

Wed	16-Aug	M	CLUB MEETING			
Sun	20-Aug	D	The Mill and Boroondara Track	M 16km	100km NE	Chris
Situated at the northern end of the Toolangi State Forest, the Murrindindi Scenic Reserve this walk takes in part of the Boroondara Loop Walk that BBW has been involved with track maintenance and conservation. This will be a chance to see how this area is recovering after the 2009 fires.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Tues	22-Aug	D	Two Creeks Walk	M 14km	25km E	Julia
This walk starts at Ringwood Station and follows the picturesque Mullum Mullum Creek Path to Croydon with a few street links. It then follows the Taralla Creek Path, and finishes with a short stretch along the Belgrave Rail Trail to Bayswater Station. We'll have lunch at a café in Croydon. Meeting arrangements: Catch the Belgrave train that leaves Flinders St at 9.16. Feel free to board at stations down the line, but check the timetable. Be in the back carriage						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Fri-Sun	25-27-Aug	D	Snow Walk - Mt Fainter Nth	H 20km	370 km NE	Bernie
Location may vary depending on snow conditions. Snow shows, crampons and snow poles required.						
8	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					YES
Sun	27-Aug	D	London Bridge to Pearces Beach	EM 14km	100k S	Lyn
Part of the Mornington Peninsular National Park. Cliff top paths, lookouts, coastal tea-tree scrub and some beach walking at low tide. Car shuttle required.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Sun	3-Sep	D	Canterbury Gardens	E 10 km	15 km E	Dorothy
They should be in spring beauty. Then we will follow pleasant paths to Ashburton Station. Get the 9.46 to Canterbury Station from Flinders Street. (Check correct platform on the giant screen).						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Sun	3-Sep	D	Cathedral Range - Southern Circuit	11 km MH	120km NE	Chris
Starting at Cook's Mill carpark this clockwise circuit heads south to Sugarloaf Saddle via Tween Spur Rd and Messmate Track. From the saddle we do a rock scramble to Sugarloaf Peak and then along the narrow, rigged Razorback Track to the Farmyard and then back to the start point. You will need a head for heights as there are some exposed sections. Poles may be useful. The views are spectacular.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Wed	6-Sep	D	O'Shannassy Aqueduct	19km M	70 km E	Vanessa
Starting at Cement Creek in the east, the track follows the decommissioned MMBW aqueduct around the hills above the Yarra River. This walk is a through walk from out past Warburton to near Launching Place. It is set among forest which was not logged for a century, but some of which was burnt on Black Saturday. Since it follows an aqueduct, there are no hills!						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Sun	10-Sep	D	Cowans Track – Spanish Onion circuit, Lerderderg SP	EM 12 km	80 km W	Graeme
A relatively short walk that should be displaying an abundance of wildflowers at this time of year. Walking anticlockwise, O'Briens Rd is quite level, then Cowans Tk is a longish 300m descent to Cowans Ck. There is a corresponding ascent up Spanish Onion Tk, whereafter it's level again back along Lerderderg Tk to O'Briens Rd.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO

Sun	10-Sep	D	Doongalla-Sassafras Loop	M 16.5 km	30 km E	Michael
Starting at the Stables Carpark we climb steeply up past the remains of the Doongalla Homestead to the Dandeneong Creek Track then wind our way to Sassafras. Drop over the other side of the ridge to the Alfred Nicholas Gardens, and on to Ferny Creek Reserve for lunch. Return back to Doongalla via Hilton then Banksia Tracks, and finally through lush open forest back to the cars. Nice mix of ferns, open scrub and tall eucalypts. Gardens should be starting to flower. Some steep climbs and descents, total climb approx 600m for the day. May be muddy. NOTE LATER MEETING TIME AT KEW OF 8:15am –Park gates do not open till 9am.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Wed	13-Sep	D	Merri Creek	E 9km	12 N	Jill
Easy walking along Merri Creek from its junction with the Yarra to Ceres and return. Meet at Victoria Park, Kew, at 8.45 a.m.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Sat	16-Sep	D	Vaughan Springs	H 10km	125km NW	Robyn
The circular walk will be in the Castlemaine Diggings National Park near Castlemaine. It will pass several historic mine sites and mineral springs enroute and the area is known for wildflowers in spring, so hopefully we will see many. We will meet at Kew carpark at 7.30 am. Please note that this is a Saturday walk.						
10	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Sun	17-Sep	D	Currawong Falls	EM 12km	112km SW	Sandra
I planned to do this walk earlier this year, but bad storms were forecast at Airey's Inlet on the day, which meant cancelling the walk. This walk is noted for its botanical diversity. There are good views particularly near the beginning of this walk, and then, we see low heathland, hakea, grass trees and stunted eucalypt. We pass Melaleuca Swamp which is an important bird habitat. We pass the only waterfall near Airey's Inlet.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Sun	17-Sep	D	Mt Macedon Loops	M 16 km	74 km NW	Michael
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Wed	20-Sep	CLUB MEETING				
Sun	24-Sep	D	Paul Range circuit, P R SP	M 15km	54 km NE	Graeme
Paul Range is a modest-elevation spur running N-S off the Great Dividing Range, NE of Yarra Glen and E of Dixons Creek. The walk starts with a steepish climb up to the top of the ridge, continues northwards along it (with undulations) almost to Toolangi, then turns back and descends gently down to Paul Creek, and along that level track back to the start. This should be another 'wildflower walk'.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Mon	25-Sep	D	Grandparents and Grandkids Walk	E 7km	40 Km W	Lyn
This is the first day of the September school holidays. An opportunity for our primary school aged grandchildren to explore the bush with others of a similar age, with grandparents keeping a watchful eye in the background. The walk will be in Long Forest, between Melton and Bacchus Marsh. Bring lunch and plenty of snacks for the kids. Also pack a change of clothes and shoes, as there is a shallow creek to possibly fall into. We will have afternoon tea afterwards in Bacchus Marsh. Grandparents must sign an acknowledgement of responsibility for the children they bring. Transport and meeting details to be notified to those on the list. Max 10 families.						
NA	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO

Sun	1-Oct	D	South Morang - Plenty Gorge	14 km EM	25 km N	Fran
Enjoy some good walking close to the city. Circle the Blue Lake with beautiful reflections on a still day. Walk along the undulating trails with views of the Plenty River from above and from bank side. Some good exercise to be had due to the up and down nature of the park. Should be a good time to see spring wild flowers. As the park is so close to the city MEET AT 8.45 AM at Kew library.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Sun		D	15.5 km 85 km 1-Oct Whisky Ambler Lane circuit M NW		Track-	Roger
An energetic walk into the Lerderderg Gorge, which takes in bush roads and footpaths, with a number of steep descents and ascents. Among its highlights are the scenic Kenworthy Tk and the Byers water race, with their views of the river and the gorge.						
15	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Sat - Sun	7-8 Oct	C	Regent Honeyeater Planting Weekend - Lurg Hills via Benalla	N/A	200 km N	Joslin
Annual conservation activity. Join landholders, bushwalkers and other volunteers in the nationally significant Regent Honeyeater Project to plant wildlife corridors for endangered birds and animals on privately owned farms in the Lurg Hills near Benalla. BYO lunch for Saturday. Sponsors provide morning & afternoon tea on Saturday & Sunday; a 3-course dinner on Saturday night, followed by a bush dance; and a BBQ lunch on Sunday. Need to be at the group rendezvous in Benalla by 9am Saturday morning. Sponsors provide free accommodation at scout/girl guide hall - mattresses only; or camp next to the hall. Otherwise own arrangements. (If you cannot attend on this weekend, alternative planting weekends are Aug 12-13, Aug 26-27, Sep 9-10, Sep 23-14. If you want to go on one of these weekend, you must let Andie Gruein know-- andie@regenthoneyeater.org.au.)						
N/A	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Sun	8-Oct	D	Grasstrees Brisbane Ranges	EM 14 km	85 km W	Kim/Peter
An attractive circuit walk on part of the 3-day Birchell Trail, mostly on wide tracks through undulating woodlands with an understory of grasstrees. old slate quarries, good views and a little gorge adds to the appeal of the walk. There is one long steep hill where walking poles may be useful, otherwise fairly level walking. Morning tea at the start at Boar Gully Camping Ground where there are picnic tables and toilets. Afternoon tea at a cafe in Bacchus Marsh.						
20	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Wed	11-Oct	D	Bentleigh to St. Kilda	E 12km	Sub	Glenys
Travel by public transport to start of walk at Bentleigh Railway Station. The walk follows Elster Creek path, suburban streets, Elwood Canal and St. Kilda foreshore, finishing at Fraser Railway Station for return to the city. Meet at Victoria Park, Kew, at 8.45 a.m. or at Flinders Street Station at 9.45 a.m. Bring your Myki card.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Sat - Sun	14-15 Oct	PC	MOUNT TAMBORITHA – CRINOLINES OVERNIGHT PACK CARRY	H 30km	250 kms NE	Denis
The walk will involve a short car shuffle before we set out from the Tamboritha Saddle on Saturday morning. We will finish at the Breakfast Creek camp on Sunday afternoon. Our route involves some short steep ascents on day 1 and a steep descent from the Crinolines on day 2 and. There will also be some tricky navigation through thick scrub just before our campsite. The reward for our efforts will be the spectacular views of the Crinolines and the McAllister Valley. We will stay in huts at the Licola campground on Friday night to enable an early start the next day.						
8	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					YES

Sun	15-Oct	D	Diamond Creek Pub Walk	E 12km or M 20 km	15km N	Peter
Meet at Kew car park at 9am and travel to Eltham The walk is along formed paths from Eltham to Diamond creek (10kms) and return via same route. Lunch is at the Diamond Creek Hotel. It is anticipated the walk will take approximately 2.5 hours each way. For those who do not want to walk back you have the train option back to Eltham Railway Station and walking back to the cars from there (~1.5kms)						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Tue	17-	D	Melton - Toolern Creek/Botanic Gardens E 12km 30km	NW		Julia
This walk starts and finishes at Melton Station. We head north along the Toolern Creek then deviate east to inspect the newish Botanic Gardens. We continue northwards to Centenary Crescent, head west along this to re-join the Toolern Creek, turn south and return via this path to the station. Meeting arrangements: Catch the Wendouree (Ballarat) train that leaves Southern Cross station at 9.17. Be in the back carriage.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Wed	18-Oct	CLUB MEETING				
Sun	22-Oct	D	Brighton to Sandringham	E	12 km	Lyn
An out and return walk around the bay. Some on the sand, some along coastal path or boardwalk. We have done this previously as a dawn walk but have not yet found a good spot for breakfast. This time we will car pool from Kew at the usual time, but with the short drive will have most of the walk complete before any possible heat. Bring your lunch and we will have coffee towards the end in Brighton.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Sun	22-Oct	D	Black Spur circuit, Toolangi SF	MH 19 km	71 km NE	Graeme
Starting from Dom Dom Saddle, coast down (200 m) to Black Spur Inn, then across to Roach Rd (part of the Bicentennial National Trail), whence up, up (600m), through the mountain ash forest to the ridgetop, then via Monda Track back down (400 m) to the start.						
16	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Sat - Sun	28-29 Oct	D	Federation Weekend	Var		
Hosted by the Melbourne Bushwalkers club at Warburton. A choice of day walks on each of Saturday and Sunday. Register at http://www.fedwalks.org.au/						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Thur	2-Nov	D	Geelong	E 10 km	80 k SW	Fran
Trip by train to Geelong for the Archibald prize and Fred Williams exhibitions at the gallery. View either or both followed by bayside walk to Botanic Gardens for lunch.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Fri- Tue	3-7 Nov	BC	Bright Base Camp: President's Weekend	Var	300k NE	Cathy / Lyn
A base camp at Bright Alps Lodge, Bright with a range of walks on the Buffalo Plateau, Beechworth and Yackandandah. Also possible to arrange your own accommodation and join some or all of the days walking.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO

Sat	4-Nov	D	Churchill/Lysterfield Discovery Walk	M 21km	50 km SE	Chris
This circuit takes us through the best natural and historic features of both Churchill and Lysterfield parks. Varying from spindly wattle regrowth, granite outcrops and tall eucalypts we will follow an old tramway for a bit and see the remains of Donellan Homestead. Finishing up with a walk along the shores of Lake Lysterfield including a footbridge and the dam wall. It's a long-ish walk but not much climbing to do so only a Medium walk. NOTE: this is a Saturday walk on Cup weekend. If the weather is good Jan and I may head off from here for some bush camping. Happy for others to join us.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Wed	8-Nov	D	Merri Creek and Islamic Museum	E 7km	10 km N	Dorothy
A visit to the Islamic Museum by the Merri Creek..(Note this is only a museum, not a mosque). There is an entrance fee. Later a walk to Ceres and on to Rushall Station. Gather outside Flinders Street Station to get the no.19 tram in Elizabeth Street at 9.30.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Sun	12 Nov	D	Altona	E 10km	25 Km SE	Dorothy
Get the 9.47 train to Werribee and alight at Altona. This side of the Bay is less crowded. We will walk along the shore path and make the return journey from North Willimastown. Note: later start on Sunday because Camberwell trams run later.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Sun	12 Nov	D	Spargo Creek/Werribee River Circuit	M 16 Km	100 Km W	Chris
This Spargo Werribee River Circuit explores the historic Spargo Creek Mineral Springs Reserve and upper reaches of the Werribee River. This circuit follows a combination of dirt roads/4wd tracks, creeks and off-trail sections. Not too long and with only around 300mtrs of climb overall it should be a pleasant walk in the Wombat forest.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Tues	14-Nov	D	O'Shannesy Aquaduct Trail Millgrove to Warburton Loop	13 km EM	70km E	Peter
The walk begins at Millgrove and then follows (for nearly 7km) the historic open channelled O'Shannesy Aquaduct, which meanders through pristine forest that has been protected for 100 years for water harvesting. We'll lunch at Warburton and return to Millgrove via the Warburton Rail Trail						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Wed	15-Nov	Club Meeting				
Sun	19-Nov	D	Shoreham-Pt Leo-Coolart-Somers	EM 12km	80km SE	Sandra
This is a delightful walk with coastal views, sand beach walking and rocky reefs offshore, passing quiet coastal holiday villages. There is an opportunity to go to the homestead at Coolart and to look around the grounds with bird hides where water birds can be seen. We will share afternoon tea in the grounds.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO

Mon-Wed	20-29 Nov	Multi Day	Grampians NP - Serra Range Traverse	H 90km	280km W	Jim
An expedition in the Grampians NP over 8 days, walking the length of the Serra Range from Mt Rosea at its northern end to Mt Sturgeon at the southern end. We will aim to follow the ridge top as much as possible and in the process I expect to cover over 90km and 9500m of climbing while visiting some 20 peaks. This walk will be day walks and a moving Base Camp at 5 different locations. 60km or more will be off track, with many rocky areas to negotiate. Although made up of individual day walks a comprehensive level of equipment will need to be carried.						
8	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					Yes
ADVANCED NOTICES						
Sun	3-Dec	D	Warramate Hills Flora & Fauna Reserve	M 12km	57km E	Kim / Peter
The Warramate Hills are just east of Lilydale and Coldstream and surrounded by Yarra Valley wineries. There are great views of the Yarra Valley and a backdrop of ranges between Healesville and Warburton. Walk is rated Medium because there are some very steep up and down sections. The afternoon refreshments will be held at Killara Winery.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Tue	5-Dec	D	Westgarthtown	E 10km	17km N	Julia
This walk begins at Thomastown Station and finishes at Lalor Station. It involves a short walk along Edgars Creek and an exploration of Westgarthtown, a historic German and Wendish settlement in suburban Melbourne. We will do a guided discovery tour, which includes Ziebell's farmhouse, the Thomastown Lutheran church and the nearby Westgarthtown cemetery. The cost of the tour is \$5. Meeting arrangements: Catch the South Morang train that leaves Flinders Street at 9.28. You may prefer to catch it at Southern Cross at 9.31. Be in the back carriage.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Tue - Thur	6-8 Mar 2018	BC	Lake Elizabeth	Var	Vanessa	
Pitch our tents at Lake Elizabeth and do day walks in the Ottways						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO
Mon - Tue	23-30 Apr 2018	BC	Sydney – Inner Suburbs and Kuring-EM & M gai Chase National Park			Carmel
We will stay in Sydney for 9 days with accommodation at Hornsby and the YHA at the Rocks. From the YHA possible walks are Spit bridge to Manly, Bondi to Bronte (or Coogee) and other Harbour walks. Also about three days/walks in Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park mostly using trains as transport. There is space on the walks for one more person if extra YHA accommodation if available.						
20	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?					NO

VISITORS PLEASE NOTE

The walks program is subject to changes and additions as advised at monthly meetings, amendments to the Walks Program on the Club web page, and in the update notices that may be issued by email from time to time.

Walks Grades

E	Easy. Up to 4 hours. 12km maximum. Minimal climbing. All on track or in open country.
EM	Easy Medium. Up to 5 hours. 15km maximum. A little climbing. May incl. some minor obstacles.
M	Medium. Up to 6 hours. 20km max. Moderate climbing. Mostly on track. May incl. some light off-track.
MH	Medium Hard. Up to 7 hours. 20km max. Significant climbing. Can incl. medium off-track forest or scrub.
H	Hard. Up to 8 hours. No distance limit. Hard climbing. Can incl. significant off-track.
VH	Very Hard. Up to 12 hours. No distance limit. Hard consistent walking in difficult terrain.

Walk/Activity Type

D	Day walk
PC	Pack Carry walks. Minimum grading for a PC is M.
BC	Base Camp
Con	Conservation activity
Cyc	Cycling
Can	Canoeing
Soc	Social
Oth	Other

Meeting point and time for walks (unless otherwise indicated or advised):

Sundays & Saturdays: Kew Library car park at **7:45am** for

8:00am (sharp) departure

Wed (second of month): The Oval, Victoria Park, E. Kew (enter via High St) (Melway 45G5) at **8:45am**

Club Meetings: Third Wednesday of the month.

Phyllis Hore Room, next to Kew Library, off Cotham Rd,

Kew, from 7:30pm for **8:00pm**

To join a walk

- **Book** (up to 8 weeks in advance) by adding your name and details on the appropriate walk sheet at Club meetings or on the web, or after the last preceding meeting by contacting the Walk Leader. **If you later wish to cancel, please advise the Leader promptly.**
- Be familiar with our Club's *Incident Management System* – refer to the Members Handbook for full details. The last page of this program explains **your responsibility** as a walker.
- Be adequately fit and suitably clothed and equipped for your walks. If you are not, the Walk Leader has **the right to refuse** your participation in the walk.
- Any **medical condition** that could affect you during the walk **must be advised** to the Walk Leader (in confidence) **before leaving Melbourne.**
- Keep to the spirit of our Club's Code of Ethics (refer to Section 15 of the Member's Handbook).
- **Visitors** must pay the Walk Leader \$5 per day of walking, to a limit of \$15 for three or more days.