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**Copy for May to: Dean Howe – Phone: 0422 494 333**
**email: deanhowe@yahoo.com**
**by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 1st April.**

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## *OVERNIGHT HIKES ARE BACK!*

**After last years trial overnight hike, a series of short one night overnight hikes have been planned for 2026. Our first is a "come-n-try" standing hike camp – designed for you to simply re-acquaint yourself with lightweight camping & cooking - plus some terrific day and half day scenic walks...**

**ADVANCE NOTICE SAVE THE DATES!**

**# FIRST CAMP/HIKE – FRI 1 MAY to SUN 3 MAY**
**TIDAL RIVER, WILSONS PROMONTORY**

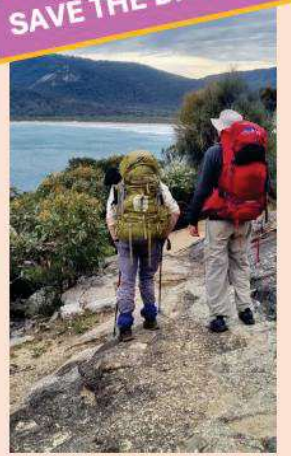
***2 nights with two half day short walks, and one longer day walk designed to reacquaint yourself with lite-weight camping and cooking, or trying it for the first time ! Excellent facilities at Tidal River – carpooling recommended...***

**# SECOND HIKE - SAT 17 to SUN 18 OCTOBER**
**MURRINDINDI RESERVE**

***A 24 hour activity, lunchtime to lunchtime - single night under canvas. An 8 klm hike to the beautiful Wilhelmina Falls and Boroondara Track to Ferns Camp, followed by an easy 4klm's along River Walk track on second day to return to vehicles. This is a loop walk, campgrounds have tables, drop toilets, water and open fire places!***

**# THIRD HIKE - SAT 21 to MON 23 NOVEMBER**
**HARRIETVILLE AND MT. FEATHERTOP**

***Overnight hike to Mt Feathertop – and post night at Harrietville (Motel or Park Cabins...)***
*(Drive up Saturday a.m. drive back Monday morning)*
***2 nights away, with one night under canvas on a 24 to 30 hour activity! Second night option to stay on in Harrietville at either the pub, motel or caravan park cabins and a Pub celebration dinner evening! We start at elevation by driving up to Diamantina Hut near the summit of Mt Hotham to hike along the Razorback Track to Federation Hut Campsite (with a sunrise 30min walk to Mt Feathertop summit, and return). The undulating Razorback Hike is 10klm each way, and the Summit walk 1.7klm each way.***



***REGISTRATIONS WILL OPEN SOON...***
***Email your general interest or questions to... francis.brennan@bigpond.com***



**Mon 25 May The Briars – Mount Martha**

Leader: Les Littlejohn Phone: 0409 400 302

**Wed 27 May Menzies Creek – Belgrave**

Leader: Wayne Hansen Phone: 0415 351 492

**Sun 31 May Goldfields Track, Stage 3: Chapel Flat – Creswick**

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

Leader: Kim Rosen Phone: 0422 804 816

## WINTER 2026 AT MT BULLER LODGE

Have you enjoyed watching the Winter Olympics on TV? Are you inspired to dust off your skis and head up to our lodge at Mt Buller this winter?

**BOOKINGS OPENED ON 1st MARCH 2026!**

Weekend tariffs are now more affordable for the whole family. The tariff schedule has been simplified. Weekend and weekday rates are now the same.

**2026 Winter Tariffs per night:**

| 2025 Tariffs | Winter High Weekend | Winter High Midweek | Winter Low Weekend | Winter Low Midweek |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Member | $125 | $125 | $109 | $109 |
| Dependant | $125 | $125 | $109 | $109 |
| Member Child | $90 | $90 | $78 | $78 |
| Visitor | $190 | $190 | $177 | $177 |
| Visitor Child | $140 | $140 | $130 | $130 |

**2025/2026 Spring-Summer-Autumn Tariffs per night:**

| 2025/2026 Tariffs | Spring-Summer-Autumn |
|---|---|
| Member | $45 |
| Partner | $45 |
| Family Member Child | $23 |
| Visitor | $57 |
| Visitor Child | $28 |
| Whole Lodge per night (minimum 2 nights) | $450 |

**MWC MEMBERS' EQUIPMENT STORED AT THE LODGE**

Those members with equipment in storerooms at the lodge who did not stay last winter, still need to identify their skis and boots. Why not take advantage of our great value whole lodge tariff in March, April or May? Spend a few days at the lodge enjoying some hiking or biking and take the opportunity to sort out your equipment. All unlabelled equipment in the storeroom will be deemed to be abandoned at our "ski ready" working bee on 16th & 17th May.

**MWC Mt Buller Lodge Subcommittee**

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9:30am at Seawind 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.

**Wed 6 May Heidelberg – Ruffy's Lake**

Leader: Oliver Lucas Phone: 9571 6965

**Sun 10 May Bundoora Park**

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

Leader: Souravi Ghosh Phone: 0438 139 487

**Mon 11 May Parkdale**

Leader: Les Littlejohn Phone: 0409 400 302

**Tue 12 May 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 13 May Tooronga – East Malvern RSL**

Leader: Alan Manzoori Phone: 0417 546 604

**Sat-Sun 16-17 May Mount Buller Lodge Working Bee**

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

Leader: Julie Paris Phone: 0407 349 699

**Sun 17 May Bushranger Bay – Cape Schanck**

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

Leader: Eilleen O'Callaghan Phone: 0402 209 840

**Wed 20 May Aircraft – Williams Landing**

Leader: Alex Hordijenko Phone: 0497 699 507

**Sun 24 May Mount Donna Buang**

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

Leader: John Gates Phone: 0428 761 644



## MWC Base Undercover Activities 2026

Base Undercover Activities involve activities of hiking or biking over a period of 2 to 6 days. Accommodation is usually in one location in a Lodge, Cabins, B&B. or Tents. If the status is full, you can contact the leader for the Activity and go on a waiting list.

| Date | Location | Activity | Contact Leaders | Mobile | Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 23rd to 28th February | Tasman National Park, Tasmania | Hiking with overnight base in a Lodge | Cynthia Lui<br>Francis Brennan | 0415 038 776<br>francis.brennan@bigpond.com | Full |
| 19th to 22nd March | Falls Creek, Victoria | Hiking with overnight base in a Lodge | Ann Lewis<br>Sue Cranage | 0411 364 001<br>0414 669 948 | Full |
| 20th to 24th April | Blue Mountains, NSW | Hiking with self-managed overnight base. | Robert Ivory<br>Eileen O'Callaghan | 0434 532 901<br>0402 209 840 | Full |
| 1st to 3rd May | Tidal River, Wilsons Prom Victoria | Pack carrying & hiking with overnight camping | Francis Brennan<br>Richard Simpson | francis.brennan@bigpond.com<br>0419 528 130 | Open |
| 10th to 11th October | Portland, Victoria Federation Walk | Hiking with self-managed overnight base. | Kim Rosen | 0422 804 816 | Bookings start 1st July |
| 17th to 18th October | Murrindindi Reserve, Victoria | Pack carrying & hiking with overnight camping | Francis Brennan<br>Richard Simpson | SMS Richard<br>0419 528 130 | Open |
| 21st to 23rd November | Harrietville & Mt. Feathertop | Pack carrying & hiking with some overnight camping | Francis Brennan<br>Richard Simpson | SMS Richard<br>0419 528 130 | Open |

## What's On at the Lodge

### Mt Buller Lodge – Essential Maintenance Works Starting This Month

We're pleased to let members know that a major round of essential maintenance at the Mt Buller Lodge will be getting underway this month.

The Lodge is one of the Club's great shared assets, and these works will help keep it safe, compliant, and looking its best ahead of the coming winter season.

The project includes the installation of new roof-safety anchors to meet current OH&S standards, along with important external repairs and a fresh repaint. These works are required to maintain insurance compliance, meet our site lease requirements, and ensure the Lodge remains eligible for lease renewal. Completing them now protects the Lodge and supports its long-term availability for member use.

The Committee has approved the works, with the project scheduled to begin in March at a cost of $61,900 plus GST. We're looking forward to seeing the improvements take shape and will keep members updated as the work progresses.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Lodge and the Club. Regards,

**The Melbourne Walking Club Executive Committee and Mt Buller Lodge Sub-Committee**

# APRIL ACTIVITIES

**Wed 1 Apr  Tooronga – Caulfield**

Leader: Oliver Lucas  Phone: 0451 957 821

Rendezvous: 9:32am at Tooronga station.

Maps: Melway 59 E5, 59 J10, 59 K11 & 68 F1.

Grading: Easy  Distance: Approx 10 km.

Transport: 9:18am train from Flinders Street to arrive Tooronga station at 9:32.

Morning Tea: Small new reserve, Burke Road South Wetland, 15 minutes into the walk (not yet in Melway, but approximately 59 G5).

Walk Details: Flat, easy walk with some toilets en route. Lunch at Darling Park (Melway 60 A11, toilets available). Finish at Caulfield station.

Escapes: At various points.

**Mon 6 Apr  Fingal – Gunnamatta**

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

Leader: Doug Connell  Phone: 0419 527 653

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9:45am Fingal picnic area, Melway 259 B9.

Map: Melway 259  Grading: Medium  Distance: 12 km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Outline: From Fingal picnic area we descend the steps to the beach then walk to the Gunnamatta Surf Club for lunch, then return along the beach till we pick up the coastal walking track back to the car park.

The track can be a little difficult in the sand dunes for a short time but well worth it for the views.

**Wed 8 Apr  East Camberwell – Yarra**

Leader: Stuart Galloway  Phone: 0421 560 031

Rendezvous: East Camberwell Station at 9.14am (Belgrave or Lilydale line).

Transport: Official train leaves Southern Cross at 8:53 am.

Grading: Easy, no significant hills  Distance: 12km.

Morning Tea: Outer circuit/Anniversary trail just over Whitehorse Rd (toilets).

Walk Details: **Short walk option** (5-6km) - Anniversary trail to Victoria Park on High St Kew then return by #40 Tram on High St or #109 tram stop 36 on Cotham Rd.

**Longer walk option** (12km) - Continue on to Yarra via Chandler Hwy Bridge and return to Victoria Park for Lunch. Escape #40 Tram on High St Kew. Return via #109 tram Cotham Rd.



Walk Details: The walk goes along Darebin Creek to Bell Street, then the walk crosses over to the other side of Darebin Creek, we go to Ford Park Pavillion for lunch. Seating, shelter and toilets available. The walk then proceeds along Donaldson Reserve to Darebin Station.

Escape: At Bell Street with bus 513 or 514.

**Wed 29 Apr  Heatherdale – Donvale – Heatherdale**

Leader: Doug Swinbourne  Phone: 0438 881 176

Rendezvous: 10:00am at Heatherdale Station. The Belgrave train leaving Flinders Street Station at 9:26am arrives at Heatherdale at 9:58am.

Map: Melway 48  Grading: Medium (several hills)  Distance: 11km.

Morning Tea: Antonio Park (seating, toilets).

Lunch: Pipeline track, corner of Heads Rd and Aquarius Ct – no seating or toilets. (Donvale is not noted for its public facilities!)

Walk Details: From Heatherdale Station (no toilets) we go to Antonio Park (this is the first and last chance for toilets!) then along the Eastlink Trail to the Melba Tunnel western portal. Crossing through a paddock, we reach Heads Rd, divert towards Whitefriars College then back to Heads Rd. There is an uphill stretch until we meet the pipeline reserve for lunch – looking for a comfortable piece of ground to sit on! We proceed along the pipeline reserve to join the Mullum Mullum Trail until Beckett Rd, cross to enter Craig Rd, uphill to Chaim Ct (with the traffic in the Mullum Mullum Tunnel right below us!) and into a rough bush track to reach Schwerkolt Cottage (where there are, at last, toilets). After a comfort stop we finally walk uphill to Maroondah Hwy through Antonio Park and then directly to Heatherdale Station.

Escapes: Near the tunnel western portal where the #271 bus runs along Park Rd to either Ringwood or Box Hill. There are no escapes after lunch.

# MAY PROGRAM

**Fri-Sun 1-3 May  Camp/Hike: Tidal River, Wilsons Promontory**

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

Leader: Francis Brennan  **francis.brennan@bigpond.com**

**Sun 3 May  Combined Walk with Womens Club – The Dandenongs**

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

Leader: TBA  Phone: TBA

**Mon 4 May  Seawinds – OT Dam**

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

Leader: Ron Anderson  Phone: 0448 512 525

Walk Details: From Morning tea we shall follow the Dandenong Creek trail, with a slight deviation if we lunch at Brady Road. The 10km walk will finish at sports area next to Dandenong Indoor sports centre.

#901 bus is available either heading north to Knox, Ringwood and Greensborough or South to Dandenong and Frankston.

Escapes available at 5.5km to #862 bus or 7.5km to #901 bus.

Note: For those wanting a longer walk continue to follow Dandenong Creek trail to Dandenong station, 16.5km, with escapes available at Heatherton Rd 11km (bus #861), Kidd Rd 13km (buses # 843, 845, 849 & 861) and McCrae St. 14.5km (buses # 828, 844, 892 & 893).

**Sun 26 Apr Goldfields Track, Stage 2: Ballarat – Chapel Flat**

**NB. You must contact the leader if you want to attend this activity. Note that the maximum number on this walk is 16.**

Leader: Kim Rosen Phone: 0422 804 816

Rendezvous: 9.30am Ebden St. Reserve, Ballarat. Meet in the large carpark between Scott Parade and Ebden St., just south-west of the Eastern Oval. We will leave half the cars here and drive the others to Chapel Flat. Park on the left side of Shuttleworth Rd before the place where the GT crosses the road.

Morning Tea: At the Ebden St Reserve Ballarat while waiting for the car shuttle to be completed.

Maps: Melway X909 A11 & Google Maps.

Grading: Medium Distance: 14km.

Transport: Private car. Approx.1.5 hour drive from the eastern suburbs of Melbourne via Westgate Bridge and Western Highway to Ballarat.

Walk Details: The walk skirts the Eastern Oval and down to the Yarrowee River and an attractive trail which it follows through Black Hill, Brown Hill and under the Western Freeway to the start of native forest heading north towards Creswick. The track skirts the White Swan Reservoir and passes signs of old diggings from the gold rush times. The track leads us through attractive mature open forest, eventually reaching Chapel Flat, a small isolated clearing, once home to a Wesleyan Chapel. This is the half-way point to Creswick.

Afternoon Tea: At the North Star Hotel near Ebden St. Ballarat.

**Mon 27 Apr Easy Metro: Alphington – Darebin**

Leader: Ingrid David Phone: 0478 858 156

Rendezvous: Alphington Station at 9.22am.

Map: Melway 31 C9 Grading: Easy Distance: 9 km.

Transport: Hurstbridge Line train leaving Flinders St at 8.53am.

Morning Tea: Darebin Parklands, Toilets, Shelter ,and Seating available.



**Sun 12 Apr Sandringham Station – Brighton Beach Station – Return**

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

Leader: Ann Lewis Phone: 0411 364 001

Rendezvous: Sandringham Railway Station at 9.00 am.

Map: Melway 76 G9 Distance: 10km approx. return.

Grading: Easy. Mostly flat gravel or bitumen paths with some slight hills.

Transport: Private car or train to Sandringham railway station. If coming by car, parking is available on the east side of the station off Hartson Street. Train departs Flinders Street station platform 13 at 8.17 am to arrive at Sandringham at 8.47 am. Public toilets on Sandringham station.

Morning Tea: At the quirky Alister MacAlister Café in South Road Brighton Beach. If closed, at the Brighton Beach hotel.

Walk Outline: Start walk at 9.30 am from the Sandringham Railway Station. The walk will take us along the lower bay trail travelling North towards Brighton Beach Station. The paths are fairly flat, with a few short hills and are constructed of gravel or bitumen. The major landmarks along the Bayside Coastal Trail between Sandringham and Brighton Beach, are as follows:

1. Sandringham Beach: A scenic beach area with bathing boxes and coastal vegetation.
2. Sandringham Rotunda: A historical structure located near Sandringham Beach.
3. The Sandringham yacht club rock wall which provides stunning views of the city and bay.
4. If time permits, we may visit the Green Point lookout in the Brighton Beach Gardens.

We will return to Sandringham via the shorter upper Bay Trail to finish our walk around 12.30.

Escape: Catch a train back to Sandringham from Brighton.

Note: Be sure to bring a hat, water, sunscreen and a jacket in case of chilly winds off the bay.

**Mon 13 Apr Metro Monday Walk: Jells Park**

Leader: Graeme Barker Phone: 9874 6938
0437 006 938

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 10.45 to 11.00 am Stringy Park Picnic Area, Waverley Road Entrance.

Maps: Melway 71 & 72 and/or Google Grading: Easy.

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

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

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

Lunch: At morning tea spot (Melway 71 K6).

Walk Details: **AM**: Around park, conservation area and lake. **PM**: A shorter walk around park.

Escapes: Walkers can choose to do a shorter walk and leave at any time.

**Tue 14 Apr Lunch – Charles Dickens Tavern**

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

Leader: Barry Revill Phone: 9555 1114

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 15 Apr Sassafras – Upper Ferntree Gully**

Leader: Jenny Hosking Phone: 0423 627 232

Rendezvous: By Train, 8.56am Belgrave train ex Flinders St Station arriving Upper Ferntree Gully station at 9.48am to connect with 10.10am #688 bus to Miss Marples Tea Rooms, Sassafras.

Morning Tea: 3km into the walk at Alfred Nicholas Gardens (Toilets available).

Lunch: One Tree Hill Picnic Ground (Toilets available).

Maps: Melway 66, 74 & 75, and/or Google Distance: 14km approx.

Grading: Medium (undulating walk with loose gravel descent). Poles recommended.

Walk Outline: Escaping to the Dandenongs this week for a glorious walk amongst nature. Beginning at Sassafras, we follow the ferny, sheltered Sassafras Creek trail to morning tea at the Alfred Nicholas Gardens. These gardens were part of the historic Burnham Beeches Estate established in the 1930s, by the Nicholas family (developers of Aspro, an aspirin pain killer). After departing the gardens, we proceed along Lloyds Track to One Tree Hill Road and the One Tree Hill Picnic ground for lunch. This area honours the ANZACs and memorabilia is present. We then head downhill to the Station, passing by the finish of the 1000 steps (Kokoda track memorial walk) and learning about the seven season climate conditions.



Escapes: Possible escape outside Conifer Gardens Nursey #688 bus to Upper Ferntree Gully station. Care must be taken waiting here as Mount Dandenong Tourist Road is a very busy road. There are no other escape points.

**Sun 19 Apr Greens Bush – Boneo Road**

**NB. You must contact the leader if you want to attend this activity (SMS preferred).**

Leader: Glenys Harrison Phone: 0415 934 978

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9.45am at Bushrangers Bay parking area, Boneo Rd, Cape Schanck.

Map: Melway 259 J8 Grading: Moderate Distance: 10km.

Transport: Private car. **NOTE**: We will leave some cars at Boneo Rd but we will all travel to Baldrys Crossing picnic area to commence the walk.

Walk Details: This is a lovely meandering walk through the undulating bush of Greens Bush. Varied vegetation, picturesque views and a canopy of wonderful trees. We walk along the Two Bays walking track which is well defined. We will stop at the Lightwood camping ground for a picnic lunch. No water available.

Toilets: Only at the lunch spot but plenty of bushes along the track.

Escapes: None.

Afternoon Tea: RACV Club Cape Schanck for those who wish to partake.

**Wed 22 Apr Wheelers Hill – Tirhatuan Park – Dandenong North**

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

Rendezvous: 9.30am at Jacksons Rd bus stop on North Side of Wellington Rd. (Melway 80 K2).

Maps: Melway 72, 81 & 82 Rating: Easy.

Distance: 10km (with potential of extending to 16km).

Transport: From Flinders St station walk through subway to Town Hall Station (5 mins) to catch the 8.28am Pakenham Train from Platform 2. Arrive Huntingdale Station at 8.53am (no toilets), leave station to bus stop Bay D to catch 9.00am #900 Stud Park bus. Alight bus at Jacksons Rd/Wellington Rd at 9.20am.

Morning Tea: Mulgrave Reserve, Garnett Rd (Melway 81 A1). Seating, cover, but no toilets.

Lunch: Two potential spots, dependent upon how walk is progressing. 1. Tirhatuan Park (5.5km) or Police Paddocks Brady Rd (8km). Seating, cover, and toilets at both.