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.

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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DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

Monday	1 Dec	Coolart Wetlands: BBQ Lunch	Ron Anderson
Wednesday	3 Dec	Doncaster East – Heatherdale	John Rankin
Sunday	7 Dec	Walter Briggs Hut Open Day	Trevor Rosen
Tuesday	9 Dec	Lunch – Charles Dickens	Charlie Freedman
Wednesday	10 Dec	South Melb – Gardenvale	Doug Swinbourne
Sunday	14 Dec	Beaumaris Cliffs	Simon Shepard
Sunday	14 Dec	Bike Ride: Skipton Rail Trail	Colin Crook
Wednesday	17 Dec	Anglers Tavern: Xmas Lunch	Graeme Barker

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

Laughter Is The Best Medicine

Inflation: Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

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

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MT BULLER LODGE

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

SPECIAL SUMMER OFFER:

Special Offer: Whole Lodge for just $450 per night (min 2 nights) OR
Individual Bookings:
Members $45 per person per night / Min 2 nights
Guests $57 per person per night

SUMMER ADVENTURE AWAITS AT MELBOURNE WALKING CLUB MT BULLER LODGE (OCTOBER '25 TO MAY '26)

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

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

Mon 1 Dec Coolart Wetlands at Somers: BBQ Lunch

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

Leader: Ron Anderson Phone: 0488 512 525

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 10 am at Coolart carpark, Melway 193 J9.

Map: Melway 193 Grading: Easy Distance: 4km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: Meet at Coolart carpark for morning tea. We will then take a bushwalk through the wetlands and the foreshore. For our Xmas breakup lunch we shall set up on the lawns and BBQ area of Coolart at approx. 12pm.

Wed 3 Dec Doncaster East – Heatherdale

Leader: John Rankin Phone: 0408 373 148

Rendezvous: 9.45 am at the bus stops at The Pines Shopping Centre, 181 Reynolds Rd, Doncaster East.

Maps: Melway 34 & 49 Grading: Easy Distance: 12.5 km.

Transport: #906 bus to Warrandyte Bridge from Lonsdale St, departing cnr King St at 9.01 am (or cnr Swanston St at 9.06 am, or cnr Johnson & Hoddle Sts at 9.18 am) arriving The Pines Shopping Centre at 9.45 am. (#906 buses run every 12-15 minutes; #905 buses to The Pines also regularly depart from Lonsdale St but take a slightly longer route.) Alternatively, the #901 bus from either direction stops at The Pines.

Morning Tea: Mullum Mullum Reserve (Melway 34 H8).

Walk Details: This is a new walk although we have done parts of it before. From The Pines we head east along Reynolds Rd to join the Mullum Mullum Trail south then join the East Link Trail to Schwerkolt Cottage Reserve for lunch. We then proceed through Antonio Park to the Maroondah Highway (escape on #901 bus) and Heatherdale station. Toilets at The Pines, morning tea, lunch, Antonio Park and Heatherdale station.

Escapes: #271 bus to Ringwood or Box Hill stations at Park Rd (6 km); #370 bus to Ringwood or Mitcham stations at Deep Creek Rd (10 km).

Sun 7 Dec Open Day – Walter Briggs Hut, 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.

Distance: 300m walk into hut from 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: This is an opportunity for members and their friends to visit the hut and its beautiful forest surroundings. If you haven't visited the Walter Briggs Hut before this is the time to do it. Listen to the lyrebirds, cross the mountain stream and enjoy a gourmet lunch including a sausage sizzle on the open fire with Christmas treats to follow. There will be an optional walk from the hut through the surrounding rain forest areas. If you don't wish to do a walk that's fine, just enjoy sitting in front of the fire or outside chatting with new and old friends.

Bring drinking water and your own hot or cold drinks to have with lunch. Remember that the weather can be much cooler on the mountain so be prepared with warm clothes, gloves and beanies, just in case. If you intend walking, long trousers and gaiters are recommended. Bring walking poles if you use them.

We need to know numbers for catering purposes by 1st December.

Tue 9 Dec Lunch – Charles Dickens Tavern

NB: 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 12 noon. All welcome.

Wed 10 Dec South Melbourne – Gardenvale

Leader: Doug Swinbourne Phone: 0438 881 176

Rendezvous: The "Clocks at Flinders" café at 9:40am.

Maps: Melway 57, 58 & 67 Grading: Easy Distance: Approx 11km.

Transport: Catch the #1 tram at 9:50am at the stop opposite the café (stop #13).

Walk Details: The tram stops very close to the heritage precinct of St.Vincent Square, South Melbourne, where we will have morning tea – there are toilets and seating. We will have time to explore Australia's finest example of a 19th-century residential square with grand Victorian terraces dating from the 1860s. We then walk to Kerferd Road Pier and along the bay trail past Catani Gardens and continue around the bay, diverting to St. Kilda Botanic Gardens for lunch (toilets and seating). We return to the bay and walk south to Point Ormond and enter the Elster Canal Path which ends near Gardenvale Station. Trains return to Flinders Street at 2:26pm, 2:41pm and 2:57pm.

Escapes: There are numerous escapes.

Sun 14 Dec Short Walk: Beaumaris Cliffs

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

Leader: Simon Shepard Phone: 0466 087 772

Rendezvous: 9:00 am at Sanctum Café, 73 Beach Rd, Mentone 3194 (Melway 86 J7).

Map: Melway 86 Grading: Easy Distance: 7 km.

Transport: Private car. Park in Naples Rd, Mentone.

Morning Tea: At Ricketts Point Beaumaris Café (Melway 86 C8), where you will be able to buy coffee/tea and snacks (or BYO). Seating and toilets available.

Walk Details: A gentle, loop walk, starting at Mentone Lifesaving Club and following the Beaumaris Cliffs to Ricketts Point, with several viewing points of Port Phillip Bay along the way. There will be an opportunity for a coffee or tea break at Ricketts Point Beaumaris Café, before we return the way we came and finish back at Sanctum Café, Mentone. Expect to finish no later than 12 noon.

Note: There are toilets at Mentone Lifesaving Club and Ricketts Point Beaumaris Café. There will be an option of brunch at Sanctum Café at the end of the walk, for those interested.

Sun 14 Dec Bike Ride: Ballarat Skipton Rail Trail

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

Leader: Colin Crook Phone: 0418 386 459

Suitable for mountain bikes, touring bikes, hybrid bikes & Ebikes. Not really suitable for road bikes with skinny tyres.

This ride is the third and final section of the ride on the Ballarat to Skipton Rail Trail. MWC members have previously ridden Ballarat to Smythesdale and then Smythesdale to Linton. This ride is from Linton to Skipton and return.

Rendezvous: 10:30 am at the site of the old Linton railway station. It is on the Glenelg Highway just as you enter Skipton township. It is on the left just after you have passed the Linton football ground. Google gives the address as 73 Sussex Street Linton. The Glenelg Highway is called Sussex Street in the township of Linton. The rendezvous is directly opposite the Linton Take Away where there is good coffee and food. There are toilets and picnic tables at the station.

Grading: Medium Distance: 40 km.

Transport: Private car. Take the Glenelg Highway from Ballarat in Hamilton direction. Linton is 150 km from Melbourne.

Morning Tea: At the start of the ride at Linton.

Ride Details: The ride is through scenic countryside with views to Mt Elephant and the rail trail is in good condition. The first 15 km of the ride involve gentle hills through forested countryside. There is an opportunity to have lunch at the Bluestone Cafe in Skipton.

Escapes: Skipton township.

Note: If the day is very hot or wet, the ride could be one way from Linton to Skipton. This would involve a short car shuffle.

Wed 17 Dec Christmas Lunch Walk: Newmarket – Maribyrnong: Lunch at Anglers Tavern

Leader: Graeme Barker Phone: 9874 6938
0437 006 938

Rendezvous: Meet at Newmarket Station at 10.10am.

Maps : Melway 42, 28 & 2T Grading: Easy Distance: 7 km.

Transport: 9.57am Craigieburn train ex Flinders Street, 10.01 Southern Cross, arriving Newmarket at 10.08.

Morning Tea: Women's Peace Park, Kensington saleyards (Melway 2T G3).

Walk Details: Mainly along concrete of gravel paths. No escapes. Lunch is at the Anglers Tavern Bistro, 2 Raleigh Rd, Maribyrnong at 12.30 (Melway 28 D8). Menu choices include steak, fish, Caesar salad, chicken parma & pizza.

After lunch return to the city by tram from Maribyrnong Road.

JANUARY PROGRAM

Sun 4 Jan Creswick Area

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

Leader: Colin Crook Phone: 0418 386 459

Wed 7 Jan Kananook – Seaford – Carrum

Leader: David Blackwell Phone: 9557 9177
0407 877 028

Rendezvous & Transport: 8.51 am Frankston train ex Flinders St to Kananook Station 10.00. Then catch 10.13 am. #901 bus north to intersection of Frankston-Dandenong Rd & Seaford Rd arriving about 10.20 am. Meet at the bus stop by the shops.

Bus #901 visits Frankston, Dandenong, Stud Park, Ringwood, Blackburn, The Pines, Greensborough, Epping, Roxburgh Park, Broadmeadows, & Melbourne Airport. If you have a current timetable, rendezvous from anywhere as above.

Morning Tea: Belvedere Reserve, East Rd (Melway 100 A4).

Maps: Melway 99, 100 & 97 Grading: Flat, easy Distance: 10 km.

Walk Details: Initially we visit Belvedere Bushland Reserve. Following morning tea, we find our way into the Seaford Wetlands. Walk up to Eel Race waterway, have lunch at Riviera Reserve. Walk by Patterson River, and finish at Carrum Station, which has spectacular views across the bay.

Sun 11 Jan Sunday Metro: Melbourne Botanical Gardens

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

Leader: Cynthia Lui Phone: 0415 038 776

Rendezvous: 8.30 am at the front of Kanteen at 154 Alexandra Avenue South Yarra. Melway 2M C2.

Maps: Melway 2K, 2L & 2M Grading: Easy Distance: Approx. 9 km.

Transport: Private car. There is ample free parking on the weekends along Alexandra Avenue in front of Kanteen (Melway 2M C2).

Morning Tea: At the Terrace café within the grounds of the Botanic Gardens where you will be able to buy coffee, snacks and maybe even a gelato! (or BYO). Seating and toilets available.

Walk Details: We follow the Main Yarra Trail until we get to the entrance of the Botanic Gardens at Anderson Street. From there we head to the Terrace for our morning tea break. The café can get very busy on Sundays so feel free to BYO coffee/tea, if you don't want to queue. Morning tea will be on the lawn by the lake. It may be good to bring a towel or rug to seat on. After morning tea we continue through the gardens and visit some of the leader's favourite spots including: Fern Gully; the new Australian Drylands and Guilfoyle's Volcano. If you've never visited the Botanic Gardens or haven't been for a while, you won't be disappointed. We rejoin the Main Yarra Trail and head back to Kanteen. Expect to finish no later than 12 noon.

Note: Toilets at morning tea and throughout the Botanic Gardens.

Mon 12 Jan Altona – Cherry Lake

Leader: Bruce Armstrong Phone: 0416 758 204

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 10.15 am at Cherry Lake Reserve, end of Fresno St, Melway 54 H9. Tables and Toilet available.

Map: Melway 54 Distance: Approx 4 km.

Transport: **By Train**: 9.26 am Werribee Train departing Flinders St and arriving at Altona Station at 9.56 am.

By Car: parking at the Reserve.

Walk Details: Easy walk around Cherry Lake at your own pace and return to Tables used at Morning Tea for Lunch.

Wed 14 Jan Waterways – Braeside Park – Waterways

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

Rendezvous: Waterways Boulevard/Springvale Rd 9.40am; Melway 93 G3.

Maps: Melway 88 & 93 Grading: Easy Distance: 9.0km.

Transport: **1.** 8.27am Frankston Train from Flinders Street arrive Chelsea Stn at 9.19am Then # 902 Airport West Bus at 9.26 arriving Waterways Boulevard along Springvale Rd at 9.37am (11 Mins journey).

2. From Nunawading Station #902 Chelsea Bus 8.25am; Arr Waterways Boulevard at 9.35am.

3. Come by car and park in Waterways Boulevard.

Times will need to be confirmed when 2026 timetables are available.

Morning Tea: Seating near playground, no cover, no toilets, Melway 93 E3.

Lunch: Picnic Area in Braeside Park; Seating, Cover, Toilets Closed when recced. Melway 93 F1.

Walk Details: This is an easy flat walk, initially through the attractive Waterways suburb, then into Braeside Park which is a bushland setting with many tracks to follow. We return via Waterways to bus stop on Springvale Rd. Probably visiting local lakeside café en route.

Escapes: There are two escapes, the first at 3km and the second immediately after lunch (8.3km), both are 800m along Governor Rd to Springvale Rd and bus #902 to either Springvale (20 mins) or Chelsea (11 mins)

Npte: Toilets available at 2km and 8km.

Sun 18 Jan Kananook Creek Trail

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

Leader: Terry Simpson Phone: 0400 037 291

Wed 21 Jan Mitcham – Heathmont

Leader: Doug Swinbourne Phone: 0438 881 176
dougrayswin@gmail.com

Rendezvous: 9:45am at Mitcham Station.

Maps: Melway 48, 49, 63 & 64 Grading: Easy/Medium Distance: 12km.

Public Transport: 9:16am Belgrave Train ex Flinders Street Station, arriving Mitcham at 9:45am.

Morning Tea: Simpson Park (toilet, seats, shelter).

Lunch: Marie Wallace Park, Bayswater - seating, toilets, shelter available.

Walk Details: Simpson Oval is a delightful spot for morning tea. The walk then proceeds along Heatherdale Creek, across Canterbury Road to join a walking/bicycle track. It proceeds along the Dandenong Creek Trail (easy level walking) where bird life is abundant. It crosses under the railway line, then shortly to Marie Wallace Park Bayswater. After lunch the walk backtracks to H.E.Parker Reserve (approx. 1 km) then an attractive gradual uphill rise along the Heathmont Rail Trail, past the Uambi Nature Reserve. There is good tree cover along this section. There are several coffee shops at the end of the trail, then across Canterbury Road to the station.

Escapes: Wantirna Rd bus to Ringwood. After lunch it is a short walk to Bayswater Station.

Finish at Heathmont: Trains regularly depart approx every 30 minutes (2.07pm, 2.37pm, 3:07pm).

Sun 25 Jan Mt Donna Buang

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

Leader: Trevor Rosen Phone: 0412 136 124

Wed 28 Jan Flinders Street – Hawthorn

Leader: Oliver Lucas Phone: 9571 6865

New Members

Seven new Members were admitted during the months of August, September and October: Levan Lu, Greg Burkhalter, Graeme Davis, Paul Bell, Peter Spiess, Michael Hillas and Leanne Findlay.

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

Working Bee at Mt Buller Lodge

Volunteers are needed for a working bee at Mt Buller Lodge, on the 22nd & 23rd November. Everyone is welcome. Please contact the Mt Buller Lodge convenor Julie Paris on 0407 349 699 to book a spot on this enjoyable weekend.

Storage of Equipment at Mt Buller Lodge

Storerooms at the lodge have become overcrowded with equipment, some of which has been unused for years. In May this year a notice was posted in the storerooms advising that all equipment must be labelled with the member's name. Any unlabelled equipment presumed to have been abandoned may be disposed of at the next pre-winter working bee in May 2026.

All members & guests store personal belongings at the lodge at their own risk, and are advised to have their own insurance coverage.

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

Nature Demands Respect – Any Time of Year!

The recent deaths of two people on Mt Bogong in Victoria, another on Cradle Mountain, plus the recent death on Mt Field in Tasmania are tragic reminders that even short walks in Australia's alpine regions can become life-threatening when weather conditions change suddenly, at any time of the year, even in summer.

Whether you are an experienced walker or a novice, we all need to be reminded that even as the weather warms up, alpine preparation saves lives.

Don't let schedules or timelines put you at risk. Check the weather daily in the lead-up to your walk and cancel if storms are forecast. Carry proper alpine gear, including a fully waterproof jacket and emergency shelter. Ensure you have emergency communications such as a Personal Locator Beacon or satellite device.

The mountains will wait - safety won't.

Get practical alpine preparation tips here:
bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/alpine-walks-demand-alpine-preparation-any-time-of-the-year

Stone Bridge – Tottenham to Newport Walk

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