



**Boroondara Bushwalkers**

**Visitors Walks Program**

**Autumn 2024**

## VISITOR INFORMATION

The walks program is subject to any Covid-19 restrictions applying, changes and additions as advised at monthly meetings, amendments to the walks program on the club webpage and in the update notices that may be issued from time to time.

### Walks Grades

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

### Walk/Activity Types

**Day walks (D)** and other day activities are listed first in the program.  
**Pack Carries (PC;** minimum grading Medium) and **Base Camps (BC)** then follow.

**The following activities may also appear in the program:**

Conservation (**Con**), Cycling (**Cyc**), Canoeing (**Can**), Social (**Soc**), Training (**Trn**)

**Club Meetings – on the third Wednesday monthly in the Phyllis Hore Room, next to Kew Library, off Cotham Rd, Kew, from 7.30 for 8.00pm start.**

**Meeting place for walks is as advised to you by the leader. If the place is advised as ‘Kew’, then the following arrangements generally apply:**

- **Sunday and Saturday** walks depart from the carpark at the rear of Kew Library, Cotham Road Kew (Melway 45 D6). Meet at 7.45 am for an 8.00 am departure.
- **Weekday** walks depart from Victoria Park, near Kew Cemetery, High Street Kew. Enter opposite Belford Road (Melway 45 G5). Meet at 8.45 am for a 9.00 am departure.

The leader may arrange carpooling (subject to the Club policy at the relevant time). Walkers may choose not to take part in carpooling - if so, please advise the leader prior to the walk.

### To join a walk

- In line with changes in government regulations, proof of vaccination is no longer a mandatory condition of signing on for walks. Carpooling is at the discretion of individual drivers and may require declaration of vaccine status from passengers. It is a responsibility of all participants to abide by Covid safe behaviour at all times.
- Note the walk grade given for each walk, and decide which grade suits your fitness level. For beginners this should be either Easy or Easy-Medium.  
Book onto the walk by first contacting a Walks Coordinator (by email). Details for this are on our [Contact Us](#) page. Alternatively, talk to a Walks Coordinator at a Club meeting. ***This contact should be made at least two days before the walk.***
- The Walks Coordinator will reply with information, will add your name to a requested walk sheet and will provide your contact details to the Walk Leader, who will contact you to provide additional details including any meeting arrangements. You will need to provide proof of full Covid vaccination to commence the walk.
- If you later wish to cancel, please advise the Leader promptly.
- Be adequately fit and suitably clothed and equipped for your walks. If you are not, the Walk Leader has **the right to refuse** participation in the activity. Details on what to wear and take on a walk are available [here](#).
- Any **medical condition** that could affect you during the activity **must be advised** to the Leader (in confidence) **before leaving Melbourne.**
- The Club has an Incident Management System. Ask the Leader about it.
- The Club also has a Code of Ethics. Ask the Leader about this, too.

**Visitors** will be required to sign an indemnity and pay the Walk Leader \$5 per day of walking, to a limit of \$15 per walk for 3 or more days.

## Feb - May 2024 WALKS PROGRAM

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### DAY WALKS, OTHER DAY ACTIVITIES AND MEETING DATES (Base Camps and Pack Carries follow at the end)

				<u>Walk</u>		<u>Travel</u>			
Day	Date	Type	Activity Title	Gr	Km	Select Locality	Km	Dir	Leader Given Name
<b>Description</b>									
Wed	21-Feb	<b>CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details</b>							
Fri	23-Feb	D	<b>Boobyalla Track Clearing</b>	M	5	<b>Yarra Ranges</b>	81	E	Kim
<p>The track clearing is continuing on the north side of Mt Boobyalla with some checking of re-growth on the south side. The Rangers will meet us at either the Rainforest Gallery or the summit of Mt Donna Buang (I will confirm) and transport us closer to the work site. It is advisable to wear long trousers and gaiters. Bring gardening gloves, sharp loppers if you have them and ear muffs if you want to use the noisy brushcutters. Equipment and training to use brushcutters is provided. This is a fun day, all welcome and no special skills required. N.B. It is necessary to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) - this can be done on your mobile phone. It is also necessary to register on ParkConnect (Park Victoria's registration site) - see <a href="#">instructions</a> here.</p>									
Sun	25-Feb	D	<b>Inverleigh</b>	M	16	<b>Lerderderg - Brisbane Ranges</b>	75	SW	Fran
<p>This is rated Medium because of the distance, not the terrain. It is quite a flat track starting beside the Leigh River, with some lovely, large old gum trees. There is a short section of road walking to get to the Inverleigh Flora Reserve. There are lots of kangaroos and swamp wallabies in the reserve. 119 species of birds have been sighted there. The dominant tree species are manna gums and river red gums. The ecosystem is an endangered one - very little is left of the Victorian grassy plains and damp swamplands and most of what remains is in this reserve. After the walk we can have coffee at the Inverleigh hotel before returning home.</p>									
Sun	3-Mar	D	<b>Walk along the Yarra to Herring Island</b>	E	10	<b>Melbourne (City)</b>	15	SW	June
<p>We will walk along the Yarra River to catch the free barge to Herring Island at 11.00 a.m. There is an art exhibition at the Information Centre and permanent sculptures on the island. Picnic lunch on the Island and bushland and wildlife to see as we walk along the tracks.</p>									
Thu	7-Mar	D	<b>Mullum Mullum Reserve/Currawong Bush Park</b>	E	5	<b>Metro East</b>	15	NE	Alfred
<p>The walk begins at the Mullum Mullum Sport Centre - Lower Car Park. We will be walking first the Mullum Mullum Reserve loop through nice bush standings. Then on to the other side of the Mullum Mullum creek to the Currawong Bush Park. This park has significance to the First Nation people history. The walk is slightly hilly but compensates you with beautiful bush sceneries. <b>Meeting Arrangements:</b> Will be advised by the walk leader.</p>									
Sun	10-Mar	D	<b>Dampier Creek /Gardiners Creek</b>	EM	15	<b>Metro East</b>	11	E	Peter
<p>Will be advised by the walk leader. We should be back at the cars by 12 noon at the latest and this includes a coffee stop on the way at the Mt Waverley shopping centre. The walk starts along the Gardiners Creek Trail before heading east through a few side streets and connecting bush walkways</p>									

to Middleborough Road. Just pass Highbury Road we head South West through the Dampier Creek Conservation Reserve and then onto Mt Waverley for coffee and a well earned rest. The return route follows the train line reserve back pass the Jordanville Station and just before Holmesglen Station we cross the railway line and re-join the Gardiners Creek trail back to the cars.

<b>Sun</b>	<b>10-Mar</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Cathedral Ranges North Circuit</b>	<b>MH</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Goulburn</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>Chris</b>
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Cathedral Range is host to some of the most accessible skyline walks in Victorian. The North Cathedral Circuit will start at Cooks Mill Campground with a solid uphill climb of 400m to the Farmyard. After a welcome break we can check out the views at both the North and South Jawbone before taking the narrow rocky skyline track with spectacular views over the Acheron Valley to Cathedral Peak and on to Little Cathedral. Then it is all downhill to Neds Gully Campsite and a stroll along the Little River Track back to the cars

<b>Wed</b>	<b>13-Mar</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Darebin - Yarra Link</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Metro East</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>Julia</b>
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**THIS WALK DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH.**

This walk begins at Heidelberg Station and finishes at Harp Junction, Kew. We'll start by walking via streets to Donaldsons Creek. We'll then follow the path along the creek to the attractive Darebin Parklands, where we'll have a BYO morning coffee. From there we'll walk via the recently completed Darebin-Yarra Link path to connect with Willsmere Park. We'll use the Kilby Rd underpass to access the link to the Outer Circle Trail, which we'll then follow up to Harp Junction, where there's the option to have a late lunch in a cafe. **Meeting Arrangements:** Will be advised by the walk leader.

<b>Thu</b>	<b>14-Mar</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Wildlife photographer of the Year</b>			<b>Greater Geelong</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>SW</b>	<b>Fran</b>
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Will be advised by the walk leader. After coffee, we will visit the Geelong Wool Museum for the world-renowned exhibition, on loan from the Natural History Museum London featuring exceptional images which capture fascinating animal behaviour, spectacular species, and the breathtaking diversity of the natural world. After the exhibition we will walk along the Geelong Waterfront to the Geelong Botanic Gardens for picnic lunch (BYO) We return home by the afternoon train.

<b>Sun</b>	<b>17-Mar</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Dandenong Ranges - Sassafras area</b>	<b>MH</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Dandenong Ranges</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Mani / Jim</b>
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Starting and finishing in pretty Sassafras village, this is a beautiful circuit walk through some of the best fern-filled gullies and massive eucalypts the Dandenongs have to offer. We will also explore the recently reopened section of Sassafras Creek. Constant climbing up and down to a total of 780m elevation gain. Some tracks are narrow and overgrown. Some fallen logs to walk over or around.

<b>Sun</b>	<b>17-Mar</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Plenty Gorge Park</b>	<b>EM</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Metro North</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Bernie</b>
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Walk will include a circuit of Blue Lake. Great views and varied landscape. Climbing approx 250 metres. Actual route yet to be previewed. After walk Coffee will be back at the cars at the start - cake supplied.

<b>Wed</b>	<b>20-Mar</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Cranbourne Gardens</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Metro South</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>Sandra</b>
This walk was postponed from 2023. Cranbourne Gardens holds one of Victoria's most precious areas of native bushland. It is home to an amazing range of plant and animal life, including several rare and endangered species. In the heart of the bushland is the Australian Garden which holds an astonishing display of native plants in a landscaped setting, from the arid centre to the coastal fringes of the Australian continent. We will walk along the Wylies Creek Wetlands to the Elisabeth Murdoch Pavilion and onto the Woodlands Picnic Area for lunch. After lunch there is an opportunity to visit The Australian Garden at your leisure. We will meet up at the coffee shop in the Visitor Centre for coffee and head back to the cars, after visiting the Trig Point.									
<b>Wed</b>	<b>20-Mar</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Finns Reserve</b>	<b>EM</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Metro North</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Rob</b>
Starting and finishing at Finns Reserve, Templestowe we will cross the swing bridge and walk through the Yarra Valley Parklands to the Plenty River, then north via bush tracks to the Plenty River Trail. This walk follows some less used tracks through the bush and gives an interesting different view of several more well known areas.									
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<b>Fri</b>	<b>22-Mar</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Boobyalla Track Clearing</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Yarra Ranges</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Kim</b>
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<b>Sun</b>	<b>24-Mar</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Monda Track</b>	<b>MH</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Yarra Ranges</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Roger</b>
This walk follows a series of management roads, walking tracks and firetrails, initially passing through dry open forest, then tall ash forest on the crest of the Great Dividing Range. Total climb: 650m.									
<b>Sat</b>	<b>30-Mar</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Churchill Park</b>	<b>EM</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Metro East</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>Lyn</b>
A circuit walk from Churchill Park into the northern parts of Lysterfield Park. Total climbing approx 260m over a few ups and downs. Lots of kangaroos and a great view from the trig point. We will take an easy pace, have a substantial snack along the way and be back at the picnic ground for a late lunch. Bring thermos in your car and I will bring hot cross buns to have with our coffee and lunch. Car pool from Kew at 7.45 or let me know if you will meet at the start.									
<b>Sun</b>	<b>31-Mar</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Main Yarra Trail and Outer Circle circuit</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>40+</b>	<b>Metro East</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>Jim</b>
Will be advised by the walk leader. This walk will follow Gardiners Creek and the Yarra River to the Chandler Hwy bridge, then the Outer Circle back to Gardiners Creek. This will be a good leg stretch so expect a fast pace of 5 to 6 kmh and minimal stops. With a 7am Start we should be finished by 4pm.									
<b>Thu</b>	<b>4-Apr</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Grandparents &amp; Grandkids Walk: Olinda Forest</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Dandenong Ranges</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Lyn</b>
A walk for primary school aged children and their club member elders. Grandparent must sign an acknowledgement of responsibility for the children they bring. Max 10 families. Location probably Olinda, subject to preview, starting and ending down in the valley so not too much climbing.									

Sun	7-Apr	D	Three Creeks Steiglitz Circuit	M	15	Lerderderg - Brisbane Ranges	100	W	Fran
<p>Millions of years ago this area was all under the sea. A fault in the earth's crust has uplifted this area. There are many rocky gullies, with the unusual geology resulting in the preservation of plants that have vanished from other areas of the state. This is a varied and richly biodiverse circuit walk. Over 170 species of bird and 619 species of plant have been identified in the park. The area is rich in rare wattles, grevilleas and bush peas. There is evidence of historical gold mining along the up and down trails of the hills and gullies of the Brisbane Ranges.</p>									
Wed	10-Apr	D	St Leonards to Port Arlington	EM	13	Greater Geelong	45	SW	Julia
<p>This walk begins at St Leonards and follows the off-road track around the coast to Port Arlington. Lots of sea views! We will catch the 4pm ferry back to Docklands, arriving there at 5.10pm. It's a short walk from the Docklands ferry terminal to Southern Cross Station. The cost of the ferry for seniors is \$17 and it's advisable to book and pay online prior to the day of the walk. See: <a href="https://www.portphillipferries.com.au/tickets-times/">https://www.portphillipferries.com.au/tickets-times/</a> <b>Meeting Arrangements:</b> Will be advised by the walk leader.</p>									
Fri	12-Apr	D	Boobyalla Track Clearing	M	5	Yarra Ranges	81	E	Kim
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Sun	14-Apr	D	Currawong Falls	EM	12	Surf Coast	112	SW	Sandra
<p>The walk is in the forest that forms part of the Angahook-Lorne State Park. There are many types of gum trees including Peppermints, Ironbarks, Stringybarks, and Blue and Grey gums. The creeks are lined with many types of ferns. Underneath the trees are a wide variety of flowering bushes and many orchid species. This walk passes through a broad range of vegetation in the Angahook Forest and visits several natural lookouts and a small waterfall. This circular walk begins and ends in the Distillery Creek Picnic Area. Afternoon tea will be in Airey's Inlet.</p>									
Sun	14-Apr	D	Whisky Creek Circuit	MH	10.5	Lerderderg - Brisbane Ranges	72	SW	David
<p>One the most enjoyable walks in the Lerderderg State Park. This walk is on forestry tracks for half the distance, then on foot, goat and old mining race tracks the other half. A few steep descents into Whiskey Creek and the Lerderderg at Miners' Camp bring us to one of the few flat areas to be found in the river valley. Two river crossings are needed to return via the razorback ridge from which the forestry track is named and this area is indeed impressive. A limit of eight walkers.</p>									

Wed	17-Apr	CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							
Thu	18-Apr	D	Banksia Park / Heide	E	5	Metro East	15	SE	Alfred
<p>The walk starts at the Heide carpark and loops first through the Banksia Reserve to the Yarra River side and then on to the Heide side. The Banksia Reserve has beautiful old gum trees and had significance to the Wurringjery People as living and meeting area , Then we walk to the Heide side into the Heide Artist park, which has some modern art sculptures. The walk ends at the Heide Museum. Note: To follow the walk with a visit to the Heide Museum is optional to the individual participant.</p> <p><b>Meeting Arrangement:</b> Will be advised by the walk leader.</p>									
Sat	20-Apr	D	Short & Steep: Chandlers Hill	EM	8	Dandenong Ranges	45	SE	Lyn
<p>Explore a lesser known part of the Ferntree Gully park area, including Chandlers Hill and One Tree Hill. Lots of great views back to the city. A quick morning exercise that allows you to be home for lunch.</p>									
Sun	21-Apr	D	Warrandyte Gold Diggings	M	14	Metro East	25	NE	Suzanne
<p>Starting from the café where we will have coffee at the end of the walk, this circuit route will see us walking through some lovely urban bush areas of the Warrandyte State park, before we reach the 1890s gold mining areas. We will walk around the Fourth Hill Heritage Gold Circuit, taking photos of the Gold Memorial, meander past the entrance to the Victory Mine, and head up the side of the disused Whipstick Gully Quarry back to the cars for a well earned coffee. Good walking shoes and poles are recommended. Meet at the Kew library at 7.45 am for an 8 am departure (or earlier if ready).</p>									
Sun	28-Apr	D	Phillip Island	E	12	Bass Coast	120	SE	John
<p>This popular Easy walk will take you into the Cape Woolamai Nature Reserve and Churchill Island providing spectacular rugged coastal scenery. Magnificent Ocean Beach walk, Red Granite Quarry, Unique Forests. If you have never done it is a must do walk and if you have done it come again. Check out Google for more info We end the day at the Churchill Island Tourist Centre for Coffee and delightful cakes. We leave from Kew at 8.00 am or meet there. You will be back in Melbourne by 5.30 pm</p>									
Sun	28-Apr	D	Boroondara Loop, Murrindindi Scenic Reserve	EM	12	Murrindindi South	90	NE	Graeme
<p>The Boroondara Loop comprises a section of the River Walk, the B'dara Track, and the Wilhelmina Falls Walk. This is a pleasant riverine and forest walk. If the rain we've been having continues, the Falls should be quite spectacular.</p>									
Sat	4-May	D	Castlemaine Goldfields/Chewton	H	24	Goldfields	123	NW	Robyn
<p>This is a circuit walk exploring the goldfield diggings from Chewton including the Welsh Village, Garfield Water Wheel, Expedition Pass Reservoir, and then south of Castlemaine following the Poverty Gully channel to the Monk and back to Chewton. it will require an early start from Melbourne.</p>									



Sun	5-May	D	Cape Schanck to Gunnamatta	M	17	Mornington Peninsula	100	S	Michael
<p>Classic beach walk. Follow a good track along the Fingal Bay cliffs then through tea tree scrub down to the sand. Return via the beach with an explore of the cliffs and rock platform at Fingal Bay. Fingal Bay can only be accessed at low tide and, with low tide in the early afternoon, our timing is good (hence the late Autumn date).</p> <p>Some 250m climbing including 100m+ of steps up from the beach. Superb views. Maximum 15.</p>									
Thu	9-May	D	Jumping Creek Reserve	E	5	Metro East	25	NE	Alfred
<p>The walk starts at the Jumping Creek Reserve. The path follows the Yarra path to the Blue Tongue Bend. Halfway is an intersecting path going the upper reaches of the reserve to the Blue Tongue Bend. Then the path goes all the way back along the Yarra. The walk is quite hilly and narrow along the Yarra. The scenery is stunning and different at the lower from the higher reaches with different gum tree types. <b>Meeting Place:</b> Will be advised by the walk leader.</p>									
Sun	12-May	D	Mt Donna Buang: Boobyalla Track	M	12	Yarra Ranges	90	E	Kim
<p>Come and walk the newly cleared Boobyalla Track and admire all the work that has been done by your fellow club members. The walk will start from the summit of Mt Donna Buang, descending off track through beautiful unspoilt forest to a private hut where we will have morning tea in front of a welcoming open fire. We will then retrace our steps and join the Boobyalla track, up and over Mt Boobyalla and back via the Acheron Way to the Rainforest Gallery. A car shuttle will be required between the Mt Donna Buang Summit and the Rainforest Gallery. Maximum 15.</p>									
Wed	15-May	<b>CLUB MEETING &amp; AGM - See e-Bulletin for details</b>							
Thu	16-May	S	Bendigo			Goldfields	170	NW	Fran
<p>Take a vicarious trip to Paris via Bendigo. The exhibition "Paris: Impressions of Life 1880-1925" brings paintings and other artistic objects from the Musee Carnavalet, the museum of the history of Paris, to Bendigo Art Gallery. The works document a volatile period of social and artistic change in the city. Lunch at a cafe in Bendigo. Meeting arrangements will be advised by the walk leader.</p>									
Sun	19-May	D	Bunyip State Park Loop	M	18	Gippsland West	65	E	Chris
<p>This walk begins and ends at the Helipad &amp; Helmet Track Unloading Area ( with toilet facilities) just off Snake Creek road east of Gembrook. The track takes in open eucalypt forest, tree fern gullies and large granite outcrops with extended views. Walking on closed management tracks the area is known for its lace monitors (tree goannas).</p>									
Wed	22-May	D	Werribee River North	EM	13	Metro West	30	W	Julia
<p>This walk begins and ends at Werribee Station. We'll walk up the east, left bank of the river as far as the Historic Park, then back to Heaths Rd and across to President's Park where we'll have a BYO lunch. Then we'll walk back along the west, right bank to the town centre. The river is lined with attractive vegetation and there should be plenty of birds to see. <b>Meeting Arrangements:</b> Will be advised by the walk leader.</p>									
Sat	25-May	D	Short & Steep: Sherbrooke East	EM	7	Dandenong Ranges	45	E	Lyn
<p>Another quick fitness boost. A scenic loop from Grants Picnic Ground with a few steep climbs including Paddy's Track. Finish before lunch.</p>									



Sun	26-May	D	Glynns Reserve, Yarra Valley Parklands Warrandyte	M	10	Metro East	26	NE	Suzanne
This tranquil walk is a on the north side of the Yarra River, in nearby Warrandyte - 2 different loops. The first follows the Yarra, mostly along Glynns Track, which later traverses relatively steeply on a narrow dirt track, after a great view of the Pound Bend Tunnel on the opposite side. After morning tea, the second loop leaves the river bank, along Laughing Waters Track, through more diverse surroundings, including a derelict heritage house in the middle of nowhere, built with clay & mud and some Melbourne skyline views. Poles would be handy for the steep sections; gaiters optional. 300 m elevation. Meet at the Kew library at 7.45 am for car pooling.									
Sun	9-Jun	D	George Bass Coastal Trail	EM	15	Gippsland East	120	SE	Sandra
This iconic walk commences at the southern end of the Punchbowl Road which is off the Phillip Island Tourist Road. After crossing Mauries Gully, the walk continues east along spectacular grassy hilltops. The rolling green hills provide a dramatic contrast to the abrupt cliffs, which drop into the crashing surf. We will walk down to the beach at Half Moon Bay. An attractive strand of Coast Banksia is thriving at Half Moon Bay and Boobiallas grow along the sheltered gullies. The main trail continues on over the tops, eventually arriving at Kilcunda township. We will enjoy lunch at the well known Killies Pub which will have been prebooked.									
<b>BASE CAMPS AND PACK CARRIES</b>									
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Fri - Sun	23-25 Feb '24	BC	A variety of walks around Lorne	M,MH, H	Var	Surf Coast	144	SW	Robyn
This will be a base camp weekend at Lorne where each day we will head off to do a day walk in the area. Some options will be a hard walk; another hard walk option will be in the area of Mt Defiance. A medium walk will be following the Erskine River up to Blanket Leaf picnic ground. Please sign up if you are interested in doing walks in this lovely area in the Otways, lovely waterfalls and views of the sea.									
Fri-Tue	8-12 Mar	BC	Mount Hotham	Var	Var	Greater Alpine	380	NE	Cathy/Lyn
This is take 2 of November 2022, when an untimely snowfall prevented access to many of the planned walks. Choose from a range of Easy to Medium Hard walks, including the iconic Razorback, fascinating Omeo gold diggings, and beautiful walks at Dinner Plain. Stay in the well appointed Pegasus Lodge and the neighbouring Asterix as required. \$150 deposit required by Friday 8th December.									
Fri - Sun	10-12 May	PC	Bluff Hut and surrounding area	H	28	Greater Alpine	220	NE	Selwyn / Robyn
Driving up Friday to camp at Sheeppark Flat that night. Experience one of the best and most rewarding overnight PCs that Victoria has to offer. A challenging walk passing through open forest, alpine woodlands, rocky ramparts, along (and subject to conditions, possibly multiple crossings of) Howqua River. Saturday - a short drive to Eight Mile Flat to start the hike. A long steep climb up Eight Mile Spur and The Bluff escarpment, then along the plateau, camping at Bluff Hut. Sunday - descend 14 Mile Spur to Ritchies Hut, following Howqua River back to Eight Mile Flat. Drive back to Sheeppark Flat.									

<b>2024</b>	<b>29 April / 12 May</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>NSW South Coast</b>	<b>EM- M</b>	<b>Var</b>	<b>New South Wales</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>Jan/Carmel</b>
A trip to the NSW South Coast will include walking in Kangaroo Valley and the Shoalhaven area. There will be a mixture of walks including the coast and the escarpment, with waterfalls and spectacular views. There will be 8-10 walks ranging from EM to M over about 14 days. The preference is for walkers to drive to the area with participants sharing the driving en route. Alternatively you can organise your own transport if you prefer to fly to Sydney then take a train and/or bus to Nowra. However, you should be aware that this may take another 4 hours. Maximum number of participants is 16.									
<b>Thu - Thu</b>	<b>15 - 22 Aug</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>The Solitary Islands Coastal Walk, Coffs Harbour</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Var</b>	<b>New South Wales</b>	<b>1,387</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>Kim</b>
This is a five day walk from Red Rock north of Coffs Harbour to Sawtell, south of Coffs, for 65km. It follows the coast along pristine beaches, spectacular headlands and through coastal bushland. Eight cabins at Park Beach Big 4 Holiday Park have been reserved for seven nights. A maximum of 16 people can participate. We will need 8 cars to allow car shuffles each day. Ideally walkers will drive to Coffs Harbour, car sharing with one other person. There is a possibility of flying to Coffs Harbour and then hiring a car but this needs to be arranged independently. On the sixth day there is an option of visiting Bellingen and walking in the Dorrigo National Park. The weather in August is perfect for walking, usually 18-25C. A \$100 deposit per head will need to be paid to the leader within 24 hours of booking on the Sign-on. The deposit will be refunded if the place is filled by someone on the waiting list. Maximum of 16 people.									
<b>2024</b>	<b>Spring / early Summer</b>	<b>PC BC</b>	<b>McMillans Track Expressions of Interest</b>	<b>M MH</b>	<b>Var</b>	<b>Gippsland East</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Vanessa</b>
Rescheduling this Expressions of Interest (update the sign-on sheet please) in taking on a 220 km long walking track following a gold miners track cut by Angus MacMillan in 1860's. Potential for this walk to be done as a full pack carry or over a number of stages. A Base Camp and a series of day walks, concurrently or separately which may provide some support to the Pack Carry group. Coordination could have the 2 groups walking together for some days. It is common to spend about 2 weeks on the track.									
<b>Mon- Fri</b>	<b>9-13 Sep</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>Narrawong and Budj Bim</b>	<b>EM</b>	<b>Var</b>	<b>Glenelg - Otway</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>SW</b>	<b>Lyn /Vanessa</b>
Stay 4 nights at the caravan park at Narrawong. Explore the world heritage listed indigenous site at Budj Bim. A variety of E or EM walks around Narrawong, Portland, Cape Bridgewater and Port Fairy. Numbers limited by room in the Caravan Park: max of 14 double-bed rooms and 8 bunk rooms. <b>Please specify room request on the sign up sheet.</b>									
<b>Wed- Fri</b>	<b>23-25 Oct</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>Benalla Getaway</b>	<b>EM</b>	<b>Var</b>	<b>Greater Alpine</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>Lyn</b>
Find your own accommodation for 2 nights in Benalla. Activities include Winton Wetlands, the North-east Silo Art Trail, Benalla Gallery, Botanic Gardens and Lakeside walking track, and EM walking in the Warby Ranges. Max 12 participants.									