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A Roman walks into a bar, holds up two fingers and says, "Five beers, please."

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Mon 1 Jun Coppins Track – Spray Point

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 Sorrento Back Beach car park (Melway 156 J9).

Map: Melway 156 Grading: Easy Distance: 10km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: A pleasant walk along the cliffs at Sorrento back beach, the track is a little sandy in parts but on the whole good walking with a nice lunch stop.

Wed 3 Jun Warrandyte Goldmines and Pound Bend

NB. Please contact the leader if you want to attend this walk.

Leader: Stephen Pfundt Phone: 0434 199 736

Rendezvous: 9:30am alongside the river under Warrandyte bridge at corner of Yarra St and Kangaroo Ground-Warrandyte Rd. Toilets available.

Map: Melway 23 F11 Grading: Medium Distance: 11.5 km.

Transport: Private car or public transport, please use **ptv.vic.gov.au** to plan your trip accordingly.

Walk Details: From the rendezvous, a short walk of approx. 1km along the Yarra into Warrandyte State Park for morning tea. Seating available. The walk continues mainly through the park, passing several historic gold mines, some of which are open to view, before returning along the river to the starting point. There are some steep sections in the first 4km that could be considered Medium/Hard. Escapes are possible on return section at 9km point from the river path that runs parallel to Yarra St. with bus routes 364, 578, 579 and 906.

Sun 7 Jun Goldfields Track Stage 4: St Georges Lake – Crossroads

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

Leader: Kim Rosen Phone: 0422 804 816

Rendezvous: 9.30am Picnic Area at St Georges Lake, St Georges Lake Rd; Creswick. There are picnic tables and toilets available. We will have a car shuttle from here to the end of the day's walk at the Crossroads, Mollongghip.

Morning Tea: At St Georges Lake while some are doing the car shuttle to the end of the walk and back.

Maps: Melway X909 A10 & B11 and Google Maps.

Grading: Medium Distance: 19km.

There is a possibility of shortening the walk for some people by leaving a car near the Dean Crossroads.

Transport: Private car. Approx. 130km and 1 hour 45 mins drive from the eastern suburbs of Melbourne via Westgate Bridge and Western Highway and the C291 turn off to Creswick before Ballarat. The car shuttle will take cars from St Georges Lake to the end of the walk at the crossroads of Dingley Dell Rd and Wallaby Rd; Mollongghip.

Walk Details: This is the fourth stage of the Goldfields Track (GT). The walk starts at St Georges Lake and continues through the Creswick State Forest to Dean and on to the Mollongghip area. The last few kilometres are along quiet straight stretches of rural sealed and dirt roads. This sets us up for lovely forest walking on the next section.

Afternoon Tea: Back at the cars at St. Georges Lake. BYO tea/coffee etc.

Tue 9 Jun 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 members and visitors welcome.

Wed 10 Jun Templestowe Circuit

Leader: John Rankin Phone: 0408 373 148

Rendezvous: 9.30 am at the bus stops at The Pines Shopping Centre, 181 Reynolds Rd, Doncaster East.

Maps: Melway 34 & 22 Grading: Medium Distance: 12.5 km.

Transport: By public transport OR private car. There are numerous buses, including the #906 and #905 from stops along Lonsdale St and the #901, either directly or from Blackburn or Greensborough stations. Best to check the PTV app for times and other options. If coming by car, park in the Pines Shopping Centre car park, second entrance off Blackburn Rd (no time limit in that car park); walk through the length of the Centre to the Bus station. There are toilets in the Shopping Centre.

Morning Tea: Matisse Reserve, 17 Renoir Ave., Templestowe (Melway 34 C6). No cover, no toilets.

Walk Details: From morning tea we follow the Green Gully Trail to the Mullum Mullum trail then cross the Mullum Mullum Creek just before the junction with the Yarra and do a loop eastward along the Yarra through Tikalara Park then to the play area near Beasley's Nursery for lunch. We then follow the Mullum Mullum Creek to Reynolds Rd and return to The Pines. Some of the tracks can be muddy after rain so wear appropriate footwear. Some gentle hills.

Escapes: #906 bus after lunch (8.5 km) and at 11.0 km (#906 or #273 bus).

Sun 14 Jun Sunday Metro: Kew East – Darebin Creek Trail – Alphington

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

Leader: Cynthia Lui Phone: 0415 038 776

Rendezvous: 9.30 am at Willsmere Park carpark adjacent to Willow Grove (Melway 45 F1). If there is no parking near the park, there is further parking along the other end of Willow Grove.

Maps: Melway 45 & 31 Grading: Easy Distance: approx. 10 km.

Transport: Private car.

Morning Tea: At Artiga Specialty Coffee located along the Darebin Creek Trail. Seating and toilets available.

Walk Details: A gentle but picturesque walk following the Darebin Creek Trail starting from Willesmere Park. We cross the Yarra River and head towards the Darebin Parklands in Alphington. Our morning tea stop will be at Artiga Specialty Coffee along the trail. Don't worry if coffee isn't your thing, they also serve tea! We head back to Willesmere Park after morning tea.

Expect to finish no later than 12.30 pm.

Note: Toilets at Willesmere Park (start & end of walk), Darebin Parklands and at morning tea.

Wed 17 Jun Canterbury – East Malvern – Hughesdale

Leader: Marsha Rankin Phone: 0402 058 184

Rendezvous: 9.30 am outside the IGA Express, corner Maling Rd and Bryson St, Canterbury.

Maps: Melway 46, 60, 59 & 69 Grading: Easy Distance: 14 km.

Transport: 9.07 am Lilydale train ex Flinders Street station, arriving Canterbury at 9.23 am. On arrival, take the exit to Maling Road.

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

Walk Details: This is a pleasant walk along suburban streets and through a range of parks, bushland and wetlands. The walk can be cut short at numerous stations along the way. From Maling Rd we join the Anniversary Trail and follow it to the Ferndale Trail, then to Gardeners Creek Trail and Scotchmans Creek Trail to Station Trail and beyond. There are several toilets on the way, including at morning tea and lunch (either near T.H. King Oval or in Darling Park; shelter) and at Hughesdale station.

Escapes: Numerous escapes are possible at stations along the way: Hartwell (3.4 km); Burwood (4.4 km); Glen Iris (8.0 km); East Malvern (11 km).

Sun 21 Jun Solstice walk – Lerderderg State Park

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

Leader: Richard Jasek Phone: 0408 438 632

Rendezvous: O'Briens Crossing, gazebo, at 9:00am. Toilets available near car park.

Maps: Meridian Maps Grading: Moderate, circuit Distance: 14 km.

Transport: Private car. From Melbourne Western Fwy take Greendale exit then 6.5 km from Greendale turn right onto a gravel road for about 5 km to reach the meeting point. Calder Highway approach involves a 13 km gravel section.

Morning Tea: Gazebo above the car park.

Walk Details: Mostly forest bathing (2 km section of management track). Byers Back – Gribbles – Nolom – East track. Last 5 km can be narrow. Poles are advised for river crossing, and if slippery. All tracks are marked. If the river is in flood, walk will be shortened. Solstice swim is possible at end of walk.

Mon 22 Jun Easy Metro: Jell's Park – Knox City

Leader: Doug Swinbourne Phone: 0438 881 176

Rendezvous: 9:55am at Glen Waverley Station.

Maps: Melway 72, 71 & 63 Grading: Easy Distance: 10.5km.

Transport: 9:18am Glen Waverley train at Flinders St., arrive Glen Waverley at 9:54am; connect with #753 bus leaving at 10:08am to arrive at Jell's Park at 10:21am.

Walk Details: From the bus stop we walk a short way to the Oaks Picnic Ground in Jell's Park for morning tea (seating, toilets). The walk continues through Jell's Park around the lake and then connects with the Dandenong Creek trail to head north until it reaches a junction where a gravel track leads up a moderate hill to Norton's Park (seating, toilets) for lunch and great views. Following lunch we enter the Blind Creek Trail through bushland, passing under Eastlink then High St. Rd. and finally Burwood Hwy. From there it is a short walk to Westfield Knox City where there are bus connections to Ringwood (#901) or Bayswater (#755) Stations, or to the Vermont South tram (route #75) terminus to Camberwell and the city.

Escapes: After lunch #736 bus to either Glen Waverley or Mitcham along High St.

Wed 24 Jun Mid Year Lunch Walk: Ascot Vale West – Footscray

It would be appreciated if you could text the leader by Monday 22 June if you are coming so she can book a table.

Leader: Ingrid David Phone: 0478 858 156

Rendezvous: Newmarket Railway Station at 9.28. Leader will meet this train. Those coming from Western Suburbs can meet on Maribyrnong Road tram stop 42 at 9.45 and wait for the rest of the walkers.

Transport: Craigieburn Line train leaves Flinders Street at 9.16am.

Maps: Melway 27, 28 & 42 Grading: Easy Distance: 6 km.

Morning Tea: At Pipemakers Park.

Transport For Lunch Patrons Only: Proceed to Footscray Railway Station, then walk along Hyde Street to Station Hotel. Meet approx. 12.30pm.

Details For the Walkers: After meeting at Newmarket Railway Station, we take a tram ride, tram 57 to stop 42 along the Maribyrnong River. Then we walk along the river to Footscray. Lunch will be at the Station Hotel, 59 Napier Street Footscray. Special lunchtime Menu available at reasonable prices.

Hopefully no escapes needed.

Sun 28 Jun Flinders Circuit

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

Leader: Trevor Rosen Phone: 0412 136 124

Rendezvous: 9.30am at Flinders Township Reserve, 10 Norman St, Flinders. We will have coffee at the cars before starting the walk. No toilets at the reserve.

Grading: Medium Distance: 13 km.

Transport: Private cars.

Walk Details: This is a circuit walk around Flinders which starts and ends at the Flinders Township Reserve. It includes beautiful scenery, the Flinders pier and coastal views. Bring your own lunch. Walking poles are recommended if you have them.

Afternoon Tea: At a café in Flinders.

JULY PROGRAM

Wed 1 Jul Fyansford – Moorabool River – Barwon River – Newtown

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

Rendezvous/Transport: 8.10am Southern Cross Station under the clock, to catch the 8.30am Geelong Train arriving Geelong 9.31am. Catch #25 Bell Post Hill bus from Bay 1 at 9.45am and after a scenic tour of Geelong alight at Hyland Rd at 10.02am.

Maps: Melway 450 & 451 Distance: 8km.

Grading: After a difficult 800m ***steep*** section at start, an easy flat walk.

Morning Tea: Picnic Area on Fyansford Common (Melway 451 A2), toilets, seating and cover.

Lunch: At Newtown Park, seating, cover and toilets (Melway 451 D6). Escape available.

Walk Details: This walk is in an area which, to my knowledge, the club hasn't walked in before. Fyansford is an old industrial area of outer Geelong but now is being developed for housing. Wikipedia has information on its history.

From the bus we descend steeply down to the Moorabool River and to view the historic hotel and bridge (1899), then to morning tea on Fyanford Common (shelter, seating and toilets). After morning tea we follow Moorabool River passing its junction with the Barwon River at about 3km, we then continue to lunch (5km). From lunch we continue along river to pass under Shannon Ave where we turn sharp left 6.3km and walk through Balyang Sanctuary to Shannon Rd, which is crossed with great care, to finish at bus stop for #43 bus back to Geelong. Buses at 12.28; 1.13; 1.53; 2.29pm (17min journey).

Escapes: At lunch at Newtown Park 5km; Bus #24 to Geelong and North Geelong stations.

Sun 5 Jul Crossroads – Sailors Creek Rd (Goldfield Track Stage 5)

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

Leader: Kim Rosen Phone: 0422 804 816

Mon 6 Jul Baldry Crossing – Gwenmarlin Rd.

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

Leader: Jim Smith Phone: 0437 077 532

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9:45am at Baldry Crossing (Melway 254 G6).

Maps: Melway 254 Grading: Moderate Distance: 13 km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: From Baldry Crossing we walk along Baldry Rd. to Meakins Rd. then Gwenmarlin Rd. till we enter Greens Bush for lunch and return to the start along bush tracks. This is a pleasant country walk along tracks beside the roads, then a bush walk where we should see some wildlife.

There are no Toilet facilities.

Wed 8 Jul Sunshine – Altona

Leader: Miles Peirce Phone: 0429 359 832

Sun 12 Jul Wattle Park

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

Leader: Helen Renehan Phone: 0439 337 066

Mon 13 Jul Valley Reserve, Mount Waverley

Leader: Jim Cone Phone: 9560 8175

Tue 14 Jul 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

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Wed 15 Jul Jacana – Broadmeadows

Leader: Peter Barbetti Phone: 0413 413 551

Sun 19 Jul Mt Eliza Quarry Park Circuit

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

Leader: Sue Cranage Phone: 0414 669 948

Mon 20 Jul Bike Ride – City Circuit

NB. 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 levels of expertise.

Leader: John Rankin Phone: 0408 373 148

Rendezvous: 10.00 am at Quarries Park car park, Clifton Hill.

Morning Tea: Quarries Park (Melway 44 G2); seating and toilets.

Maps: Melway 44, 30, 29, 43, 44, 58 & 45.

Grading: Medium Distance: 30 km.

Transport: Two options – car or train. **By train**: 9.29 am Mernda train ex Flinders St station, arriving Clifton Hill 9.49 am. Exit Clifton Hill station to east side, ride down John St then left into Ramsden. Continue to car park in Quarries Park. **By car**: Park in car park at the end of Ramsden St (in Quarries Park) or in Field St.

Ride Details: This is a pleasant ride along made paths and there are numerous escapes. There are a few inclines but no major roads to cross. From Quarries Park we follow the Merri Creek north to the Capital City Trail which we then follow west then south all the way to Docklands, crossing Flemington and Footscray Roads (on the recently opened Green Snake bridge) on the way. We then head east following the Yarra to join the Main Yarra Trail to Burnley then head north along the Trail passing the Abbotsford Convent and Dwights Falls to return to Quarries Park and Clifton Hill station.

Escapes: There are a numerous escapes to stations along the way: Flemington Bridge (7 km), Macaulay (9 km), Southern Cross (14 km), Flinders St (15 km), Richmond (18 km) & Collingwood (28 km).

Wed 22 Jul Box Hill – Mitcham

Leader: Doug Swinbourne Phone: 0438 881 176

Mon 27 Jul Craigeburn Area

Leader: Alex Hordijenko Phone: 0497 699 507

Wed 29 Jul Edithvale – Seaford

Leader: Graeme Barker Phone: 0437 006 938

Michael Blackett

Michael was a much-loved popular member who passed away on 20th April 2026 after a torrid time battling cancer. He didn't quite make his 89th birthday which was on 8th May. Michael had years of health problems but was his bright self to the end. We all miss his "every day is a bonus" saying which later became "every day to be grateful".

Michael joined the club in the 1970's and was Secretary of the club, enjoyed walking and was a member of the Donna Buang Hut

Committee and regular attendee at the Charles Dickens luncheons. After schooling at Brighton Grammar he studies Economics at Melbourne University where he also formed a lifelong friendship with Ian Sykes.

Michael's National Service in his R.A.N. days brought valuable experience being coxswain of the ship's boat of which he was very proud. Jean and he had a wonderful life together and was always so proud of Richard, Shelley, Simon and his grandchildren.

He will be sadly missed.

Annual Combined Walk with MWWC

On Sunday 3rd May we had the annual Combined Walk with our sister club the Melbourne Women's Walking Club. As you know it's a tradition going back a very long time. The MWWC was formed in 1922 by a group of women who were unable to join the MWC. The two clubs take it in turns to organize this walk.

The walk was organized by MWWC and was at Doongala in the Dandenong Ranges. Our club had 16 members and 2 visitors attending, while MWWC had 24 members attending. There was an 8km walk and a 12km walk.

Kim Rosen

WINTER 2026 AT MT BULLER LODGE

BOOKINGS OPENED ON 1st MARCH 2026!

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

All unlabelled equipment in the storeroom will be deemed "abandoned" at our "ski ready" working bee on 16th & 17th May, so sort out your equipment now.

MWC Mt Buller Lodge Subcommittee

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