MELBOURNE WALKING CLUB INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: THURSDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2025 AT 7:30PM

To be held at the Box Hill RSL (Upton Room, downstairs),
26 Nelson Rd, Box Hill (Melway 47 C8)

AGENDA

1. Opening.
2. Apologies.
3. Noting of deaths during the past year and one minute's silence.
4. Confirmation of Minutes of the 2024 AGM.
5. Matters arising from the Minutes.
6. Correspondence and matters arising.
7. Presentation of Reports including the Financial Statements.
8. Election of Club Executive members and other elected Office Bearers.
9. Appointment of a suitably qualified person to consider, and where appropriate comment on the Financial Statements.
10. Approval of Financial Statements.
11. Presentation of 50 and 25 year badges.
12. Nomination for Life Membership.
13. Golden Boot Award.
14. **Special Business: Motion to amend Clause 3.1.1 of the Constitution** to reduce the number of qualifying walks for membership of the Club from four (4) walks within a period of 12 months to two (2) walks. (Information about this proposal will be provided separately to members).
15. Other business introduced with permission of the meeting.
16. Closing of the meeting.

All positions on the Executive will be vacant at the AGM. Although most of the current members of the Executive intend to renominate for election, we encourage other members of the Club to nominate for election. It is important that we have new members joining the Executive.

A Nomination Form is on page 15 of this circular.

Dinner in the Bistro at 6:00pm – A booking has been made for 20 people at one table which is the maximum number of people who can be seated at the table. More people are most welcome to have dinner before the meeting in the bistro but they will need to make their own bookings. People should therefore contact the Secretary, **Neale Oxley** no later than 13 November and the first 20 will be able to sit at this table. Refreshments will be provided after the meeting. Email secretary@melbournewalkingclub.org or phone **0407 525 966**.

Please Note: It is important that as many members as possible attend the meeting to ensure a quorum of ten percent of the Membership.

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Office Bearers 2024-2025

Club Executive

President: Kim Rosen
Secretary: Neale Oxley
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Membership Officer: John Rankin
Immediate Past President: Trevor Rosen

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

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

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MT BULLER LODGE

SPECIAL SUMMER OFFER:

Special Offer: Whole Lodge for just $350 per night (min 2 nights) OR
Individual Bookings:
Members $40 per person per night / Min 2 nights
Guests $50 per person per night

WE OFFER:

- Lodge sleeps up to 16
- 5 en-suite bedrooms
- Fully equipped kitchen, lounge
- deck, and BBQ for fun-filled days
- Lounge, TV & table tennis rooms
- Bike storage Room

SUMMER ADVENTURE AWAITS AT MELBOURNE WALKING CLUB SKI LODGE!

IDEAS

- Mountain Biking
- Hiking Trails
- Picnics in the Alpine Wilderness
- Visit Craigs Hut
- Wildlife Spotting
- Fishing
- Rock Climbing
- Stargazing
- Explore the nearby wineries
- Splash in Sparkling Rivers

TO BOOK:

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

To book the whole Lodge email:
bullerlodge@melbournewalkingclub.org

PLAN YOUR PERFECT SUMMER ESCAPE: ADVENTURE, RELAXATION, AND MOUNTAIN BLISS

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

Laughter Is The Best Medicine

Half the people you know are of below average intelligence.

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

Wed 1 Oct Warrandyte Circuit

Leader: Doug Swinbourne Phone: 0438 881 176

Rendezvous: Ringwood bus interchange, Bay D, at 9:20am.

Maps: Melway 24, 35 & 36 Grading: Medium Distance: 10km.

Transport: Catch the 8:45am Belgrave train from Flinders St. station, arriving at Ringwood at 9:20am. Bus #364 leaves from Bay D at 9:36am (exit the platform then turn right) to arrive at Mullens Rd. Warrandyte at 10:02am. There are toilets at the bus interchange but not at morning tea so be sure to make use of the facilities!

Walk Details: The walk begins at the Stonehouse Café, then along Tills Drive to Black Flat Reserve for morning tea (seating but no toilets). We then walk along a narrow track beside the Yarra River to Blue Tongue Bend with good views of the river – but boots and walking poles are advisable, especially if there has been recent rain. Lunch is at Jumping Creek Reserve where there is seating, tables and public toilets. (There is an option to add a walk of 2km for those who are enthusiastic.) We then return to Stonehouse Café by a different route for most of the way. The #364 bus departs for Ringwood at 1:45 / 2:15 / 2:48pm.

Escapes: There are no practical escapes.

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

Rendezvous: 10:00 am at Merrimu Reservoir Picnic Area Carpark, Melway 328 J6.

Maps: Melway 328, 329 & 335 Grading: Easy Distance: approx. 2km.

Transport: Private car. From Melbourne take the Western Highway M8 towards Ballarat. After Melton off ramp C801 take the next exit for Hopetoun Park Road. Turn right into Hopetoun Park Road after 980 metres turn left onto the Old Western Highway then in 70 metres turn right onto Long Forest Road. Stay on Long Forest Road for 6km and at the T-intersection turn left onto Diggers Rest-Coimadai Road. After 2.3km, turn right into Merrimu Reservoir

Picnic Area Carpark. This car journey will take about 1 hour depending on where you start. Merrimu Reservoir is about 60km from Melbourne CBD.

Morning Tea: At 10:00 am at Merrimu Reservoir Picnic Area, a morning tea will be provided with tea, coffee and cake as we are introduced to Marilyn Hewish and her knowledge of the Long Forest. Many thanks to Susan and Colin Crook for organising the morning tea. There are toilets at the picnic area. After morning tea, we will return to our cars and follow Marilyn to a new parking area for our walk into the Long Forest Nature Conservation Reserve.

Walk Details: Marilyn will lead us through a section of the Long Forest to explore its unique fauna and flora. It is hoped that the wildflowers and orchids will be in bloom. Marilyn has great knowledge of these plants as well as the trees and the birds in the area. In Marilyn words this will be "A slow walk-and-gawk type outing". Questions about the Long Forest are encouraged as we explore this Mallee remnant and its unique surviving ecosystem from thousands of years ago in Southern Victoria.

A time and place for lunch will be decided according to where we are and the time.

Escapes: When you have asked all your questions.

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 – Yuroke Creek – Broadmeadows/Jacana

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

Rendezvous: 9.30am Roxburgh Park Station West side.

Maps: Melway: 180, 179 & 6 Grading: Easy Distance: 10.5km.

Transport: Craigieburn train ex Flinders St Station at 8.53am, Southern Cross 8.49, arrive Roxburgh Park Station at 9.28am. Toilets in shopping centre.

Morning Tea: Shankland Reserve, after 2km (Melway 179 H7). Seating in open, there is a covered area but standing only. No toilets.

Lunch: Ripplebrook Park 7.5km (Melway 6 E7). Seating, Cover, No Toilets.

Walk Details: Once past the first kilometre, this is a surprisingly attractive walk through the Broadmeadows Valley Park following the Yuroke Creek which feeds into the Moonee Ponds Creek at the end of the walk. We finish with a steep climb up to Jacana Station. It is probable we will opt for a gentler climb up to Broadmeadows station, but this will be decided on the day. **THERE ARE NO TOILETS ON THIS WALK**. Use toilets at shopping centre outside station at start of walk.

Escapes: There are escapes at 2.5km, 3.6km & 8km.

Sun 12 Oct Main Yarra Trail:
Richmond – Kanteen South Yarra (and back)

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

Leader: Alison Anthony Phone: 0422 424 718

Rendezvous: 9:00am at the corner of Victoria and Burnley Streets, Richmond (outside the Bon Matin Café), Melway 2H F2. If driving, there is ample all-day parking further up on Burnley Street (near Harry the Hirer) or Kent Street (near Trinity Primary School).

Maps: Melway 2H F2 & 2M D2 Grading: Easy Distance: 11-12 km.

Transport: Private car or via tram (or train). Tram 109 from Collins Street along Victoria Street arriving at Victoria & Burnley Streets corner (stop #24). From Flinders Street Station, walk to Melbourne Town Hall (corner of Swanton & Collins Streets) to catch the tram OR from take it from Southern Cross Station at Spencer Street. There are also trains to the North Richmond train station, with a 15 min walk, along Victoria St, to the Rendezvous.

Morning Tea: At Kanteen Café (Melway 2M D2) where you can buy coffee and pastries (or BYO). Seating, toilets and shelter available.

Walk Details: A pleasant meander following the Main Yarra Trail to the Kanteen Café in South Yarra, with potential sightings of birds. Kanteen is a café by the river, with a view of Herring Island.

We head back to Richmond (our Rendezvous) after morning tea. Expect to finish around 12.30pm.

Note: Toilets at Kanteen during morning tea. No toilets at Rendezvous (unless you buy something at the Bon Matin Café at the start).

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.

Wed 15 Oct 3rd Wednesday Walk: Jells Park

Leader: Graeme Barker Phone: 9874 6938
0437 006 938

Rendezvous: Stringy Bark Picnic area, Waverley Rd entrance at 10.45am (Melway 71 K6).

Maps: Melway 71 & 72 Grading: Easy Distance: am: 4km; pm: 2km.

Transport: 9.33am Glen Waverley train ex Flinders Street, arriving Glen Waverley at 10.09am. Then at Glen Waverley station Bus Depot Bay 5, the 10.24am #754 bus to stop on Waverley Road between Northern Boulevard and Jells Park Road turn off, arriving at 10.34am. Return by bus #754 to Glen Waverley station.

Cars: Enter Jells Park at Waverley Road entrance. Car parking at Jells Park is on the right side of Waverley Road entrance.

Morning Tea & Lunch: Stringy Bark Picnic Area, toilets available.

Walk Details: Around park, conservation area and lake.

Escapes: Possible escape any time by bus #754 to Glen Waverley station.

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

Note: This activity is full and no more bookings are being taken.

Contact the leader, Francis Brennan, on 0438 383 899 for more information.

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, Mt Donna Buang

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

Leader: Trevor Rosen Phone: 0412 136 124

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9.30am at the Warburton Bakery on the corner of the Warburton Highway and Thomas Avenue, Melway 290 B4. Warburton is only 75km from the Melbourne CBD.

Distance: 300m walk into the hut from a car park Grading: Easy

Transport: Private car. After morning tea we will drive up the mountain, a 30 minute drive, and park near the hut.

Details: Although the hut is in good condition we need help with a variety of different jobs. These include fixing more mesh to some of the duckboards on the access track, clearing the overgrown track to the Healesville Rd, fixing the tool cupboard door and the flywire door (both of which have dropped), splitting more firewood for the woodshed and cleaning inside the cupboards.

Bring your own lunch, drinking water and a thermos for hot drinks. Gardening gloves, rubber gloves (for cleaning), shears, secateurs, loppers and any other tools you think would be useful should also be brought. Long pants and gaiters are recommended if track clearing.

This is your opportunity to lend a hand to the Walter Briggs Hut Subcommittee and help maintain our wonderful hut in the beautiful surroundings of the Yarra Ranges National Park. If you haven't been there before, come and see what you've been missing out on.

Mon 27 Oct Richmond – Glen Iris

Leader: Ingrid David Phone: 0478 858 156

Rendezvous: 9.40am at the south entry to Richmond Station.

Maps: Melway 44 & 59 Grading: Easy Distance: 10 km.

Transport: 9.33am Glen Waverley train ex Flinders Street, arriving Richmond at 9.36am.

Morning Tea: Barkly Gardens, Melway 44 F12.

Walk Details: A pleasant suburban walk offering a variety of parks and tracks with commercial and residential architecture. Concludes at Glen Iris Railway Station.

Notes: Numerous escapes at stations along the Glen Waverley line and by tram. Toilets at Richmond Station and along the track.

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 Melbourne Cup Long Weekend
Base Undercover Activity: An Alpine Springtime Adventure at Mt Buller

NB. Please contact the Leader if you are interested in attending this activity. This trip will be limited to a total of approximately 10 participants, staying in the Club's lodge on Mt Buller. Register early so you don't miss out.

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

Rendezvous: Friday 31st October 2025 at Melbourne Walking Club Lodge, Mt Buller Resort during the evening.

Transport: By private car, approx. 4 hours from Melbourne to Mt Buller.

Hiking Details:

Day One: Saturday, 1st November – Mt Stirling Circuit Walk: start and finish at Telephone Box Junction on the resort tourist road.
Distance: Approx. 16 km (6 hrs).
Grading: Intermediate.

Day Two: Sunday, 2nd November – Hike to Little Buller – some steep gradients, down and up, starting from car park at the top of the resort, at the access to the Buller summit, down to Little Buller Spur leading to the summit of Little Buller. Return along a ridge back towards the lodge.
Distance: Approx 7 km (3-4 hrs).
Grading: Intermediate. Gradients are steep, and Little Buller spur is very rocky and slow going.

Day Three: Monday 3rd November: Klingsporn Bridle Track. From the Arlberg Hotel take the Summit towards the Bridle Track down to Mirimbah. Car shuttle to return to the lodge.
Distance: Approx. 9 km (3 hrs).

Grading: Moderate, heading down. This is the track adopted by cattle in earlier days as they made their way up the mountain in spring.

Day Four: Tuesday 4th November (Melbourne and Mansfield Cup Day). Nature Walk and Summit loop. From Arlberg Hotel follow the well graded and marked track with interesting plaques describing the flora and fauna features of the mountain. At the summit car park head up the short but steep path to the summit for stunning views. Upon return to the car park continue the summit trail until the return to the Hotel starting point.

Distance: Approx 5 km (2-3 hrs depending on how leisurely the pace is).

Grading: Moderately easy.

Return to the lodge for cleaning up and departure.

Meals will be a combination of communal and individual cooking, using the kitchen and BBQ on the deck, with the option of a pub meal on one night.

For further information, please contact: Chris Thomson

Email: **cbthomson@vicbar.com**, Phone: 0425 755 399.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Sun 2 Nov Mt Buninyong – Ballarat

Leader: Susan Crook Phone: 0408 517 381

Mon 3 Nov Mt Martha – Briars

Leader: Doug Connell Phone: 0419 527 653

Wed 5 Nov Werribee – Werribee

Leader: Terry Keating Phone: 0418 149 032

Sun 9 Nov Anniversary Trail: East Malvern – Glen Iris

Leader: Sue Cranage Phone: 0414 669 948

Mon 10 Nov City Circuit

Leader: John Rankin Phone: 0408 373 148

Tue 11 Nov Lunch – Charles Dickens Tavern

Leader: Charlie Freedman Phone: 0415 558 249

Wed 12 Nov Scoresby – Boronia

Leader: Richard Bowen Phone: 9885 0438

Sun 16 Nov Somers – Sandy Point

Leader: Neale Oxley Phone: 0407 525 966

Rendezvous: 9:45am at Somers General Store and Cafe for Morning Tea.

Maps: Melway 194 B10 Grading: Easy Distance: 12 km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: This is a hard-sand beach walk on a falling tide. At Sandy Point there are views of Westernport Inner and Outer Harbours, French and Phillip Islands including Turtle Head, Cowes and Flinders.

Lunch: At Sandy Point.

Escapes: No Escapes.

Mon 17 Nov Kooyong – Caulfield

Leader: Jenny Hosking Phone: 0423 627 232

Wed 19 Nov Kooyong Park

Leader: Richard Bowen Phone: 9885 0438

Thu-Sun 20-23 Nov Cycling & Hiking – Beechworth, Myrtle & Bright

Leader: Cynthia Lui Phone: 0415 038 776

Mon 24 Nov Eltham – Westerfolds Park

Leader: Souravi Ghosh Phone: 0438 139 487

Wed 26 Nov Hawkestowe Park – Hawkestowe Park

Leader: Miles Pierce Phone: 0429 359 832

Sun 30 Nov Warburton Riverside Ramble

Leader: Terry Simpson Phone: 0400 037 291

Inspecting the old pipeline on the Maroondah Aqueduct walk, 3rd September

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

Bushwalking Victoria's *Try Bushwalking Month*

You may already be a club member, and already know about all the benefits of walking with a club, but it would be great if you could share *Try Bushwalking Month* with your friends and family. You know the ones who always ask you about your latest adventure! And this year it's in September, the perfect temperature for hiking.

The Melbourne Walking Club is leading two of these walks:

- Research – Wattle Glen, on Wednesday September 3rd, and
- Bushrangers Bay, on Sunday September 21st.

More details: **bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/try-bushwalking-month**

FedWalks Event Open for Bookings

This year's ***FedWalks*** will be held in the spectacular Grampians (Gariwerd) on 11–12 October, based in Halls Gap. Tickets are already moving quickly, with nearly one-third of the walks and the Saturday night dinner sold out!

But don't worry, plenty of great walks are still available at all levels, and Halls Gap has lots of dining options if you miss out on the dinner. Just make sure you organise your accommodation and register soon via the website:

https://fedwalks.org.au

New in 2025: The Ramble - a slower-paced option designed for those who want to take their time and look more closely. Photographers can linger at scenic spots for the perfect shot. Birders, wildflower lovers, history buffs and geology enthusiasts can walk with experts who share their passion.

And for something different, an artist-led walk invites you to sketch landscapes through the eyes of famous Australian painters, with all materials provided, perfect for both beginners and experienced artists.

Bookings close Friday 12 September. Don't miss your chance to be part of this unique weekend!

***More to Explore* app**

Download this handy app and get information about more than 600 forest attractions, complete with maps.

The ***More to Explore*** app is your guide to enjoying Victoria's vast forests.

Find information on almost 500 visitor sites and 370 recreation trails in the 3.1 million hectares of state forest around you!

The free app is available for iPhone and Android.

What's on the app?

Discover attractions:

- Browse through 800+ attractions in Victoria's state forests using a map view or list view.
- Search for a specific track, trail or site you'd like to visit.
- View track, trail or site details, including when the track is open or closed, a guide to available activities and facilities, directions, a local map and GPS guidance. Plus, the options to download information for offline use and leave feedback.
- Share and add tracks, trails or sites to your favourites and access them from the Favourites mode on the Explore tab.

Offline viewing for use at all times:

- Select your area of interest and create your own offline maps to use when you're out in the wild and away from an internet connection.
- When viewing a specific track, trail or site, you can tap the Download for Offline button to quickly download an area covering that location.
- All downloaded maps will be saved to your device, accessible from the More tab or the My Maps mode on the Explore tab.

Use filters to find exactly what you're looking for:

- Use the filters feature to find a specific activity or track. You can filter by activity type, track and trail type, difficulty level and duration.
- Track and trail types include bushwalking, mountain biking, four wheel driving, horse riding and scenic driving.
- Activities include camping, scenic driving, heritage study, hunting, horse riding, paddling and wildlife viewing.

Receive updates via news:

- Opt-in to receive notifications about new attractions, upgrades and more.
- Read articles about closures, safety information, news and events happening throughout state forests.
- Get access to handy preparation tips and advice, and safety and access information.

For more information on the ***More To Explore*** app, email the *More To Explore* team at:
MoreToExplore@delwp.vic.gov.au
… or on the website:
www.exploreoutdoors.vic.gov.au/where-to-start/more-to-explore

Safety in the Bush

Bushwalking is a rewarding and enjoyable activity when approached with proper preparation and caution. The distance a group can cover is commonly overestimated. This can be avoided by planning the route before the trip and using the guide provided in the Bushwalking Manual for predicting travelling times:

bushwalkingmanual.org.au/trip-planning/route-planning

MELBOURNE WALKING CLUB INC.

CLUB EXECUTIVE NOMINATION FORM 2025 - 2026

I, ……..… Hereby Nominate ……..….

For the position of ……..……

(Signature of Nominator) ……..……

Seconded by ……..……

Accepted ……..……

(Signature) ……..……

To comply with the Club Constitution, nominations for all positions must be in the hands of the Secretary, Neale Oxley, not later than Wednesday 29th October 2025.

Crossing the Moonee Creek on Day 3 of the Solitary Island Walk at Coffs Harbour. Club President Kim Rosen led a group of 12 MWC members on this 60km coastal walk over 5 days. Torrential rain and a flooded creek added to the adventure.

If undeliverable, return to:
Melbourne Walking Club Inc.

Box 2446 GPO
MELBOURNE VIC 3001

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