In this edition ...

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

Monday	1 Sep	Main Ridge Circuit	Ron Anderson
Wednesday	3 Sep	Research – Wattle Glen	Charlie Freedman
Monday	8 Sep	Nunawading – Hawthorn	John Rankin
Tuesday	9 Sep	Lunch – Charles Dickens	Charlie Freedman
Wednesday	10 Sep	President's Walk	Kim Rosen
Sunday	14 Sep	Yarra Bend Park	Francis Brennan
Monday	15 Sep	Canterbury – East Malvern	Alan Manzoori
Wednesday	17 Sep	Braeside Park	Bruce Armstrong
Sunday	21 Sep	Bushranger Bay	Souravi Ghosh
Monday	22 Sep	Mitcham – Box Hill	Doug Swinbourne
Wednesday	24 Sep	Tottenham – Newport	Alex Hordijenko
Sunday	28 Sep	O'Shannessy – Warburton	Sue Cranage

Copy for October to: Charlie Freedman - Phone: 0415 558 249
email: charliefreedman@yahoo.com
by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 3rd September.

New Members

Eight new Members were admitted during the months of May to July: Kristel Scilton, Peter Barbetti, Mackenzie Howe, Grace Phillips, Dean Howe, Susan Begg, Robert Begg and Sophia Lee.

We welcome these Members to the Club and wish them many happy years of walking and participating in other Club activities.

John Rankin - Membership officer.

Looking for Leaders for Walks in the West

Susan and Colin Crook are the Walk Coordinators for the Sunday West Walks, and they are keen to hear from Melbourne Walking Club members who are interested in leading walks for the Sunday West Walks in 2026.

Sunday West Walks are usually held on the first Sunday of the month. The Sunday West Walks have many great walk locations; Bellarine Peninsula, Surf Coast, Brisbane Ranges, Werribee and Lerderderg Gorges, Daylesford, Castlemaine and the Ballarat area. You may have a favourite walk in these areas which you would like to share with MWC members and visitors. Susan and Colin have walk details for a number of suitable walks for use by potential Leaders.

Leading a walk is a rewarding experience of sharing, exploring and extending your own walking potentials. Being a walk leader involves doing a reconnaissance (recce) of the chosen walk prior to the proposed date, leading the walk on the designated day and completing a small amount of administration before and after the walk.

Susan and Colin will help new leaders explore their walk, help them write their walk details for the MWC Circular and provide a copy of the Guidelines for Activity Leaders.

If you are interested in leading a walk for the Sunday West Walks in 2026, please contact Susan or Colin Crook:

Email: crook.family@bigpond.com (note the dot after crook)

Mobile: 0418 386 459.

Office Bearers 2024-2025

Club Executive

President: Kim Rosen
Secretary: Neale Oxley
Treasurer: Arthur Robertson
Activities Officer: Susan Cranage
Membership Officer: John Rankin
Immediate Past President: Trevor Rosen

General Committee: John Gates
Charlie Freedman
Terry Simpson, &
Julie Paris

Sub-Committee Convenors

Mt Buller Lodge: Julie Paris
Walter Briggs Hut: Trevor Rosen
Base Undercover Activities: Susan Cranage
Membership: John Rankin
Marketing: Terry Simpson

Other Officers

Website Administrator: Charlie Freedman
Circular Editor: Charlie Freedman

Walk Coordinators

Mid-week Walks: Doug Swinbourne
Easy Metro Walks: Keith Tupper
3rd Wed Walks: Graeme Barker
Bike Rides: John Rankin

Sunday Walks East: Trevor Rosen
Sunday Walks West: Susan & Colin Crook
Sunday Peninsula Walks: Colleen Simpson
Peninsula Walks: Ron Anderson

Generic email addresses to contact appropriate Club Members:

president@melbournewalkingclub.org
secretary@melbournewalkingclub.org
treasurer@melbournewalkingclub.org
info@melbournewalkingclub.org
bullerlodge@melbournewalkingclub.org
membership@melbournewalkingclub.org
editor@melbournewalkingclub.org
webmaster@melbournewalkingclub.org
walterbriggshut@melbournewalkingclub.org
activities@melbournewalkingclub.org

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 11.00 am 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. 7.6 km (2.5 hours). Grading: Moderate with gentle gradients and well-maintained paths with the final 1.5 km 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: 16.2 km (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. 7.6 km (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.

Special Event at the Long Forest
Sunday, 5th October, 2025

We are very privileged to have scientist, Marilyn Hewish, guide us on a very informative walk - through parts of the Long Forest sharing her knowledge of the area's flora, fauna and bird life. Look for the Activity details in the October Circular.

The Long Forest

Long Forest between Melton and Bacchus Marsh is famous among Victorian botanists as a dry-country mallee remnant, occurring in an 'island' separated by about 100 km from the mallee's main range in north-western Victoria. This remnant is thought to have arisen from the retreat of a larger mallee area towards the north, with Long Forest surviving because of a rain shadow effect and poor soils. Parts of the Long Forest woodland and its surrounds have been designated as the Long Forest Nature Conservation Reserve.

Mallee is not the only interesting plant in the area. Long Forest also supports 'island' populations of many other dry-country plants, birds, insects and spiders, forming a unique surviving ecosystem from thousands of years ago in southern Victoria.

Marilyn will guide you through some areas in Long Forest, pointing out the structure and ecology of the woodland, the unique living things that call it home, the ways in which they're adapted to the dry climate, how the poor soils are held together and the fire history. This won't be a fast walk covering large distances but a leisurely show-and-tell ramble.

Marilyn Hewish

Marilyn is a retired medical scientist who has always had a passionate interest in nature. She began with native orchids but soon became obsessed with birds, joining Birdlife Australia in 1981 and running national bird counts, publishing reports and becoming a contributing editor for the ground-breaking series, Handbook of Australian, New Zealand Antarctic Birds. Long Forest has always fascinated her as a unique mallee 'island' remnant near Melbourne. A study of the birds over 25 years resulted in publication of her book, Birds of the Long Forest, 1889-2005.

Then she switched to moths, volunteering as a Research Associate in Melbourne Museum for 12 years and writing and editing volumes in the field guide series, Moths of Victoria.

More recently she has become a keen contributor to the global website ***iNaturalist*** and has stretched her brain by trying to master identification of plants and non-moth insects. Besides her efforts as a book author, she has worked for conservation, written countless journal and magazine articles, given talks nationally and overseas, and run museum surveys, excursions and workshops on nature study.

In 2013, she was awarded the Australian Natural History Medallion. But for 46 years, Long Forest has been her 'second home', or maybe even her 'first home'.

Advance Notice – Save the dates!
Base Under Cover Melbourne Cup Weekend
Fri 31 Oct – Tues 4 November

Leader: Chris Thomson 0425 759 399

There will be a Base Under Cover long weekend at the Club's **Mt Buller Lodge** on the Melbourne Cup Weekend. There will be a variety of long and short walks. We will have some convivial evenings after each day's slog. Enjoy all the delights of fresh mountain air amidst, hopefully, a proliferation of wildflowers. More details to follow in the September Circular.

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

Mon 1 Sep Main Ridge Circuit

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

Leader: Ron Anderson Phone: 0448 512 525

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9:45am at Ditterich Reserve car park, Melway 171 J12.

Maps: Melway 171, 190 & 255 Grading: Medium Distance: 11 km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: A good cool-weather walk on some unmade roads and bushland, leaving the car park we walk along Shands Rd and Roberts Rd to Mornington-Flinders Rd, where we pick up Orchard Way, then along Tucks Rd back to the Mornington Flinders Rd and then the Main Ridge Flora Reserve for lunch. We return along Barkers Rd to Ditterich Reserve car park. Toilet at the start.

Wed 3 Sep Research – Maroondah Aqueduct – Wattle Glen

Leader: Charlie Freedman Phone: 0415 558 249

Rendezvous: At Eltham station at 9:50 am to catch the #579 Warrandyte bus at 9.59 am.

Maps: Melway 11, 12 & 22 Grading: Easy Distance: 11 km.

Transport: 8:49 am Hurstbridge train from Flinders St (arriving Eltham at 9:49), to catch #579 Warrandyte Bus at 9:59 am. Alight bus at Research Park bus stop opposite Reynolds Rd (7th stop, 5-minute journey). We will then walk the short distance to morning tea.

Morning Tea: At Research Central Shops, corner Main Rd and Research-Warrandyte Rd, at 10:15 am (coffee shop, tables & toilets). Melway 22 G2.

Lunch: At Campbell Street Reserve, near Diamond Creek (cover, tables & toilets). Melway 11 K7.

Walk Details: A pleasant mostly flat walk, with one gentle uphill after morning tea and a downhill before lunch. We will walk up to and along the old Maroondah Aqueduct trail, and then along the Diamond Creek trail to Wattle Glen station. There are a few paved footpaths next to streets, but it is mostly along paved tracks through parks.

Escapes: Trains and buses at Diamond Creek station after about 8 km.

Mon 8 Sep Bike ride: Nunawading – Hawthorn

Please notify the Leader if you intend to come on this ride. The ride is suitable for all types of bikes, including ebikes, and all types of riders.

Leader: John Rankin Phone: 0408 373 148

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

Morning Tea: Rest area outside Blackburn station, South side (Melway 48 A9); seating and toilets.

Maps: Melway 48, 47, 61, 59, 44 & 45.

Grading: Easy Distance: 27 km.

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 on ~200 m to Springvale Rd. Cross the road to Nunawading station rendezvous. **Train**: Belgrave train to Nunawading; departs Flinders St station 9.26 am, arrives Nunawading 9.53 am. **Note**: there is a lift which makes it easy with a bike.

Ride Details: This is an easy ride along a mix of paved, unpaved and gravel paths with some street riding. From Nunawading station we follow the Box Hill - Ringwood trail to Blackburn station for morning tea then ride down Main St to join the Gardiners Creek trail. We follow the trail along the creek all the way to the junction with the Yarra. We then take the Yarra Boulevard trail to Burwood Rd, cross the Yarra and proceed to Hawthorn station. Riders who have parked at Nunawading will then take a Lilydale or Belgrave train back to Nunawading station. There are toilets at morning tea, lunch (at Howard Dawson Reserve) and just before Hawthorn station.

Escapes: There are a number of escapes to stations along the way: Alamein (15 km), Glen Iris (19 km), Tooronga (22 km).

Tue 9 Sep Lunch – Charles Dickens Travern

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

Leader: Charlie Freedman Phone: 0415 558 249

Our regular monthly social lunch 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.

Wed 10 Sep President's Walk: Kyneton Circuit

In addition to those members of the Club who usually walk on a Wednesday we also encourage other members of the Club to join us on the trip to Kyneton for this very enjoyable walk. Note that Afternoon Tea will now be included.

NB: You must contact the Leader if you intend to come on this walk

Leader: Kim Rosen Phone: 0422 804 816

Grading: Easy Distance: 11 km approx.

Rendezvous: 8.40am Southern Cross Station outside passenger lounge/ prayer room to catch the 9.05am V Line Bendigo Service to Kyneton.

Transport: 9.05am Bendigo Service arriving Kyneton at 10.13am or private car to meet train at 10.13am. No train booking required, just use your Myki card.

Morning Tea: 10.30am. at the Kyneton Botanical Gardens; picnic tables, toilets and large shelter available.

Lunch: At the Sculpture Park, Campaspe River Walk; seating, tables and shelter. Toilets are available just before lunch at Barkly Square.

Walk Details: An easy 10-15 min walk north of the Kyneton Railway Station on Mollison St to the Botanical Gardens for morning tea. The walk then follows the Campaspe River under the Mollison Bridge to the east side of town. Various quiet streets are followed before looping back to Mollison St and passing many heritage buildings dating back to the post Goldrush times. The walk continues past some beautiful heritage bluestone homes and then along fascinating Piper Street with its restaurants, cafes, antique shops and up-market clothing shops. Lunch is at the end of Piper Street in the Sculpture Park. The lovely Campaspe River Walk is then followed back to the Botanical Gardens for 3-4 km.

Escapes: After morning tea it is an easy 10 min walk up Mollison Street where there are cafes and many heritage buildings to inspect.

Afternoon Tea: The Albion Hotel has been booked for afternoon tea at 2pm. Tea, coffee and cake will be provided free to all members.

NOTE: The train departs Kyneton for Southern Cross at 3.09pm arriving at 4.24pm. The station is only a 10-15 min walk from the hotel.

Sun 14 Sep Sunday Short Walk – Yarra Bend Park

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

Leader: Francis Brennan Phone: 0438 383 899

Rendezvous: 9.00am at the Dights Fall carpark on Trenerry Crescent. Melway 2D A6.

Maps: Melway 2D & 30 Grading: Easy Distance: 9 km.

Transport: Private car or via train. Mernda train, departing Flinders Street at 8.29am, arriving at Victoria Park station at 8.47am. From Victoria Park train station it's a 10-minute walk to the Dights Falls carpark (750 metres).

Morning Tea: At the Fairfield Boathouse (Melway 30 J12) where you will be able to buy coffee and snacks (or BYO). Seating and toilets available.

Walk Details: A very pleasant and gentle walk following the Yarra River through Yarra Bend Park and past the Yarra Bend public golf course. We then head towards Fairfield Park to rejoin the Yarra River and stop for morning tea at the Fairfield Boathouse. There is a café onsite and toilets. We head back to Dights Falls after morning tea. Expect to finish no later than 12 noon.

Note: Toilets at Dights Fall carpark and Fairfield Boathouse during morning tea.

Mon 15 Sep Canterbury – East Malvern

Leader: Alan Manzoori Phone: 0417 546 604

Maps: Melway 46, 60, 59 & 69 Grading: Easy Distance: 11km.

Rendezvous: 9:30am outside the IGA Express Cnr Mailing Rd and Bryson Str Canterbury.

Transport: 9.07am Lilydale train ex Flinders Street station, arrive Canterbury station at 9:23 am, take the exit to Mailing Rd.

Morning Tea: Riversdale Park (Melway 60 B1), toilets and shelter.

Walk Details: This is short version of a previous walk which finished at Hughesdale station. A pleasant walk along a range of parks with some street walking. From Mailing Rd we join the Anniversary Trail and follow it to the Ferndale Trail, then the Gardiners Trail before reaching East Malvern station. Numerous escapes are possible at rail stations along the way.

Wed 17 Sep Braeside Park

Leader: Bruce Armstrong Phone: 0416 758 204

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 10.30am at Red Gum Picnic area - entrance off Governor Road (Melway 93 F1). Cover and tables available. Toilets are NOT in use at this Picnic area.

Maps: Melway 93 & 88 Distance: approx 5 km.

Transport: 9.08am Pakenham train ex Flinders Street, arriving Springvale Station at 9.42am. Time to utilise toilets before boarding 902 Chelsea Bus on Springvale Rd at 9.59am, arriving Governor/Hutton Rd along Springvale Rd at 10.13am for the 15 min walk along Governor Rd to rendezvous.

NOTE: Bus indicator may only show Hutton Rd for the stop.

Walk details: Level walking through bush on popular tracks. Sights include Wetland areas, Phar Lap track and Tree Stump Art.

Lunch: Lunch is anticipated to be at the Telford Picnic area where there are toilets.

Sun 21 Sep Bushranger Bay

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

Leader: Souravi Ghosh Phone: 0438 139 487

Rendezvous: 9.45 am at Cape Schanck Car Park.

Maps: Melway 257 Grading: Medium Distance: 10 km.

Transport: Private Car.

Morning tea: 9.45 am at Cape Schanck Visitor's area. Toilets available.

Walk details: We will take the Bushranger's Bay Track from Cape Schanck car park and walk towards Bushranger's picnic area. Lunch stop will be at this spot. After lunch we will take the same route back to Cape Schanck car park. The walk is mainly flat with some steep inclines and steps. We will get to see some stunning coastal views along the walk.

Escapes: No escapes.

Mon 22 Sep Mitcham – Box Hill

Leader: Doug Swinbourne Phone: 0438 881 176

Rendezvous: 10:10am at Mitcham Station.

Grading: Easy Distance: Approx 10km.

Transport: Catch the 9:40am Lilydale train from Flinders Street Station, arriving at Mitcham at 10:10am.

Walk Details: We walk from Mitcham Station to morning tea at a site along the pipeline reserve near Nunawading, then use suburban streets to get to Blackburn Lake where we have lunch. The walk then proceeds along the Blackburn Creek reserve to Middleborough Road and enters the surprisingly interesting Box Hill cemetery, where quite a few important persons have been laid to rest. It is then a relatively short walk along residential streets adjacent to the railway to Box Hill Station.

Escapes: From the lunch site at Blackburn Lake it is a short walk along Central Rd. to Blackburn Station. A short while later we are again within walking distance of Laburnum Station.

Wed 24 Sep Tottenham – Newport

Leader: Alex Hordijenko Phone: 0497 699 507

Rendezvous: 9.27am at Tottenham railway station.

Maps: Melway 41 & 55 Grading: Easy Distance: 11 km.

Transport: 9.09am Sunbury train ex Flinders Street, arriving Tottenham station at 9:27am.

Morning Tea: C. J. Cruickshank Park, 2.5km from the start (Melway 41 H8). Shelter and seating but no toilets.

Walk Details: A pleasant walk with some street walking at the start and we then follow Stony Creek on mainly sealed paths to West Gate Freeway. Shortly after crossing the freeway, we enter the picturesque Newport Lakes Park to bushwalk on well maintained tracks and where we also stop for lunch (Melway 55 G2). Shelter, seating, tables and toilets available. We then head a short distance to Newport station to complete the walk.

Escapes: There are a number of bus escapes to both Yarraville and Newport stations along the way.

Sun 28 Sep O'Shannessy Aqueduct – East Warburton

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

Leader: Sue Cranage Phone: 0414 669 948

Rendezvous: Bakery at Warburton at 9.00am, Melway X912.

Maps: Melway X912, 291 & 292 Grading: Medium Distance: 17km.

Transport: Via car, travel to Warburton using the Maroondah Highway going through Lilydale and as you leave Lilydale there is a turn off on the right with traffic lights to the Warburton Highway B380. Continue along B380 until you arrive at Warburton (Melway X912 S3). Watch out for the frequent speed limit changes on this highway. Once in Warburton look for the Warburton Bakery on the left towards the end of the shopping centre. The Bakery will be the rendezvous location at 9am for morning tea and toilets. There are no toilets available on the walk.

Leaving Warburton follow the Woods Point Road for about a 7km to a left hand turn into Cement Creek Road (Melway 291 F4) and travel along Cement Creek Road for about 1km to the Redwood Forest Carpark. It is suggested that parking is best at the far end of this carpark for walk return.

From the Red Wood car park, a car shuffle will be organised, with a return to the Woods Point Road for about 3km to a car park at Road 1 (Melway 292 D3) for the beginning of the walk.

Morning Tea: At the Warburton Bakery at 9am. Toilets available in Warburton but unfortunately, there are no toilets available after the morning tea location.

Walk Details: Start walk at 10am. The walk begins along an unsealed road through a pleasant forest with some slight ups and downs. After 5km, we arrive at the O'Shannassy River and Weir for a break and a snack. Then the walk will follow the old Aqueduct for 7.8km back towards the Red Wood Forest Car Park. Along this part of the track, there is a pleasant lunch spot in a very scenic area of forest and tree ferns. The overall walk is on a wide, mostly flat

track with some gently undulations. On return to Warburton, there is the possibility of coffee and cake.

Escapes: No escapes.

Notes: Poles and walking boots would be helpful on some gravelly sections of the track.

OCTOBER PROGRAM

Wed 1 Oct Warrandyte Circuit

Leader: Doug Swinbourne Phone: 0438 881 176

Sun 5 Oct Long Forest Nature Walk: Melton – Bacchus Marsh

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

Leader: Sue Cranage Phone: 0414 669 948

Mon 6 Oct Patterson Road – Greensbush

NB. Please contact the leader and leave your phone number if you intend coming on this walk.

Leader: David Painter Phone: 0490 157 224

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9:45am, Melway 253 H 10.

Maps: Melway 253 & 254 Grading: Easy Distance: 11km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: Drive along Patterson Rd to Rogers Rd and park, we start the walk from there and head to Limestone Rd where we pick up the Two Bays Track, and circuit back to gate 3 in Rogers Rd and then to the cars. There is some seating and a toilet at lunch.

This is an easy bush walk with a small hill towards the end.

Wed 8 Oct Roxburgh Park – Jacana

Leader: David Watkins Phone: 0414 547 190

Sun 12 Oct Main Yarra Trail: Richmond – South Yarra

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

Leader: Alison Anthony Phone: 0422 424 718

Tue 14 Oct Lunch – Charles Dickens Tavern

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

Leader: Charlie Freedman Phone: 0415 558 249

Our regular monthly social lunch 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.

Wed 15 Oct Wyndham Vale – Werribee

Leader: John Rankin Phone: 0408 373 148

Rendezvous: 9.45 am Wyndham Vale railway station.

Maps: Melway 204 & 205 Distance: 11.5 km.

Grading: Easy. Flat, along made paths.

Transport: 9.10 am South Geelong V/line train from Southern Cross arriving Wyndham Vale 9.44 am.

Morning tea: Eureka Drive Park.

Walk details: We leave Wyndham Vale station and head west to meet Lollypop Creek then follow it south to Black Forest Rd. We then head north to join the Werribee River trail and follow it south to Werribee station. There are toilets at Wyndham Vale station, at lunch and at Werribee station. Return trains depart Werribee every 20 minutes: 2.19 pm, 2.39 pm.

Escapes: #192 bus (Black Forest Rd) and #166 bus (Bolton Rd) to nearby stations.

Fri-Sun 17-19 Oct Camping & Hiking – Wilson Promontory

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

Leader: Francis Brennan Phone: 0438 383 899

Sun 19 Oct Portsea Circuit

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

Leader: John Rankin Phone: 0408 373 148

Rendezvous: 9.30 am, picnic area shelter shed adjacent the Stables car park, Point Nepean National Park (Melway 156 A1).

Morning Tea: Picnic area shelter shed adjacent the Stables car park. There are toilets (and usually a coffee van) at the Information Centre, about 150 m east.

Grading: Medium (hilly in parts).

Maps: Melway 156 Distance: 12 km.

Transport: Private car. From Point Nepean Road enter the Point Nepean National Park and follow Defence Road to Danson Dr, turn right and follow the road to The Stables car park.

Walk Details: We follow the track from the car park south to join Wilson's Folly Track across the Peninsula to London Bridge then follow the Farnsworth Track to Portsea back beach (Toilets). We recross the Peninsula following the track beside Back Beach Road then make our way along the front back to the car park, checking out on the way Fort Franklin, Police Point, the Quarantine Station and stopping for lunch at W. E. Newton Reserve (shelter and toilets).

Escapes: There are no escapes.

Mon 20 Oct Royal Park – Flinders Street

Leader: Richard Bowen Phone: 0406 500 061
9885 0438

Rendezvous: Royal Park Railway Station at 9.30 am.

Morning tea: East side of Princes Park near adventure playground (Melway 29 H12). Seating and nearby toilet, but no cover.

Maps: Melway 29, 2B, 2G, 2L & 2F.

Grading: Easy Distance: Approx. 12 km.

Transport: Upfield train departing Flinders Street Station 9.12 am (Southern Cross 9.16), arriving Royal Park Station 9.27.

Walk details: Interesting inner metropolitan walk via many prominent places and formal parks and gardens. From Royal Park to Princes Park, then part of Melbourne General Cemetery, Melbourne University grounds, Carlton Gardens, Fitzroy Gardens, Yarra Park, Botanic Gardens, Kings Domain, and Alexandra Gardens.

Escapes: Many escapes via tram or bus back to the CBD.

Sun 26 Oct Walter Briggs Hut Working Bee

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

Leader: Trevor Rosen Phone: 0412 136 124

Mon 27 Oct Richmond – Glen Iris

Leader: Oliver Lucas Phone: 9571 6865

Wed 29 Oct Plenty River Loop Walk

Leader: John Rankin Phone: 0408 373 148

Rendezvous: 9.40 am, Greensborough railway station, outbound side.

Maps: Melway 20, 10 & 21 Grading: Medium Distance: 12 km.

Transport: 8.49 am Hurstbridge train from Flinders St station arriving Greensborough 9.38 am, or #901 or #902 bus.

Morning tea: Greensborough Park (Melway 20 K1); shelter & seating (under trees) and toilets.

Walk details: We follow the Plenty River trail north from Greensborough station to Plenty River Drive then loop back to the starting point and follow the trail south to Lower Plenty Road, then the #513 bus to Rosanna station or the #901 North or South. There are some hilly sections on the loop part.

Escapes: Escapes at Plenty River Drive (5.0 km), Greensborough station on return loop (7.5 km); #901 bus on Para Rd after lunch at Dobson Rd (10.0 km).

Fri-Tue 31 Oct - 4 Nov Mt Buller Melbourne Cup Long Weekend

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

Leader: Chris Thomson Phone: 0425 759 399

Bushwalking News Victoria (BNV)

The Melbourne Walking Club is affiliated with Bushwalking Victoria which publishes **"Bushwalking News"** monthly. The Current and past issues can be read on the Bushwalking Victoria website:

https://bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/bushwalking-newsletter

Bulletin 86, August 2025, is available from the website. In future, we will not send the monthly Bulletin individually to Members as has been the case in the past.

Alex Hordijenko and his OBE

Now where has the track gone?

If undeliverable, return to:
Melbourne Walking Club Inc.

Box 2446 GPO
MELBOURNE VIC 3001

Melbourne Walking Club Circular

Place Stamp Here