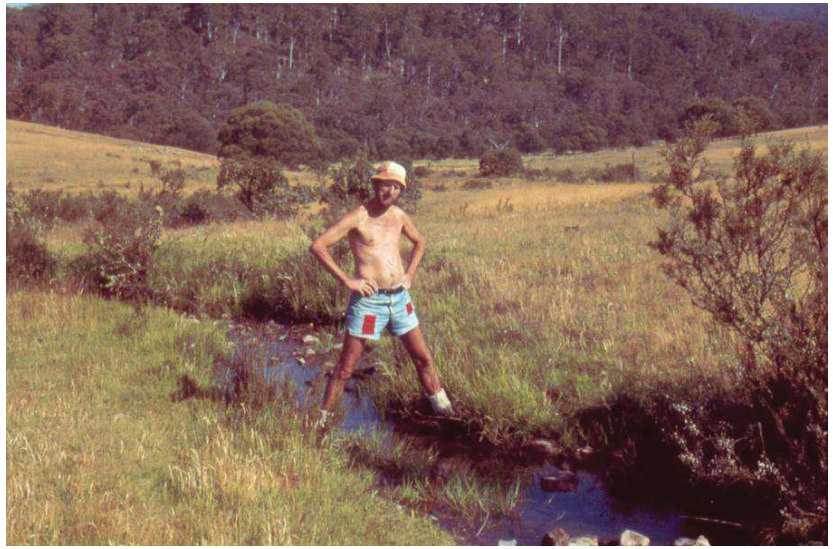

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MELBOURNE WALKING CLUB INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: THURSDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2026 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 2025 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. Other business introduced with permission of the meeting.
15. 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, **Alison Anthony** 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 **0422 424 718**.

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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Changed September Walk Details

Due to flooding, damage to tracks and resultant track closures, Stages 6 & 7 of the Goldfields Track have had to be cancelled. The walk advertised for **Sunday 27 September** will now be Stage 9 from Porcupine Ridge Road to Vaughan Springs. Please see the walk description below.

Sun 27 Sep Goldfields Track – Stage 9
Porcupine Ridge Road to Vaughan Springs
NB. You must contact the leader if you want to attend this activity.

Leader: Kim Rosen Phone: 0422 804 816

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9.30am at Vaughan Springs Reserve. Drive down the hill to the picnic area where there are picnic tables and toilets. We will have morning tea here and then take some cars to the start of the walk south in Porcupine Ridge Rd.

Maps: Melway X909 D7 & Google Maps.

Grading: Medium Distance: 12km.

Transport: Private car. Approx.130 km and 1hr 40mins drive from the eastern suburbs of Melbourne via Calder Highway, Malmsbury and Glenluce. Contact the leader if you would like to share car transport.

Walk Details: We follow the Goldfields Track from Porcupine Ridge Rd north, passing many reminders of the past gold diggings. These include Browns Gully ruin and flats, Sebastopol Gully, Stones Gully mine and the Tubal Cain Mine. We will have lunch along the track. This is the best time to do the walk – everything is very green following record rainfalls over winter. Gaiters and poles are recommended if used.

Afternoon Tea: Possibly in Malmsbury.

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

Sun	4 Oct	Castlemaine Steam Train / Bike Ride	Colin Crook
Mon	5 Oct	Sorrento – Portsea	Doug Connell
Wed	7 Oct	Kalorama – Doongalla – Montrose	Wayne Hanson
Sat-Sun	10-11 Oct	Federation Walks – Portland	Kim Rosen
Sun	11 Oct	Westerfolds Park – Petty's Orchard	Francis Brennan
Mon	12 Oct	Gardenvale – Elsternwick	Ingrid David
Tue	13 Oct	Lunch – Charles Dickens Tavern	Charlie Freedman
Wed	14 Oct	MacLeod – Watsonia/Greensborough	Jenny Hosking
Sun	18 Oct	Two Bays Walking Track	Eileen O'Callaghan
Wed	21 Oct	Riddell's Creek – Conglomerate Hills	David Watkins
Sun	25 Oct	Kilcunda Ridge Circuit Walk	Trevor Rosen
Mon	26 Oct	Burnley – Docklands	Richard Bowen
Wed	28 Oct	Upper FT Gully – One Tree Hill	Stuart Galloway

- Eileen O'Callaghan,(040 2209 840), **eocallaghan2000@gmail.com**.

Please Note: You must contact Leaders if you want to attend this activity. Places are limited to 12 participants. All walkers must have good fitness as there are a lot of steps.

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

Try Bushwalking Month

September is Try Bushwalking Month! Whether you're brand new or an experienced walker keen to see what clubs have to offer, there's a walk for you. Enjoy stunning scenery, learn new skills, stay safe, and make great connections. Here is a list of participating club walks:
bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/upcoming-club-walks

MELBOURNE WALKING CLUB INC.

CLUB EXECUTIVE NOMINATION FORM 2026 - 2027

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, Alison Anthony, not later than Wednesday 28th October 2026.

Participants will need to book their own accommodation and flights. The leader will arrange private bus transfer to/from Cradle Mountain. Please contact Cynthia Lui (0415 038 776 or **cynthialui@mac.com**) for further details or to register your interest.

Base Undercover Activity – Hiking Adventure
Blue Mountains Katoomba and Leura
Monday 5th – Friday 9th April 2027

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

An opportunity to explore the stunning Blue Mountains in autumn. This walk follows the newly opened Grand Clifftop Trails for two days and the Grand Canyon and Cliff route near Blackheath.

Enjoy spectacular World Heritage lookouts, panoramic clifftops, and several optional excursions.

The 3 single day hikes include iconic views like the Three Sisters, stunning Wentworth waterfalls, deep canyons, Pool of Siloam and Aboriginal cultural sites.

Leader: Robert Ivory Co-leader: Eileen O'Callaghan

Rendezvous: Monday, 5th April 2027 at 6.00pm for a group dinner at the Alexandra Hotel.

Transport: Private car (10 hours from Melbourne) or public transport (fly to Sydney and 1 hour train to Leura). All walks are accessible by public transport using trains and buses from Katoomba, Leura and Blackheath.

Accommodation: Our base will be in the township of Leura. The Leisure Inn Spires apartments are recommended as a group booking or participants can book their own accommodation for a 4-night stay from Monday, 5th – Friday 9th April.

Day One: Tuesday 6th April: Wentworth Falls village – Gordon Falls picnic ground.
Distance: 13 km. Grading: Moderate – High. Approx. 5 - 6 hours. Vertical climb 450m.

Day Two: Wednesday 7th April: Gordon Falls picnic ground – Scenic World. Optional visit to Scenic World: cable car, gondola and funicular train to view the Blue Mountains. Cost is approx. $60.
Distance: 12 km. Grading: Moderate. Vertical climb 250m.

Day Three: Thursday 8th April: Blackheath. Grand Canyon and cliff walk: from Evans Lookout to Govetts Leap lookout.
Distance: 14km. Grading: High. Vertical climb 550m.

For further information and queries, please contact:

- Robert Ivory (043 4532 901), **riv53758@bigpond.net.au**.

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We welcome children under 18 years of age, provided they are accompanied by a parent or guardian who has agreed to supervise and accept responsibility for that child, and the arrangement has been agreed to by the leader prior to the day of the activity.
Please note that any children under the age of 5 are not covered by the Club's insurance.
Dogs or other pets are not permitted on walks or other activities.

Copy for October to: Charlie Freedman – Phone: 0415 558 249
email: charliefreedman@yahoo.com
by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 2nd September.

Laughter Is The Best Medicine

Toothache: The pain that drives you to extraction.

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

Sun 4 Oct Castlemaine Steam Train / Bike Ride

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

Leader: Colin Crook Phone: 0418 386 459

Rendezvous: Platform 3 Castlemaine Railway Station at 10 am.

Grading: Medium Distance: 18 km bike ride.

Transport: Private Car. Or alternatively 9:01 am Bendigo line train from Southern Cross Station. This train arrives Castlemaine on Platform 1 at 10:34 am which allows 11 minutes to get from Platform 1 to Platform 3 before the steam train departs. The steam train will normally wait for the V line train if it is delayed. Note V line trains normally have room for about six bikes per train.

Ride Details: We will catch the catch the heritage Goldfields Explorer steam train from Platform 3 at 10:45 am for the 45 minute scenic trip to Maldon. The cyclists will have two hours to explore historic Maldon, Australia's First Notable Town, and have lunch at the 1854 bakery or a local café. Then we will depart from Maldon Railway Station for the two hour bike ride downhill back to Castlemaine in time to catch the 3:54 pm or 4:54 pm train to Southern Cross.

Tickets for the one way 10:45 am steam train trip from Castlemaine to Maldon are best to be booked online. I would recommend travelling First Class to enjoy the beautifully restored heritage Pullman dining and observation carriages and enjoy a coffee and/or morning tea on the trip. When booking the one way trip it is necessary to tick the box for Bike transport. Our bikes will be transported in a dedicated carriage from Castlemaine to Maldon. **PLEASE NOTE** that because of the heritage wooden carriages, E Bikes are **NOT ALLOWED**. You are also not allowed to carry your E Bike battery separately.

The Maldon to Castlemaine trail is not a rail trail as such. It is a compacted earth and crushed granite track near to the railway line. It is suitable for mountain bikes and hybrid bikes. Not suitable for road bikes with skinny tyres.

This trip is also suitable for non bike riders. You would need to book a return trip. The return steam train departs Maldon at 3:30 pm which allows four hours to explore beautiful Maldon.

Morning Tea: Available for purchase in First Class , or you can bring your own in Economy Class. There are a kiosk and toilets at Castlemaine and Maldon stations. No toilets on the steam train.

Escapes: There are road access points to the rail track. For the cyclists there are toilets at Muckleford station which is between Maldon and Castlemaine.

Mon 5 Oct Sorrento – Portsea

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

Leader: Doug Connell Phone: 0419 527 653

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: Melway B7 at 9:45 am.

Escapes: Early escape at Parmelia Drive before morning tea. 476 bus to station.

Sun 29 Nov TBA

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

Leader: John Gates Phone: 0428 761 644

Base undercover activity: Cradle Mountain, Tasmania

Dates: 16th – 20th January, 2027.

Group size : maximum of 10 participants.

Expressions of interest are sought for a base undercover activity at Cradle Mountain exploring Tasmania's most iconic alpine landscapes.

Cradle Mountain is known for its dramatic peaks, glacial lakes, button grass plains and cool temperate rainforest, making it an ideal destination for walkers who enjoy both scenic beauty and varied terrain.

Transport: The group will travel from Launceston to Cradle Mountain by private bus transfer and stay for 3 nights at Cradle Mountain.

Proposed walks:

This trip is designed with hikers in mind and will include a selection of the region's best moderate/hard walks, including the Cradle Valley Boardwalk, Dove Lake Circuit, Marion's Lookout, Lake Lila, Wombat Pool, Crater Falls, Hanson's Peak and Twisted Lakes. These walks offer a mix of easier boardwalk sections, lakeside scenery, alpine viewpoints and more challenging uphill sections for those seeking rewarding mountain views. January is a popular summer walking season in the area, with longer daylight hours that suit full days on the track, while alpine weather can still change quickly. Overall, this will be a memorable group hiking escape combining comfortable accommodation, convenient transport and outstanding day walks in the Cradle Mountain wilderness.

This trip is best suited to walkers with:

- a reasonable level of fitness
- confidence walking on uneven terrain
- experience with moderate day hikes and happy to self-cater meals
- appropriate hiking gear for alpine weather (option to hire gear).

Leader: Richard Simpson Phone: 0419 528 130

Rendezvous: Lake Catani Campground – please arrive between 12noon and 1.30pm.

Transport: Some car pooling is recommended and once group finalised we can share details to arrange as suits individuals.

Maps: Google Maps, and download Mt Buffalo and Lake Catani Campground pdf maps (via Parks Victoria website).

Details: As per past Base Under Cover Camps each person is to be responsible for all needs including tent, sleeping gear, headlamp or torch, all food and cooking equipment, walking equipment suitable for all weather possibilities. The camp has hot showers, flush toilets (byo toilet roll just in case?), washing up areas, campfire circles (maybe bring some cut wood).

Recommend each person bring a comfortable camp chair (and even small table) for evenings and a good supply of personal drinking water as recommended on Parks VIC website. Drinks and nibbles welcome on each evening.

Activities: We will explore Mt Buffalo walks and side trips. Short half day walk Saturday afternoon, extended day walk on Sunday, and short half day drive & walk Monday morning after packing up camp. Leave mountain around 12noon on Monday for lunch in Myrtleford before driving home.

Mon 23 Nov Yarra Circuit – Heidelberg

Leader: Souravi Ghosh Phone: 0438 139 487

Wed 25 Nov Watergardens – Brimbank Park – Keilor Village

Leader: Peter Barbetti Phone: 0413 413 551

Rendezvous: Watergardens Railway Station Ground Level, Shopping Centre side, at 9.15am.

Maps: Melway 13 & 14 Grading: Medium Distance: 11.5km.

Transport: 8.36am Watergardens/Sunbury train from Town Hall arriving Watergardens 9.14am. Return: 476 Bus either to Watergardens or Moonee Ponds train stations.

Morning Tea: Playground by Taylors Creek (Melway M13 J2). Cover & toilets.

Lunch: Playground by Green Gully Rd (Melway M14 E8). Cover & toilets.

Walk Details: Follow Taylor's Creek to Brinkbank Park. After crossing a couple of fords at the Maribyrnong River (if suitable) there's a short climb to Keilor Village.

Maps: Melway 156 & 157 Grading: Moderate Distance: 10 km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: We begin the walk at the Sorrento Historic park. From Hotham Rd, to Lentell Av, then through the Millionaires walk to Point King, from there we make our way to Portsea for lunch. On the return we will have a beach walk to Hemston Av. and on to Sorrento.

Wed 7 Oct Kalorama – Doongalla – Montrose

Leader: Wayne Hanson Phone: 0415 351 492

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: Reserve opposite CFA fire station Kalorama. Large rocks and logs for seating. No toilets or shelter.

Maps: Melway 52 & 66 Grading: Medium Distance: 11 km.

Transport: 8.15am Lilydale train from Flinders Street arriving Croydon at 8.59. Then catch bus 688 departs Croydon Station at 9.16. Alight at CFA fire station at Kalorama, Ridge Rd.

Walk Details: This walk is generally downhill through eucalypt forests with splendid views across to the city and beyond. We pass below the TV antennas and make our way through fern gullies to our lunch spot at Doongalla picnic ground where there are toilets and tables but no cover. Lunch will be around 11.30 ish. After lunch we proceed through an undulating dry section of forest until we reach Sheffield Rd. There is street walking back to Montrose shops. From here take bus 688 to Croydon Station. Buses leave at 1.23, 1.59 and 2.46.

Note: There are a few short but steep declines on this walk, therefore walking poles are recommended.

Escapes: There are no escapes available on this walk.

Sat-Sun 10-11 Oct Federation Walks (Fed Walks) – Portland

The 2026 Federation Walks will be hosted in the Portland area of Victoria by the friends of the Great South West walk, focusing on the scenic 262km Great South West Walk. The event is scheduled for the weekend of October 10-11, 2026. So far, seven MWC members have booked to attend.

There are still some walks available for booking. See the Federation Walks website at **https://fedwalks.org.au**.

Contact Kim Rosen on **0422 804 816** for further information if interested.

Sun 11 Oct Westerfolds Park – Petty's Orchard

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

Leader: Francis Brennan Phone: 0438 383 899

Rendezvous: 9.30 am Porter Street carpark at Westerfolds Park, Melway Map 33 E3.

Grading: Easy Distance: 10-10.5 km.

Transport: Private car. There are two bus routes (Routes # 293 and 905) that stop near the park entrance along Porter Street.

Morning Tea: At Petty's Orchard café (Melway Map 22 A11) where you will be able to buy coffee and snacks (or BYO). Seating and toilets available.

Walk Details: A pleasant and gentle walk through Westerfolds Park following the Yarra River. If we are lucky we might spot a few kangaroos along the trail. We stop for morning tea at Petty's Orchard which is one of the oldest commercial orchards in Victoria. A section of the orchard holds one of the largest collections of heritage apple varieties in Australia which is maintained by volunteers. The farmhouse café also sells organic produce and, if we are lucky, there will be a few slices of their famous vanilla slice available. After morning tea, we retrace our steps back to the carpark. Expect to finish no later than 12.30pm.

Note: Toilets at the carpark, along the way and at morning tea.

Mon 12 Oct Gardenvale – Elsternwick

Leader: Ingrid David Phone: 0478 858 156

Rendezvous: 9.50am at Gardenvale Station (New Time Table).

Map: Melway 67 Grading: Easy (all flat).

Distance: 5 km before lunch, 2 km after lunch.

Transport: Sandringham Line train from Flinders Street at 9.31am.

Morning Tea: Elsternwick Park.

Walk Details: From Gardenvale Station we follow the Elster Creek Drain to Elsternwick Park for morning tea - seating, shelter, and toilets available, plus a nice lake to watch native birds. The Yalukit William Nature Reserve was closed at the time of recce, we could see if it is open. After morning tea we rejoin the canal/drain and follow it to where it joins the sea at Point Ormond and Point Ormond Reserve where we have lunch - seating, shelter, and toilets available. Point Ormond has a good photo opportunity with nice views of the city.

Escapes: Point Ormond, Bus 246 at Barkly Street --> Clifton Hill. Bus 246 going in the other direction --> Elsternwick Station.

Tue 13 Oct 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

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Mon 2 Nov Bushrangers Bay – Cape Schanck

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

Leader: Ian Tregear Phone: 9548 3391

Wed 4 Nov Hartwell – Laburnum

Leader: Campbell Denovan Phone: 0439 850 151

Sun 8 Nov Scotchmans Creek – Chadstone – Mount Waverley

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

Leader: Sue Cranage Phone: 0414 669 948

Mon 9 Nov Blackburn Lake

Leader: Doug Swinbourne Phone: 0438 881 176

Tue 10 Nov 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 11 Nov Upwey – Knoxfield

Leader: Richard Bowen Phone: 0406 500 061

Sun 15 Nov Shoreham – Flinders Jetty

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

Leader: Luke Renehan Phone: 0418 394 519

Mon 16 Nov Bike Ride – Alphington Loop

Leader: John Rankin Phone: 0408 373 148

Wed 18 Nov Drouin – Drouin

Leader: Alex Hordijenko Phone: 0497 699 507

Sat-Sun 21-22 Nov Mount Buller Lodge – Working Bee

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

Leader: Julie Paris Phone: 0473 349 699

Sat-Mon 21-23 Nov Mt Buffalo Base under Cover – Camp

NB. Limited places still available - please contact the leader if you want to attend.

from the ridge of Bass Strait and Westernport. From the end of Powell Rd there is a fairly steep descent down an easement to the rail trail. Bring poles if you use them. This new section of the rail trail is followed to Anderson and then we continue on to Kilcunda.

Afternoon Tea: At the Kilcunda Ocean View Hotel.

Mon 26 Oct Burnley – Docklands

Leader: Richard Bowen Phone: 0406 500 061
9885 0438

Rendezvous: 9.40am at Burnley Station.

Morning Tea: Barkley Gardens (Melway 2H B12).

Grading: Easy Distance: 11km.

Transport: 9.33am Glen Waverley Line train from Flinders Street Station, arriving 9.40am at Burnley Station.

Walk Details: Mainly on walking paths near the Yarra River.

Escapes: Several, including at Flinders Street Station.

Wed 28 Oct Upper Ferntree Gully – One Tree Hill

NB. This walk includes the option of doing the 1000 Steps in addition to the main walk (see *Alternate Walk* details below).

Leader: Stuart Galloway Phone: 0421 560 031

Rendezvous: 9:55am at Upper Ferntree Gully Station.

Maps: Melway 74 & 75 Grading: Medium Distance: 10 km.

Transport: 9:05am Belgrave train at Flinders St., arrive Upper Ferntree Gully at 9:54am; connect with #688 bus leaving at 10:10am to arrive at One Tree Hill Road at 10:21am. (See below for alternative train for 1000 step walkers.)

Toilets: Picnic ground at one tree hill.

Walk Details: From the bus drop-off near One Tree Hill Road, we will walk a short way into the One Tree Hill Picnic Ground for morning tea (seating, toilets). If some walkers are doing the 1000 steps we may have to extend morning tea to wait for them.

Lunch: At Chandlers Hill. We return by the Lyrebird track which is a quite long and steep descent. Return by train from Upper Ferntree Gully.

Alternate Walk: Some walkers may want to do the 1000 steps. **Please text me in the week before the walk** and if there are takers I will meet you at the station at 9:22 sharp (Belgrave train leaving Southern Cross 8:23). No morning tea. Should meet the bus group at One Tree Hill about 11:00.

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 14 Oct MacLeod – Watsonia or Greensborough Station

Leader: Jenny Hosking Phone: 0423 627 232

Rendezvous: 9.25am at MacLeod Railway Station.

Transport: By Train, 8.43am Hurstbridge train ex Flinders St Station, Platform 1 arriving MacLeod Station at 9.25am.

Morning Tea: 9.35am Rotunda MacLeod Village Green (Toilets available).

Lunch: Norris Bank Parklands (Toilets available). **Escape 1**: #902 Bus on Settlement Road to Greensborough Station.

Maps: Melway 20, 19, 9, 10 and/or Google.

Grading: Medium Distance: 7.6km to 17km approx.

Walk Details: After morning tea, walk through Harry Pottage Reserve and Gresswell Forest Wildlife Reserve to the Mt Cooper Lookout (heaps of birds will be chirping away en route). Then head to lunch at Norris Bank Parklands and the first escape. After lunch, follow the Darebin trail and green corridors to Parade College on Plenty Rd and the second escape. Follow Maroondah aqueduct and then to Binnak Park and the third escape. At Binnak park we will decide whether to head for Watsonia or Greensborough stations. (Greener corridors to walk through if decide on Greensborough station and perhaps refreshment at RSL?)

Escapes: **Escape 1: 7.6km** Norris Bank Parklands #902 bus to Greensborough. **Escape 2: 10km** Plenty Rd Parade College #566 bus to Greensborough station. **Escape 3: 13km** Macorna St/Cameron Parade #566 bus to Greensborough station. **To Watsonia station 15.5km or to Greensborough station 17km**, choice to be made on the day.

Sun 18 Oct Two Bays Walking Track: Boneo Rd to Coast, Bushrangers Bay and Cape Schanck

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

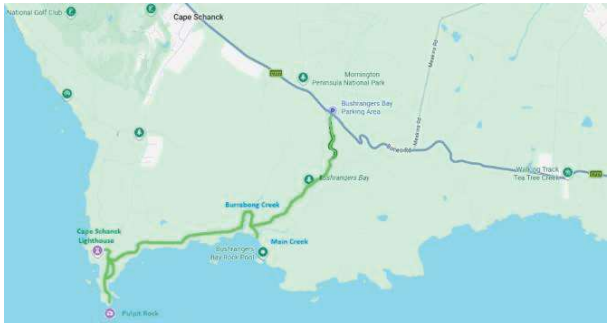
Leader: Eileen O'Callaghan Phone: 0402 209 840

Rendezvous: Bushrangers Bay Picnic Area, near 1350-1412 Boneo Road, Cape Schanck at 10:00am. No toilets available here (next public toilet is at Cape Schanck).

Grading: Moderate Distance: 13km, 3.5+ hours.

Transport: Private car. From Melbourne drive via Mornington Peninsular Fwy, for ~82km. Take the first Boneo Rd exit. Drive south 13km to Bushranger Bay Parking Area. Contact leader if you seek transport.

Map:



Walk Details: A spectacular forest and coastal walk on Two Bays Walking Track in the Mornington Peninsula National Park begins from Boneo Rd at the Bushrangers Bay Picnic Area. From the picnic area, Bushranger Bay surf beach is a 2.6km walk through Bankia forest. Take stairs down to sandy Bushranger Bay beach, surrounded by basalt cliffs.

Take stairs up and cross the Burrabong Creek estuary to enjoy the clifftop lookout. Continue along coastal track 2.6km towards Cape Schanck, with excellent ocean views and wildlife. Arrive at Cape Schanck Lighthouse for lunch overlooking Pulpit Rock. Return the same way or request a car shuffle.

Exposed, sunny & windy route: carry lunch, water, a hat, and sunscreen and bug spray.

Lunch: Picnic lunch overlooking Pulpit Rock, the southernmost tip of Mornington Peninsular.

After Walk Social: RACV Cape Schanck Resort café. Trent Jones Dr, Cape Schanck VIC 3939, 5km from Bushranger Bay Parking Area.

Wed 21 Oct Riddell's Creek – Conglomerate Hills

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

Rendezvous/Transport: Outside passenger lounge at Southern Cross Station at 8.40am to catch 9.01am Bendigo train arrive Riddells Creek 9.45am.

Maps: Melway 660; Google; Komoot – contact leader for link.

Distance: Two walks available; 9.5km or 5km, or have a leisurely day in and around the township.

Grading: 9km walk Medium/Hard; 5km easy; Sturdy footwear and walking poles recommended for longer walk as track is quite rough and slippy in parts.

Morning Tea: Lions memorial Park, Melway 660 D8, Seating, Cover, Toilets. There are a bakery and café across the main road for anyone wishing to purchase morning tea or lunch.

Lunch: Longer walk, at small shelter in Conglomerate Hills at about 5km; limited seating but plenty of fallen tree trunks. Shorter walk at the local football ground, seating under cover, toilets.

Walk Details: When we arrive all will have Morning Tea at Lions memorial reserve. After Morning Tea we will split into two groups, longer walk led by Doug Swinboure, shorter walk led by David Watkins.

Longer walk is a steady climb from the township to reach the rocky Conglomerate Hills. The first 1.5km of the shorter walk is through a bush setting visiting the historic Carre Riddle rail bridge, built in 1859, and the Wybejong Park, which involves a short rough climb. The remainder of the walk is along roads with their interesting modern homes.

This website link gives detail of the Conglomerate Hills and an illustrated description of the walk in the hills;
www.greentrails.com.au/hiking/conglomerate-gully-walking-track

Escapes: Escapes back to the township are available all through the shorter walk, but none are available on the longer walk. Trains to Southern Cross; 1.40pm; 2.39pm; 3.39pm. Travel time 49 min.

Sun 25 Oct Kilcunda Ridge Circuit Walk

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

Leader: Trevor Rosen Phone: 0412 136 124

Max Numbers: 16

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9.30am at the Kilcunda Foreshore Reserve Carpark. We will have morning tea here. There are also toilets and a picnic table.

Maps: Melway X912 Q11 & Google Maps.

Grading: Medium Distance: 13km.

Transport: Private car. Approx. 116km and 1.5hr drive from the eastern suburbs of Melbourne. Please contact the Leader if you would like to share car transport.

Walk Details: From Kilcunda we will follow Ridgeway Rd and Emily Rd north onto Kilcunda Ridge Rd and then Powell Rd. There are great views