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by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 1st May.

Talk Over Lunch at Charles Dickens Tavern

These lunches, on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except January), are still going. They are held at the **Charles Dickens Tavern Bistro**, in the basement of 290 Collins Street Melbourne, at 11:45 am for 12:00 noon.

If you wish to attend, please contact Charlie Freedman:

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Laughter Is The Best Medicine

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators.
We haven't met yet.



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To book simply visit the Club Website,
click on Mount Buller and open the
Mount Buller Booking page

An Unmissable MWC Member Privilege

MAY WALKS

Wed 1 May Sherbrooke – The Patch - Belgrave

Leader: Greg Taylor

Phone: 0430 047 218

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Rendezvous: 10.00am at Belgrave railway station.

Maps: Melway 75 & 124

Distance: 12.5 km.

Grading: Medium / difficult (hilly; uneven, gravel paths). The section of track leading to Old Monbulk Rd is very steep.

Transport: The 8.30am Belgrave train from Flinders Street arriving in Belgrave 9.31 or the 8.56 train from Flinders St. arriving at 9.56. Then all catching the 10.08am #694 bus to Mt Dandenong to the corner of Georges Rd and Sherbrooke Roads, in Kallista at 10.14am.

Morning Tea: Grant's Picnic Ground (Melway 75 K4). Seating, shelter, toilets, cafe.

Walk Details: An interesting walk in the Dandenongs along country roads and through the Dandenong Ranges National Park. We head east along Sherbrooke Rd to the morning tea spot then follow the Kallista-Emerald Road to William Rd. We then enter the Dandenong Ranges Park along the Foden Track to the lunch spot. After lunch we join the Paddy Track and Welch Track through the Park to Old Monbulk Road and onto Belgrave Station. There is a long climb along William Road before lunch and a short steep climb just before Belgrave station. Escape to Belgrave station on #663 bus is available at The Patch Reserve (4 km from start). Toilets at Belgrave station and at morning tea.

Return trains depart half-hourly from Belgrave station at: 2:17, 2:47, 3:17, 3:47pm.

Sun 5 May Combined Walk with MWWC – Churchill National Park, Lysterfield

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

Leader: Kim Rosen

Phone: 0422 804 816

Rendezvous: 9am at the Churchill National Park carpark next to the covered BBQ/picnic tables. Entry to the park is via the Main Gate from Churchill Park Drive (Melway 82 C11 & C10).

Grading: 1st Walk - Easy Medium 10km, & 2nd Walk - Medium 16km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: The walks are being organized and led by MWWC members this year. We want as many MWC members as possible to come along to enjoy and share the MWWC's hospitality.

Starting from the car park, both walks will follow bush tracks leading to the Lysterfield lookout platform, also known as Trig Point. Both walks involve some ascents and descents. Bring a packed morning tea and lunch to have along the track.

Afternoon Tea: Following the walks, afternoon tea will be provided around the shelter/tables near the carpark by the MWWC (not to be missed!).

Mon 6 May Red Hill – Country Lanes

Leader: Ian Tregear

Phone: 9548 3391

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9:45am Corner Point Leo Rd. – Callanans Rd. Melway 191 A7.

Map: Melway 191 Grading: Moderate Distance: 11 km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: From the reserve we walk via Baynes Rd. to Stony Creek Rd. then along a Bridal track on Mornington – Flinders Rd. to the Red Hill Showgrounds and back to the start. This is a pleasant walk through different country scenery, but note there are some long hills on the way. There is a toilet at the start and the lunch stop in the Showgrounds reserve.

Wed 8 May Aircraft – Skeleton Creek – Westona

Leader: Stuart Galloway

Phone: 0421 560 031

Rendezvous: Aircraft station at 9:41am.

Maps: Melway 53, 208, 209 & 54 Grading: Easy Distance: 12km.

Transport: 9:14am Flinders St (Werribee line) train to Aircraft. Arrive 9:41. Return from Westona station.

Morning Tea: Bruce Comben Reserve.

Walk Details: An easy and flat walk mostly along Skeleton creek and surrounding wetlands. Cross the Freeway, then follow some suburban streets for morning tea at Bruce Comben Reserve. Continue along the northern side of Skeleton Creek and the Bay trail for lunch at the 100 steps of Federation. This is a lookout on a low hill with a panoramic view

of the whole of Melbourne. Cross over Laverton Creek on a footbridge and finish at Westona station.

Escapes: 411 Bus along Queens St to Altona.

Toilets: No toilets but adequate shrubbery.

Mon 13 May Upper Ferntree Gully – Ferntree Gully

Leader: Wayne Hansen

Phone: 0415 351 492

Rendezvous: Leader will meet train on north side of Upper Ferntree Gully station at 9.50am.

Transport: 8.56am Belgrave Train ex Flinders St. Arrives Upper Ferntree Gully station at 9.48am.

Morning Tea: Picnic shelter in Dandenong Ranges National Park. Seats shelter and toilets available.

Maps: Melway 65 & 74 Grading: Medium/hard Distance: 12km.

Walk Details: This walk is mainly through the National Park on fire tracks with extensive views and tall forests. The first part of the walk after morning tea (approximately 40 min) is quite steep. We will take our time. It is less steep as we make our way to one tree hill at approximately 11.45. We will have an early lunch break. Tables, shelters and toilets available.

The first part of the track after lunch is very steep downhill for approximately 300m. After this it is generally downhill for the remainder of the walk with only a couple of small inclines. We aim to finish the walk at Ferntree Gully station at approximately 2.45-3.00pm. Trains depart to Flinders St at 2.58 and every half hour. Walking poles recommended.

Escapes: Approximately 2/3 through the walk to bus 755 on Forest Rd to either Boronia or Ferntree Gully stations.

3rd Wed 15 May Canterbury Gardens – Boroondara Park

Leader: Graeme Barker

Phone: 9874 6938
0437 006 938

Rendezvous: 10.30am at Rotunda in centre of Canterbury Gardens. Melway 46 D11.

Map: Melway 46 & 45

Grading: Easy.

Distance: am: 5 km; pm: 2 km.

Transport: 9.58am Blackburn (Belgrave line) train ex Flinders Street platform 3, arriving Canterbury at 10.17. Gardens are on north side of rail-

way station. Leader will meet train for short walk to rendezvous. Return trains pm 15 minute service to city. Car drivers allow time to find parking in general area (restrictions) if there is no room in the station car park. Chaucer Crescent or Dudley Parade at west end of gardens are options.

Morning Tea & Lunch: Rotunda in Canterbury Gardens.

Walk Details: am: An interesting walk north mainly on streets to view some high profile housing and Boroondara Park. pm: Short walk south of railway on streets and tracks. Some gentle undulations. Exeloo toilet available in Canterbury Gardens.

Sun 19 May Cape Woolamai Circuit – Churchill Island, Philip Island

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

Leader: Eileen O'Callaghan

Phone: 0402 209 840

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: Woolamai Surf Beach Car Park, 288 Woolamai Beach Rd, Cape Woolamai VIC 3925 at 10:00am. Toilets available. The name *Wollamai* is believed to be adopted from the Koori word for the *snapper* fish.

Lunch: Churchill Island Café and picnic lunch.

Maps: www.google.com/maps/dir//Woolamai+Surf+Beach+Parking

Distance: 8.2 km, Approx time 2-3 hours Grading: Moderate.

Transport: Private car. Contact leader if you can take extra passengers or if you seek transport.

From Melbourne drive south-east for 122 km to San Remo and cross bridge to Phillip Island. Continue along main road for 2.8 km then turn left into Woolamai Beach Road. Continue for 2.9 km to the Surf Lifesaving Club car park. Good phone reception.

Walk Details: Features panoramic views of ocean waves, beach and rocky cliff coastline. Prepare for windy or bad weather. Bring insect repellent, sunscreen, and hat as there is no shade.

Possible fauna spotting: penguins, hooded plovers, koalas, wallabies, fur seals, butterflies, snakes and bats. Between May-October whales visit these waters. The migratory mutton birds have flown away in May.

Has some extended gradual climbs to the Cliff Track and Quarry Track. Wooden stairs near Woolamai Hill and Old Granite Quarry on the beach.

Mon 20 May Bike Ride: Bayswater – Bayswater

Leader: Wayne Hansen

Phone: 0415 351 492

Rendezvous: Western entrance to Bayswater station at 10.40am.

Map: Melway 50 F3 Grading: Easy Distance: 30km.

Transport: 9.56am Belgrave Train ex Flinders St. Arrives Bayswater station at 10.37am.

Morning Tea: Heavenly Pies and Cakes Bakery in Bayswater. Seating and bike rack out the front. 5 minutes ride from station.

Ride Details: An easy ride with very few hills all on bike tracks through bushland along the Dandenong Creek to Nortons Park for lunch. Tables and toilets available. After lunch we follow the Blind Creek trail past Knox City through to Boronia and then on to Bayswater. We aim to be back at Bayswater Station at approximately 1.30pm. Trains depart for the city at 1.33, 2.03 and 2.33pm.

Wed 22 May Baxter – Mornington

Leader: Les Littlejohn

Phone: 5987 2215
0409 400 302

Rendezvous: Baxter railway station at 10.37am. (Melway 107 B4).

Maps: Melway 107, 106, 105, 104 & 145.

Grading: Easy/Medium

Distance: 12.5 km.

Transport: 9.15am Frankston train ex Flinders Street (Caulfield at 9.35am), arrives Frankston at 10.24am. 10.37 Stony Point train ex Frankston, arrives Baxter at 10.46am. 9.30am bus ex Dandenong (route 901), arrives Frankston 10.15am. Check Metro trains website for any works disruptions which may affect travel times. None are listed at time of writing, but please check.

Morning Tea: Harold Reid Reserve, off Oldstead Drive, Melway 106 K5.

Walk Details: Leaving Baxter station we will walk to Harold Reid Reserve for morning tea, after which we will follow the Peninsula Link Trail to the disused Mornington railway line. The track follows this to Moorooduc where we will partake of lunch at the Lakeside Picnic area. We will then continue to follow the railway line, passing Emil Madsen Reserve, to its end at Yuilles Rd. From here it is only a few minutes walk to the Nepean Highway. Buses, routes 781,785 and 788, are available here.

Escapes: No escapes.

Note: Toilets at Frankston station, Baxter shopping centre, Peninsula Link service area, Lakeside Picnic Area, Emil Madsen Reserve. Toilet on Stony Point train is kept locked.

Sun 26 May High Lead Car Park – Powelltown

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

Leader: John Gates

Phone: 0428 761 644

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: Powelltown Public Hall car park at 9:30 am.

Map: Melway Touring Map X912 T4

Grading: Medium

Distance: 13 km.

Transport: Private car. Take the Warburton Highway to Yarra Junction where you turn right on to the Powelltown-Noojee Road (C425). Continue into Powelltown turning up Blake Street (opposite the Powelly Pub) and turn right into the car park of the Powelltown Public Hall opposite the Gladysdale Fire Station. We will have morning tea here. There are toilet facilities.

Car Shuffle: From the rendezvous / morning tea location, a car shuffle is required to convey all participants to the start of the walk from the High Lead carpark adjacent to the Powelltown – Noojee Rd about 11 km from Powelltown, with sufficient vehicles left at the Public Hall to take drivers back to the High Lead CP at the end of the walk.

Walk Details: From the High Lead carpark the walk follows a part of the 'Walk into History' trail in the Yarra State Forest. Much of the route is along the formation of a substantive three-foot gauge steel railed timber tramway dating from the second decade of the twentieth century. The first 4 km runs alongside the headwaters of the La Trobe River which is crossed and recrossed, mainly via bridges of recent origin. The trail then rises to cross the divide between the watersheds of the La Trobe and Little Yarra rivers, termed 'The Bump'. From here the trail follows the latter river, crossing it a couple of times. The final section back to the start point is via several streets in the hamlet of Powelltown.

There is one stream crossing via steppingstones or a moss-covered log, and a few short steep descents and climbs which can be slippery when wet. Prepare for mud so good walking shoes plus poles and gaiters if you have them.

Afternoon Tea: At the Powelly Pub.

Mon 27 May Easy Metro: City Parks

Leader: Jim Cone

Phone: 9560 8175

Rendezvous: 9.15 am at tram terminus corner of Flinders and Elizabeth Streets.

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

Transport: Coburg tram 19 from tram terminus to corner Royal Parade and Macarthur Road (stop 14).

Morning Tea: University cricket ground, Melway 2B D5.

Walk Details: An easy walk through Melbourne Central Cemetery, University of Melbourne, Carlton Gardens and Fitzroy Gardens to Yarra River.

Notes: Numerous escapes.

Wed 29 May Ringwood – Croydon Hills

Leader: David Watkins

Phone: 0414 547 190

mdwatti@bigpond.net.au

Rendezvous: 9.25am on north side Maroondah Highway across from Ringwood Station; meet in “park area” outside De Stazione café.

NOTE: No toilets at morning tea, toilets at station or in Eastland Shopping Centre.

Maps: Melway 49, 50 & 36.

Grading: Easy / Medium

Distance: 11km.

Transport: 8.45am Belgrave train Ex Flinders Street Station, arriving Ringwood at 9.20am.

Morning Tea: Mullum Mullum reserve, Melway 49 K6. Ample seating but very limited under cover. **NO TOILETS**.

Lunch: Lipscombe Park Reserve, WITH TOILETS, seating and cover. Takeaway Coffee and snacks 25 metres. Melway 36 F12.

Walk Details: This is a surprisingly attractive walk; from the start we join the Mullum Mullum Creek trail to Croydon North, then a short distance on quiet roads to lunch at Lipscombe Park reserve, this section is generally flat. After lunch the walk is undulating with one or two sharp pinches, using parkland and a couple of short stretches on very quiet suburban streets to our finish at Wonga Road Warranwood. Melway 36 C10. #380 Bus to Croydon / Ringwood.

Escapes: There are escapes at 3km, 6km (lunch) & 9km.

JUNE PROGRAM

Sun 2 Jun Olinda Valley

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

Leader: David Adams

Phone: 0419 342 633

Mon 3 Jun Seawinds – Waterfall Gully

Leader: Denis Phillips

Phone: 0455 300 011

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9:45am at Seawinds, Melway 159 D12. Look for the carpark near the toilet block.

Maps: Melway 159, 170 & 171.

Grading: Strenuous

Distance: 11 km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: We start at Seawinds picnic area and walk the 2 Bays Track to Kings Falls, there are some nice views along this section, then along Waterfall Gully Rd to McLaren's Dam where we re-enter the park for lunch, then continue back to the Picnic ground in Seawinds. There is a toilet at the start and finish.

This is a hilly walk along bush tracks and country roads with a very steep climb after lunch.

Wed 5 Jun Darebin – Latrobe Uni – McLeod – Bundoora

Leader: John Rankin

Phone: 0408 373 148

Wed 12 Jun Broadmeadows – Moonee Ponds – P.V.

Leader: Oliver Lucas

Phone: 9571 6865

Sun 16 Jun Bushranger Bay

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

Leader: Jill Morison

Phone: 0401 070 845

Mon 17 Jun Castlemaine Historical Town & Bushland

Leader: TBA

Phone: TBA

3rd Wed 19 Jun Hampton

Leader: Jim Cone

Phone: 9560 8175

Sun 23 Jun Lerderderg Gorge – Scenic Rim

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

Leader: Richard Jasek

Phone: 9820 2974

Mon 24 Jun Easy Metro: Victoria Park – Dights Falls – Royal Park – Fl.

Leader: Gordon Proudfoot

Phone: 0405 083 074

Wed 26 Jun Officer – Cardinia Creek – Beaconsfield

Leader: Oliver Lucas

Phone: 9571 6865

Sun 30 Jun TBA

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

Leader: Neale Oxley

Phone: 0407 525 966



Bike ride, Ballarat - Sipton Rail Trail, Sunday 24th March

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