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by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 4th June.

Laughter Is The Best Medicine

Crocodiles won't attack you if you carry a torch …
provided you can run fast enough.

Membership Fees

At its last meeting, the Club Executive has reluctantly decided to increase membership fees by $5 per year. The same discounts still apply.
See notice on page 15.

ATTENTION MWC MEMBERS

The MWC Activities Officer, Sue Cranage, is seeking a MWC Member for an exciting opportunity to be a Walk Coordinator for short walks, once a month, on a Sunday Morning or Sunday Afternoon.

A recent survey of MWC members, found that those members who were not participating in walks, were often those members still in the work force and were finding the Sunday walks take up the whole of Sunday, which took too much time out of their weekend.

So, to entice these members with limited time on weekends out for a walk, there is a need to create a short walk program on a Sunday. The Short Walks Sunday Program could make use of the catalogue of suburban short walks, held by the weekday walkers.

All that is needed is a MWC volunteer to coordinate a short walk once a month on a Sunday morning or afternoon.

If you feel inspired to be this walk coordinator, please contact Sue Cranage on Ph: 0414 669 948 or Email: **smcranage@optusnet.com.au**

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MT BULLER LODGE

Winter Season

June - September

Individual Bookings Only

Plan and book early to secure your preferred dates!

Come up and stay at the lodge in winter. It is an experience not to be missed. Close to the centre of Mt Buller Village, with cozy accommodation and stunning Alpine views.

Did you know that your family and friends can enjoy a stay at our Mt Buller Lodge even if you cannot join them? Conditions apply. For more information contact julieparis@bigpond.com or 0407 349 699.

BOOKINGS OPEN

BOOK NOW

The Lodge is located right at the village centre.
It sleeps up to 16
5 bedrooms (3 x 4 bed / 2 x 2 bed)
– each bedroom has its own en-suite bathroom.

Fully equipped kitchen and dining room, lounge, TV and table tennis rooms, deck and barbeque. A small supermarket is close by.

Winter Weekend Bookings:
Members & Dependants -
High Winter - $125 / night
Low Winter - $120 / night
Visitors -
High Winter - $200 / night
Low Winter - $190 / night

Winter Midweek Bookings:
Members & Dependants -
High Winter - $115 / night
Low Winter - $105 / night
Visitors -
High Winter - $180 / night
Low Winter - $170 / night

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

An Unmissable MWC Member Privilege

Base Undercover Activity: A Camping Adventure at Wilson's Prom
Friday 17th October – Sunday 19th October 2025

Please note: You must contact Leaders if you want to attend this activity. This trip will be limited to a total of 8 participants with a maximum of 5 tents. Register early so you don't miss out.

An opportunity to explore and hike the southern section of the beautiful Wilson's Prom National Park, camping 2 nights at a stunning bush campsite overlooking Oberon Bay and return to beautiful Waterloo Bay.

Participants must bring tent, sleeping gear, their own food, wet weather gear, warm clothes, sunscreen, hat and insect repellent. For those who don't own camping gear, it can be hired. A full equipment list will be provided. Aim for a maximum pack weight of 8 – 10 kg, not including water.

This activity is primarily aimed for people looking to try out or return to pack carrying and outdoor camping. All levels of experience welcome. The leader is very familiar with this hiking area and with outdoor camping. Please contact the leader to book in or to discuss your interest. The cost to camp at Wilsons Prom after 30th June 2025 will probably be around $15 per night.

Leader: Francis Brennan.

Rendezvous: Friday 17th October 2025 at 11.00am at Tidal River.

Transport: By private car, approx. 3 hours from Melbourne to Wilsons Prom National Park.

Hiking Details:

Day One: Friday, 17th October – Hike with your pack to the Oberon Bay campsite. Camping at Oberon Bay for 2 nights. Distance: approx. 7.6km (2.5 hours). Grading: Moderate with gentle gradients and well-maintained paths with the final 1.5km on a sandy beach and with an ankle-deep river crossing.

Day Two: Saturday, 18th October – A return hike to Waterloo Bay with lunch. Distance: 16.2km (3 hours each way). Grading: Moderate, mostly flat, with well-maintained paths.

Day Three: Sunday 19th October - pack up camp and hike back to Tidal River. Distance: approx. 7.6km (2.5 hours). Grading: Moderate with gentle gradients and well-maintained paths.

For further information, please contact: Francis Brennan
Email: **francis.brennan@bigpond.com**, Phone: 0438 383 899.

Important Note: Contact Francis by email only during May/June 2025.

Base Undercover Activity – Expressions of Interest
Tasman National Park, Tasmania
Monday, 23rd February, 2026 – Saturday, 28th February, 2026

Explore the breathtaking Tasman Peninsula over 5 days including the famous Cape Hauy and Cape Raoul and the Port Arthur Historic Site. The Tasman Peninsula is 90 minutes from Hobart.

Co- leaders: Francis Brennan and Cynthia Lui.

Rendezvous: In Hobart on Monday, 23rd February for a group dinner. The group will be staying at the RACV Hobart Hotel on 23rd February 2026.

Transport: Private bus includes transfers to/from each walk and transfers to and from Hobart or drop-off at the airport on the last day.

Participants are responsible for booking their own flights to Hobart.

Accommodation: One night at the RACV Hobart Hotel and four nights at the Stewarts Bay Lodge in Port Arthur (**stewartsbaylodge.com.au**).

Participants are responsible for booking their accommodation at the RACV Hobart Hotel.

Walk Details:
There will be four separate day walks, including Cape Hauy and Cape Raoul, ranging from medium – medium/hard. On the last day, you can either explore the Port Arthur Historic Site or arrange a cruise of the Tasman Peninsula.

Estimated costs:
Cost of 4x nights accommodation at Stewarts Bay Lodge -

- **Single room**: Water view - $1,000 or Bush view - $910
- **Twin share room**: Water view – $500 per person or Bush view room - $455 per person

Total cost of private bus transport is $2,720. The cost is $340 per person for a group of 8. Exact cost will depend on the final group size.

A deposit of $200 per person (single room) or $100 per person (twin share) will be required to register for the trip as accommodation and transport has been booked by the leader.

Cost of accommodation at RACV Hobart Hotel ranges between $200 - $250.

A park pass is required for Tasman Peninsula - $50 per person.

- For further information, please contact:
  Cynthia Lui (0415 038 776 **cynthialui@mac.com**) or
- Francis Brennan (**francis.brennan@bigpond.com**).

Please note: Places are limited to a maximum of 8 participants. Expressions of interest close 30th September. A wait list will be maintained in case of cancellations.

JUNE ACTIVITIES

Sun 1 Jun Warramate Hills – Yarra Valley

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

Leader: Chris Thompson Phone: 0425 759 399
cbthomson@vicbar.com.au

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9.30 am at the south east entrance to the Warramate Hills Conservation Park, which is located at the end of Yarraloch Way, Gruyere. Park cars on the left hand side only of the road approaching the gate to the reserve. Cars parked on the right hand side on the 'nature strip' are liable to be fined, according to warning signs on that side.

Transport: Private car. Take the Warburton Highway from the Lilydale direction towards Seville. Continue along the highway to Seville East, then turn left from the highway into Sunnyside Rd. Travel along this road, which becomes Killara Rd, for about 3km. Turn right into Yarraloch Way. Travel to the gate to the reserve (ignore Google Maps' strident announcements that "You have arrived" if you have not reached the gate to the reserve, which is signposted).

Grading: Moderate. The walk can be completed in 4 hours, including lunch. The steep sections can be arduous to climb, and tough on arthritic knees when descending. Distance: 11 km return.

Wak Details: The walk commences along a four wheel drive track through forest, the hugs the Woori Yallock Creek. A short side route takes us to the confluence of the creek with the Yarra River. The track continues up some steep sections, until eventually reaching the top of Steel Hill, where we will have lunch. There are good views to be had of the Yarra Valley and Mt Donna Buang. Some of the steep sections are slippery, and walking poles could be an advantage.

Afternoon Tea: At Killara Winery, where wines, coffee and tea can be purchased and consumed on the expansive decking.

Mon 2 Jun Highfield – Greensbush

NB. You must contact the leader and leave your phone number if you want to attend this activity.

Leader: Ian Tregear Phone: 0478 624 763

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9:45am at Melway 259 J7.

Maps: Melway 259, 253 & 260 Grading: Easy Distance: 11 km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: We meet at the Highfield Park entrance [off Boneo Rd (C777) , just over 1 km beyond the Bushranger Bay carpark on the right-hand side, when coming from Flinders] and walk to Rogers Rd easement, and then through gate 3 and into Greensbush for lunch, then complete the circuit back to Highfield park. This is a good bush walk with one long hill that is not too steep.

Wed 4 Jun Airport West – Steele Creek – Keilor

Leader: David Watkins Phone: 0414 547 190
mdwatti@bigpond.net.au

Rendezvous: 9.15am at Essendon Station, west side in Russell St. (from platform down ramp & left turn). Or if choosing direct by tram 9.33am at Mathews Avenue tram stop 58.

Maps: Melway 16 & 15 Grading: Easy Distance: 10km.

Transport: Craigieburn train ex Flinders St Station at 8.53am, arrive Essendon Station at 9.13am to catch 59 tram on Alexander Rd at 9.20am.

If going direct by tram from city, 8.43am Airport West, #59 tram from Flinders / Elizabeth St. Arrive stop 58, Marshall Rd at 9.33am.

Morning Tea: Small park at Louis St / Parer Rd junction, 600m, with seating, cover, toilets (Melway 16 A6).

Lunch: Keilor Park Recreational Reserve, seating, cover, toilets. 6.4km.

Walk Details: This is an attractive walk; following Steele Creek to lunch, short length of road to Brimbank Park, then downhill to Keilor and finish. #476 Bus to Essendon Station 1.34, 2.13 & 2.53 pm

Escapes: There are escapes at 3km, 6.5km (lunch) & 8km.

Tue 10 Jun Lunch – Charles Dickens Tavern

Please let the leader know if you want to attend this activity.

Our regular monthly social event occurs on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except January) at the Charles Dickens Tavern in the basement of 290 Collins Street Melbourne at 11:45 am for 12 noon. All welcome. For details contact Barry Revill on 9555 1114.

Wed 11 Jun Greenvale – Glenroy

Leader: Ingrid David Phone: 0478 858 156

Rendezvous: Broadmeadows Railway Station at 9:33am.

Transport: Craigieburn line train from Flinders Street at 8:53am. Busses 901 and 902 also go to Broadmeadows Station.

Maps: Melway 5, 6 & 16 Grading: Easy Distance: 11 km.

Morning Tea: Drummond Street Park. Seating, shelter, toilets available.

Walk Details: At Broadmeadows we catch bus #484 to Landmark Court, morning tea close by. Then we walk to join the Moonee Ponds Creek. The walk is mostly flat except at the end where there are some steep sections before we get to the Glenroy Railway Station.

Escapes: At Circular Road escape by Bus. After lunch at Jacana Reserve there is also an escape to Broadmeadows Station.

Sun 15 Jun Mornington Peninsular National Park – Greenbush

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

Leader: Arthur Robertson Phone: 0419 895 916

Rendezvous: Cnr Limestone Rd & Hyslops Rd Rosebud at 10:00am.

Transport: Private vehicle – taking some cars to cnr Boneo Rd & Two Bay Track (Bushrangers Bay Picnic Area).

Maps: Mornington Peninsular National Park – Greenbush (on Google).

Grading: Moderate Distance: 8.5 km.

Morning Tea: At start – lunch en route. Expected finish 2:00pm.

Escapes: None – possible after 5 km where toilets are available.

Note: Rendezvous at Flinders 4 km from finish for coffee if decided.

Mon 16 Jun Fisherman's Bend – Flinders St Station

Leader: Miles Peirce Phone: 0429 359 832

Rendezvous: Bus stop for route no. 237 bus. A short distance west from Spencer St on the south side of Collins St (opposite Southern Cross station and adjacent to The Age building forecourt) at 9:15 am to catch the 9:22 bus. (Route No. 237 buses run at ten-minute intervals. Early birds could board the previous service and wait at the Sardine St/Lorimer St terminus.)

Transport: Make own transport arrangements to meet leader at above rendezvous.

Maps: Melway 43, 42, 56, 57 & 43. (The more detailed printed maps 2J, 2K and 2F cover that last two-thirds of the walk route.)

Grading: Easy (flat) Distance: 12 km.

Morning Tea: West Gate Park. Seating and toilets. Melway 42 F12.

Lunch: Location to be decided enroute depending on progress of the walk party.

Walk Details: From the route 237 bus terminus in Lorimer St, a short trail

walk leads to Westgate Park for morning tea (shelter, seating and toilets). From here we head south along a trail beside Todd Rd to Sandridge Beach and then east beside the beach to Beacon Cove and Station Pier. The walk then continues along the beach side of Beaconsfield Parade to Armstrong Rd and via it to Albert Park.

On entering Albert Park, we traverse around the northern end of the lake and then follow Albert Rd, crossing Kings Way via the pedestrian overbridge opposite Mac Robertsons Girl's High School. Then, along Bowen Cr to reach St Kilda Road. The latter road will be crossed at the Park St traffic lights to enter the Kings Domain parklands near the Shrine. From there, the route parallels St Kilda Rd northwards through parkland to Princes Bridge and Flinders St station.

Toilets: Plenty. Westgate Park and ten other places along the walk route.

Escapes: No. 109 tram to the city from Station Pier; tram 12 to the city (or St Kilda) from Armstrong St stop; light-rail tram 96 adjacent to the walk entry into Albert Park; multiple tram routes along St Kilda Rd.

Wed 18 Jun Ruffey Lake Park

Leader: Graeme Barker Phone: 9874 6938
0437 006 938

Rendezvous: BBQ area off Victoria Street at 10.15am (Melway 33 J10).

Transport: 9.16am Belgrave train ex Flinders Street arriving Box Hill at 9.37am. Then Bus #279 departing Box Hill at 9.53am, arriving at Ruffey Lake Park Owens St stop at 10.07am (Melway 33 J10). For those travelling by car, there is ample parking in two off-street parking areas off Victoria St. Buses #279 returning to Box Hill are very frequent (every 11 minutes). Victoria St is very busy, so difficult to cross. It would be safer to walk south to the George St crossing which has traffic lights.

Maps: Melway 33 & 34 Grading: Easy/medium

Distance: am: 3.7 km; pm: 2.7 km.

Morning Tea & Lunch: BBQ area at 10.15am, toilets available.

Walk Details: The morning walk is along the Hill Tops Circuit, with several hill sections which are not steep. Many sections of the walk provide panoramic views of the Doncaster/Templestowe area. There are toilet facilities midway through the walk, as well as at the BBQ area. Along the way are 4 historic markers. The walk after lunch is an easy walk along the Ruffey Creek Circuit around the lake and along the creek.

Escapes: There are no escapes.

Sun 22 Jun Solstice Walk – Lerderderg State Park

NB. Please contact the leader (Richard Jasek) by text at least 48 hours prior to the walk on 0408 438 632. Numbers may be limited.

Leader: Richard Jasek Phone: 0408 438 632

Rendezvous: 9.30am for briefing and greeting at O'Briens Crossing, which is about 1 hour 20 minutes drive from Melbourne CBD. Ballarat is one hour away. Toilet facilities available (recently rebuilt). Walk will commence soon after cup of tea etc.

Grading: Moderate+ Distance: 13 km includes detour to lunch spot.

Walk Details: 7.5km of River forest level meandering defined track with rocky obstacles requiring some clambering. No river crossings involved, but walking poles will be helpful particularly if track is slippery. Return is shorter but involves a climb along a well defined track to an undulating ridge, and steep descent to car park. The steep climb pushes the classification to "harder".

Escapes: Return option is back along the river. Early returners will still take in the forest bathing experience.

Mon 23 Jun Easy Metro: – Nangak Tamboree – Macleod

Note. Change of leader and venue. It would be helpful, although not essential, to contact the leader if you plan to attend this activity.

Leader: Keith Tupper Phone: 9457 2595
0434 112 192 on the day

Rendezvous: 9:40am at Macleod railway station, north side entrance.

Transport: 8.59am Macleod train (arrives 9.40) or 8.49 Eltham train ex Flinders St. Bus 569 Macleod to La Trobe University.

Maps: Melway 19 & 20 Grading: Easy.

Distance: Approx. 7 km, but flexible.

Morning Tea: About 10.40am, Ironbarks hut, Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary.

Walk Details: The highlight of this walk is a 2 km tour of the Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary, a short distance from La Trobe University. (Entrance: La Trobe Av, Melway 19 G5; gold coin donation requested.) The walk will then proceed through the area formerly occupied by a complex of mental hospitals, with lunch under cover at Springthorpe Retirement Village, a short distance from Macleod station.

Note: There are toilets at Macleod station and the morning tea and lunch venues. For possible escapes, there are bus routes in the area.

Wed 25 Jun Hurstbridge – Flat Rock – Wattle Glen

Leader: John Rankin Phone: 0408 373 148

Rendezvous: 9:39 am at Hurstbridge station.

Maps: Melway 185, 263, 271 & 12. Distance: 8 km.

Grading: Medium/hard (hills; unmade tracks).

Transport: 8:25 am Hurstbridge train ex Flinders Street (8.28 am Southern Cross), arriving Hurstbridge at 9.39 am. Alternatively #901 or #902 bus to Greensborough station to meet the Hurstbridge train at 9.13 am.

Morning Tea: Fergusons Paddock (Melway 185 K8); seating, shelter and toilets.

Walk Details: A pleasant though strenuous walk through picturesque country along back roads. This is a shortened version of the walk we have done previously. From Fergusons Paddock we head east along Cherry Tree Rd into Flat Rock Rd to Silvan Rd. We then follow Silvan Rd to Valley Rd and then to Kangaroo Ground - Wattle Glen Road finishing at Wattle Glen station. There are numerous hills (up and down) and gravel roads. Return trains at 2.00, 2,40, 3.20 pm. Toilets at morning tea and just before Wattle Glen station. No seating and no undercover lunch.

Escapes: There are no escapes.

JULY PROGRAM

Wed 2 Jul McKinnon – St Kilda

Leader: David Blackwell Phone: 0407 877 028

Sun 6 Jul Sailors Falls – Old Wombat Station

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

Leader: Colin Crook Phone: 0418 386 459

Rendezvous: 10 am at the Carpark at Sailors Falls Picnic Area, Ballan-Daylesford Road, C141. Melway X909 C10.

Maps: Melway X909. Grading: Easy/Medium Distance: 12km.

Transport: Private Car. If coming from Melbourne and crossing the West Gate Bridge the signs indicate the road to Geelong initially. Further on the signs to Ballarat appear. Take the M80 Western Ring Road and later the M8 Western Freeway towards Ballarat. Near Ballan, take the exit to Daylesford, C141. Sailors Falls is 24km from the M8 Western Highway. Sailors Falls is on the left 900 metres past Sault restaurant which is also on the left.

Morning Tea: Along the Goldfields Track at junction with Telegraph Road. This is also an escape route back to Ballan-Daylesford Road.

Walk Details: We meet at the car park for Sailors Falls Picnic Area where

there are sheltered picnic tables and a clean drop toilet (the only toilet facility on the walk). After viewing the waterfalls we head to the Goldfields Track and follow it south to old Wombat railway station. There is a comfortable rotunda to have afternoon tea before heading home. A short car shuffle will be required.

Mon 7 Jul Seawinds – OT Dam

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

Leader: Ron Anderson Phone: 0448 512 525

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9:30am at Seawinds Arthurs Seat State Park, Melway 159 D12.

Maps: Melway 159 & 160 Grading: Medium Distance: 10km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: We walk around Seawinds Park then to Pindara Rd, on to Arthurs Seat State Park bush walk and a circuit of OT Dam, where we will have lunch, completing the walk back to Seawinds car park by the same track. There are a couple of steep sections on the walk but most of it is easy going through nice bushland.

Tue 8 Jul Lunch – Charles Dickens Tavern

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Wed 9 Jul Westerfolds Park – Greensborough

Leader: Marsha Rankin Phone: 0402 058 184

Mon 14 Jul Kooyong – City

Leader: Stuart Galloway Phone: 0416 758 204

Wed 16 Jul The Briars – Mt Martha

Leader: Les Littlejohn Phone: 5987 2215

Sun 20 Jul 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: 10:00 am at Babington Park, Marine Parade, Hastings, opposite The Hastings Club. Melway 154 J8.

Maps: Melway 154 & 165 Grading: Easy Distance: 11 km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: A very pleasant easy walk along the boardwalk through Kings

Creek reserve then along the Hastings foreshore reserve past the Jetty, yacht club and onto the Western Port trail. This joins up with the Bittern coastal wetlands boardwalk which will lead us to the mangrove coast at Hastings then 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. We then return via the same path back to the start.

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

Wed 23 Jul Keilor Village – Brimbank Park

Leader: John Ackerman Phone: 0477 648 528

Sun 27 Jul Cape Woolamai Circuit – Phillip Island

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

Leader: Francis Brennan Phone: 0438 383 899

Rendezvous: 10:00am at the Cape Woolamai Surf Life Saving Club carpark.

Transport: Private Car. Phillip Island is approx. 1.5 hours drive from Melbourne. The easiest route to Phillip Island is to take the Monash Freeway towards Warragul. Exit the freeway at the Pakenham/
Koo Wee Rup exit . Take the Koo Wee Rup bypass to the South Gippsland Highway. Stay on that road and follow the signs to Phillip Island. The turnoff to Cape Woolamai is approx. 3km past the San Remo bridge. Take the first exit from the Phillip Island Rd (B420) at the intersection with Woolamai Beach Rd. The carpark is approx. 2.8km from the turnoff.

Morning Tea: At the Cape Woolamai SLSC where there is a coffee shop.

Lunch: At Churchill Island near San Remo. Churchill Island is a 15 min drive from the Woolamai SLSC. We have the option of a picnic in the farmhouse grounds or lunch in the café.

Distance: 8km approx. 2.5 hrs Grading: Easy Escapes: No escapes.

Walk Details: A scenic walk with panoramic views of the Bass Coast along a well maintained track. Parts of the walk are on the Woolamai surf beach and the Cleveland Bight beach. The walk features diverse scenery and some wildlife. The track is exposed to the weather so be prepared for gusty winds and rain. Depending on the tide the walk may be clockwise or anti clockwise. There are toilets at the Woolamai SLSC. There are many benches on the track to sit and admire the views. Complete the walk at about 12:30pm.

Optional Walk after lunch: Grading Easy. We have the option of an easy walk around Churchill Island. Churchill Island has a historic working farm with beautiful grounds. You will come upon Cape Barren geese, Highland cattle and peacocks. Distance 4km approx. 1hr.

Mon 28 Jul Batman – Fawkner

Leader: Alex Hordijenko Phone: 0497 699 507

Wed 30 Jul Mordialloc – Carrum

Leader: Jenny Hosking Phone: 0423 627 232

Rendezvous: By Train, 9.11am Frankston train ex Flinders St Station (Platform 8) arriving at Mordialloc Station 9.56am.

Maps: Melway 92, 93, 97 and/or Google.

Grading: Easy Distance: 11km approx.

Morning Tea: 10.00am Mordicalloc Creek Reserve near boat ramp, Melway 92 G2 (Seating & toilets).

Walk Details: Pleasant walk following Longbeach trail to Edithvale and Patterson Lakes wetlands. Then walk along Patterson riverbank to Carrum station. Lunch is at Chelsea Bicentennial Park. (Sheltered seating & toilets). Escape possible after lunch.

Mt. Buller Lodge Working Bee & Removal of Old Ski Equipment

The Mt. Buller sub-committee will be conducting the next working bee over the weekend of the 17th & 18th May 2025. **Volunteers are needed for this working bee, so please contact Julie Paris on 0407 349 699 if you would like to join us.**

At the working bee, the sub-committee will take the opportunity to remove all abandoned ski equipment under the lodge. Please ensure you have removed any ski equipment that you would like to keep, before this date.

Thank you, **Mt. Buller sub-committee**

Vale Hugh Gibson

Hugh spent his early years in Box Hill with his Mum and elder brother, waiting for Dad to return from the War. The family later moved to Richmond, where Hugh became a Jack Dyer tragic. After school he became a draftsman in the SEC. He played football, tennis and enjoyed skiing. He married Marlene 65 years ago and they had two sons and five grandchildren.

They enjoyed caravan holidays in Queensland for many years and joined the VMTC in 1979 to become enthusiastic bushwalkers, walking throughout Australia and venturing overseas on walking holidays.

After retirement, Hugh joined the Melbourne Walking Club and embarked on many fearsome extended walks and ski trips. He enjoyed several years involved in the management and distribution of the MWC Circular. Hugh also developed and managed the Easy Metro Walks program. He was invested with the twenty five year membership badge and in 2016, Life Membership.

Hugh and Marlene moved to a Retirement Village in Box Hill in 2011 and Hugh passed away peacefully on April 4th 2025 after a long illness.

Marshal Schaeche

Mt Buller Lodge Voluntary Contribution Request

Over 30 years ago Gerald Morton and other forward thinking members of the Melbourne Walking Club had a vision for a new all seasons mountain lodge to replace the old lodge. Thanks to their determination and hard work we all have the privilege of access to our lodge at Mt Buller. Today the lodge has financial challenges. Every member of our club is now being asked to pay a voluntary contribution of $100, or more, which will be spent solely on our lodge. This request is due to recent massive increases in insurance premiums and other costs, plus the many works required in preparation for the application to renew our lease from Alpine Resorts Victoria.

Payment can be made along with your annual membership fee.

Thank you for your support.

Executive Committee, Melbourne Walking Club

Note that subscriptions have increased by $5 this year.
2025/26 Subscriptions are due by 30 June 2025,
and are set out below with discounts available to members who wish to take advantage of them when paying.

2025/26 rates	**-- Within Victoria and aged under 80 years**	**$70**
	-- Outside Victoria or aged 80 years and over	**$65**

The following discounts apply:
Prompt Payment: $5 (for payment by 30 June 2025).
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.

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.
Or
Please send a cheque payable "Melbourne Walking Club Inc" to:
Mr A Robertson, 45 Albany Cres, Aspendale, Vic, 3195.

Arthur Robertson, Treasurer, MWC.

Darebin Creek Trail, 17th March

If undeliverable, return to:
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Box 2446 GPO
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