in the remaining cars. The walk will commence from the Summit.

Grading: Medium

Distance: 12 km.

Transport: Private cars.

Walk Details: The walk initially is off track down through the bush and the rainforest to the Walter Briggs Hut where we will have morning tea. After exploring the hut and the immediate surrounds we will retrace our steps up to an access track which will lead us to the Boobyalla Track. This track, previously very overgrown, has been recently cleared (or almost cleared) by members of the MWC and two other clubs working with the local Park Rangers. The Boobyalla Track climbs gently over Mt Boobyalla and then descends to a saddle and another Access Track, Road 4. The walk continues down Road 4 to the Acheron Way and back to the cars at the Rainforest Gallery. This is a very pretty walk.

It is advisable to wear long trousers and gaiters (if you have them). Poles will be useful on the off-track section. Bring an extra water bottle.

Afternoon Tea: At the Three Sugars Café, Warburton.

Wed 13 Mar Flinders Street Station – Gardiner Station

Leader: Richard Bowen

Phone: 9885 0438
0406 500 061

Rendezvous: Flinders Street Station outside the "Clocks" cafe/casino at 9.15am.

Maps: Melway 2F, 2G, 2L, 2M & 59.

Grading: Easy

Distance: 11km.

Morning Tea: Near "The Terrace" in the Botanic Gardens (Melway 2G 12D).

Walk Details: Follow the Yarra River, MacRobertson bridge, Yarra boulevard, Kooyong, Gardiner Station.

Escapes: Many, but a good escape is at Kooyong Station after lunch, and at stations along the Glen Waverly line.

Sun 17 Mar Portsea – Sorrento, Artist's Trail & Millionaire's Walk

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

Leader: Sue Cranage

Phone: 0414 669 948

Maps: Melway 69, 68, 67 & 58 Grading: Easy Distance: 9.5km.

Morning Tea: Pioneer Cemetery, Melway 69 F7, about 5 minutes walk from rendezvous. Toilets nearby.

Walk Details: Starting at Oakleigh we will follow as closely as possible the route of the ill-fated Rosstown Railway to Elsternwick. Only one train ever ran on this line. Info available on the day. At Princes Park we will have lunch, toilets should be available, open on day of recce.

Escapes: Rail escapes at Ormond and Elsternwick. Buses serve most of the major north/south roads we cross. Trams in Hawthorn Rd after lunch.

Wed 27 Mar Lalor – Edgars Creek – Edwardes Lake

Leader: Alex Hordijkeno

Phone: 0497 699 507

Rendezvous: 9:48am at Lalor railway station.

Maps: Melway 8 & 18

Grading: Easy

Distance: 11 km.

Transport: 9:02am Mernda train ex Flinders Street, arriving Lalor station at 9:48am.

Morning Tea: V.R. Michael Reserve, Melway 8 K2. Toilets and shelter available.

Walk Details: Most of the walk is on open grass land with some street walking at the start. A number of interesting historic buildings will be seen on the route. Lunch will be along Edgars Creek and if weather is bad under the Metropolitan Ring Road bridge. There are a number of bus escapes along the way.

APRIL PROGRAM

Wed 3 Apr Greenvale – Woodlands – West Meadows

Leader: Miles Pierce

Phone: 0429 359 832

Sun 7 Apr Metro walk

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

Leader: Frfed

Phone: 0123 456 789

Mon 8 Apr Peninsula

Leader: Ron Anderson

Phone: 0448 512 525

Wed 10 Apr South Morang – Plenty Park – Eltham

Leader: Jenny Hosking

Phone: 0423 627 232

What To Bring: Gardening gloves, gaiters, ear-muffs (if you want to use a noisy brush cutter), sharp loppers if you have them, packed lunch, drinking water and clothing for all seasons. Equipment and training with the brush cutters is provided.

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 24 Mar Cycling Tour: Ballarat – Skipton Rail Trail

Wendouree Railway Station to Smythesdale and return. Suitable for mountain bikes, touring bikes, hybrid bikes, e-bikes. Not really suitable for road bikes with skinny tyres.

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

Leader: Colin Crook Phone: 0418 386 459

Rendezvous: 10 am at Wendouree Railway Station.

Morning Tea: *In the Sticks Café* at Haddon. Very good coffee.

Distance: 40 km cycle.

Grading: Medium, mainly flat rail trail with fine gravel surface.

Transport: Private Car or 8:14 am train from Southern Cross Station arriving at Wendouree at 9:51 am. Note that this is a service to Ararat. Wendouree is the first station after Ballarat.

Walk Details: A pleasant ride from the outskirts of Ballarat through farming countryside. On a clear day we can see the Grampians. Many points of historic interest along the way. Lunch in Smythesdale township historic area. Afternoon tea at the leader's home which is only 1 km from Wendouree station. Trains leave Wendouree at 4:14 pm, 5:03 pm and 6:14 pm for Melbourne.

Mon 25 Mar Easy Metro: Oakleigh – Elsternwick

Leader: Les Littlejohn Phone: 5987 2215
0409 400 302

Rendezvous: 10am at Oakleigh Railway Station, North side entrance.

Transport: 9:33am Westall train ex Flinders Street arrives Oakleigh at 9:56am. Return trains from Elsternwick.

Rendezvous: 9.15am at the Point Nepean National Park carpark. Melway 156 C2.

Morning Tea: At the Point Nepean National Park Carpark. Toilets available at car park.

Maps: Melway 156 & 157 Grading: Easy/Medium Distance: 12km.

Transport: Via car on Peninsula Freeway M11 to Mornington Peninsula. At end of M11 Freeway continue straight ahead at the roundabout to reach Boneo Road then turn right at roundabout and go straight until you turn left at Point Nepean Road. Stay on the Point Nepean Road to go to Sorrento and then turn right as you come into Sorrento to go on to Portsea. Continue through Portsea along the Point Nepean Road through to the Entrance of the Point Nepean National Park and to the carpark on the left just after you go through the entrance to the National Park.

Walk Details: Start walk at 9.45am. Most of the track is on well-formed paths. Starting from the carpark there is a short walk out to Police Point to learn about some of the early history of the Quarantine Station and to view a couple of early paintings of Port Philip Bay. Then returning to the main road pathway, the walk will go to The Cutting and go down onto a section of beach as the walk continues onto the Portsea Pier for a wander. Then returning to the Pt Nepean Road, the walk goes to Franklin Road to a walk along the cliff tops for some beautiful views of Port Philip Bay, some more of the artists trail and views of the backyards of some modern looking Portsea Mansions. The walk then continues down onto Shelley Beach for a 1.5 km walk along the beach to Point King, and an historical marker. From Point King, the walk continues onto the famous Millionaires Walk, which is about 1km. Then the walk returns to the Point Nepean Road pathway for another 1km to the Sorrento History Park where a spot for lunch will be chosen. Toilets available at park. Again, there are beautiful views of Port Philip Bay and the Sorrento Pier. There may be time to walk down to Sorrento Pier and back to the park. The return walk of 3km will be along the gardened pathway following the Point Nepean Road back to Portsea for a coffee and cake. Then there is a 1km (15 min) walk back to the carpark.

Escapes: There is a 788 Bus service between Sorrento and Portsea.

Notes: Poles and walking boots would be helpful on a gravelly section of the trail. There will be two sections of the walk along the beach in sand. One beach sand section is short, and the other is about 1.5km. There are also a couple of small hills in sections of the walk.

Mon 18 Mar Mount Eliza – Canadian Bay – Frankston

Note that this walk's start has been changed.

Leader: Les Littlejohn

Phone: 5987 2215
0409 400 302

Rendezvous: Frankston railway station at 9.45am.

Transport: 8.38am Frankston train ex Flinders Street, arrives Frankston at 9.45am. 9.55am route 785 bus ex Frankston, bus bay C, alight at Coonara Ave at 10.06. Check Metro trains website for any works disruptions which may affect travel times. At time of writing none are shown.

Maps: Melway 105, 101 & 102.

Grading: Easy/medium

Distance: 11 km approx.

Morning Tea: Rupert White Reserve. There are seats but no toilets available (Melway 105 F4).

Walk Details: This is a new walk starting at Rupert White Reserve. We walk for a short distance down Koetong Parade before turning onto a foot track following Earimil Creek downstream until the track emerges onto Ryde Ave. The creek is impassable from here so a little street walking is required to reach the beach via steps off Rosserdale Crescent. We may visit a lookout at the South end of Ranelagh Beach. The walk follows the beach basically North passing behind Canadian Bay Boat Club. There are toilets here, and depending on time this could be a good lunch spot. Walk continues along coast, using clifftop path in parts passing Davey's Bay Boat Club as far as steps up to Gulls Way which leads to Nepean Hwy. Footpath is followed down Olivers Hill and along foreshore. Cross Highway at a set of steps and ascend to reach the Esplanade. A short walk leads to Beauty Park then to Baxter St and Fletcher Road and Frankston Station.

Escapes: None until reaching the Nepean Highway after lunch. The bus service is fairly frequent.

3rd Wed 20 Mar Wattle Park

Leader: Doug Swinbourne

Phone: 0438 881 176

Rendezvous: 10:20am at Box Hill Bus Interchange (bay 13).

Maps: Melway 60 & 61 Grading: Easy Distance: Approx 7 km.

Transport: Belgrave train at 9:40am Flinders Street, arriving at Box Hill at 10:16am. Then the #767 bus leaving Box Hill Bus Interchange at 10:25am.

Walk Details: From the bus stop on Elgar Rd. we walk to the Wattle Park chalet picnic area for morning tea. The only toilets on the walk are at this location. The walk then explores the park, nearby Gardiners Creek and parts of the Deakin University grounds. Lunch will again be at the picnic ground adjacent to the chalet. There are some short uphill sections.



This is why the Boobyalla Track needs clearing

Fri 22 Mar 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 and meet the Park Rangers at either the Rainforest Gallery or at the Summit (to be confirmed).

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. We have cleared the track up to the summit of Mt Boobyalla from the south side and we have had 2-3 days clearing from Road 4 up the track on the north side of Mt Boobyalla. We may approach today's track clearing from the summit down or from Road 4 upwards. The Rangers will let us know a few days before so that we know where to meet them before they drive us into the work area. 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.