



**Boroondara Bushwalkers**

**Visitors Walks Program**

**Spring 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:

Please note in 2024 there are changes to where the Club monthly meeting will be held.

**From May to October inclusive** – Meeting Room 1, Balwyn Library, 336 Whitehorse Rd, Balwyn (parking off Talbot Ave), from 7.30 for 8.00 pm.

**From November onwards** - Meetings will be again held at the Phyllis Hore Room, next to Kew Library, off Cotham Rd, Kew, from 7.30 for 8.00 pm.

**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

- 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 and add your name to a walk list if requested and forward your request on to the Walk Leader who will contact you to discuss and provide meeting arrangements.
- 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 for 3 or more days.

**To sign-on for a walk**  
**If using a desk-top or lap-top computer, just click 'Sign-on'.**  
**If using a Phone or Tablet (e.g. iPad), the Sign-on link will take you to the Walk Sheet (so you can see who else is walking) but you won't be able to enter your name unless you have the Google Docs app. Instead, telephone or email the leader.**

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

Day	Date	Type	Activity Title	Walk		Select Locality	Travel		Leader Given Name
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**Description**

<b>Wed</b>	<b>21-Aug</b>	<b>CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details</b>							
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<b>Sun</b>	<b>25-Aug</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Creswick Forest</b>	<b>EM</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Goldfields</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>NW</b>	<b>Lyn</b>
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Mix history and nature on a circuit walk from the centre of the small goldfields town of Creswick. See grand old buildings, the La Gerche trail of 100 year old trees planted to reforest the denuded mining area, St George's Lake and Creswick Creek. One steep climb of 70m to the view from Brackenbury Hill. Total climbing 215m. We did most of this as a winter warmer two years ago. This time we will have lunch at the lake before exploring an extra section of the forest, then coffee in Creswick.

<b>Sun</b>	<b>25-Aug</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Mt Macedon from the North</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Macedon Ranges</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>NW</b>	<b>Michael</b>
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From Heskett Primary School to Days Picnic Ground on the sub-alpine Macedon plateau. Up via quiet country roads, past a forgotten waterfall, then climb through untracked bush. Visit Sanatorium Lake then down off the mountain via bush tracks (steep and may be muddy) and country roads through rolling farmland. Plateau is almost 1000m above sea level so may be cold and damp. Approx. 450m climbing. Great views. A satisfying day. Maximum 15

<b>Sat</b>	<b>31-Aug</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Short and Steep: Lysterfield Park</b>	<b>EM</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Metro East</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>Carmel</b>
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A pretty short walk among the kangaroos with an early finish. A few ups and downs with total climbing 200m. Either meet at Lysterfield or Kew just let me know.

<b>Sun</b>	<b>1-Sep</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Britannia Range</b>	<b>MH</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Yarra Ranges</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Roger</b>
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This walk features mountain ash forest, many tree ferns, an apple orchard and views of the Little Yarra Valley. There is a very challenging climb past large granite boulders (total ascent 780m over 8km) and very deep erosion gullies (see how dirt bikes can destroy a track). Foot tracks pass through lush regrowth forest. 75% foot tracks, 25% dirt roads & 4WD tracks. Walking poles highly recommended.

<b>Sun</b>	<b>8-Sep</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Blackburn Lake reserve - Creeklands to Laburnum rtn.</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Metro East</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>June</b>
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Explore Lake Reserve seeing waterbirds, bush birds, lake and bushland. Follow Creeklands tracks through linear bush along creek to Laburnum. Morning break there and return a different way to Blackburn Lake. Own lunch near Information Centre. Meeting point to be advised.

Wed	11-Sep	D	Sassafras - Olinda circuit via the Dandenong Ranges Botanical Garden	M	16	Dandenong Ranges	E	60	Mani
<p>This is a beautiful forest circuit starting and finishing in Sassafras. We will wander through the Dandenong Ranges National Park amongst tall Mountain Ash and lush tree ferns before heading to the the superb Dandenong Ranges Botanic Gardens for lunch. The Botanic Gardens are Victoria's premier cool-climate garden offering and mass displays of rhododendrons, azaleas and other exotic flowers as well as the newly established internationally recognised Chelsea Australian Garden. Approximately 5.5 hours of walking time with 600m climbing on good tracks throughout the day. Bring walking poles if you use them as some tracks can be slippery when wet. This walk will be run jointly with the Waverley Bushwalking Club. Meeting point to be advised for carpooling.</p>									
Thur	12-Sep	D	Jumping Creek Reserve	E	5	Metro South	25	E	Alfred
<p>The walk starts at the Jumping Creek Reserve Car Park. The path follows the Yarra to the Blue Tongue Bend. The way back follows the upper ridge and joins halfway back with the Yarra path. The scenery is stunning and quite different for the lower part to the upper ridge. The walk is quite hilly and narrow along the Yarra. <b>Meeting Arrangement to be advised.</b></p>									
Sun	15-Sep	D	Mount Evelyn to Silvan Dam	M	16	Metro East	35	E	Michael
<p>Clockwise from the Mt Evelyn Recreation Reserve up to The Acqueduct Track and onto Silvan Reservoir Picnic area for lunch (reopened at the end of May after some 18 months closed). Back to the cars via good tracks through nice eucalypt forest. Some 300+m climbing - short and steep. Country lanes, a buddhist temple, tree ferns, eucalypts, quiet forests - all in the outer suburbs of Melbourne. Maximum 15.</p>									
Wed	18-Sep	<b>CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details</b>							
Sun	22-Sep	D	Brisbane Ranges National Park	EM	14	Lerderderg - Brisbane Ranges	82	W	Jan
<p>A series of walker only tracks looped together in the northern section of the park. Should be lots of wildflowers.</p>									
Wed	25-Sep	D	Barwon River	EM	13	Greater Geelong	65	SW	Julia
<p>This walks starts and finishes at South Geelong Station. From the station we walk down Yarra St to the Barwon River. We follow the path beside the river a short distance upstream before crossing to the other side on a footbridge. We then continue upstream to Queens Bridge where we cross back to the left bank, and head back downstream to our starting point. There are a number of attractive parks along the river and a quite extensive wetlands on the return leg. <b>Meeting arrangements to be advised.</b></p>									
Sun	29-Sep	D	Pt Addis to Anglesea	EM	11	Surf Coast	112	SW	Sandra
<p>This walk begins through tall ironbark trees with their black trunks. It also features grasstrees, silver banksias, correas and white daisy. There is a short section of a Koorie Cultural walk. We then walk up the Point Addis Road and on the right there are toilets. We walk on to the carpark and the lookout over Pt Addis. The walk descends to the beach and we plan to have lunch at Black Buff. The walk heads up to the cliff top again and passes by the Eumeralla Scout Camp. We now pass by heathlands where wildflowers bloom in Spring. We walk through the Anglesea Caravan Park and follow the track near the mouth of the Anglesea River. We will have afternoon tea at the General Store. PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE A CAR SHUFFLE FOR THIS WALK. PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WALKERS KEEP TO THE TRACK AS THE CLIFFS ARE SUBJECT TO CRUMBLING.</p>									

Sun	29-Sep	D	Cathedral Range North Loop	MH	14	Goulburn	110	NE	Chris
Commencing at Neds Gully the walk heads steeply up some 400 metres to Neds Saddle. We will take in the views from Neds Peak and then on to Little Cathedral. From there we will hike 3.6km along the narrow exposed Razerback Track over Mt Cathedral to the Farmacyard, taking a slight detour out to the North Jawbone. Then it is all downhill back to the Little River at Cooks Mill and a leisurely stroll along the river track back to the cars. This walk is not long but has its challenges with steep climbs, an exposed rocky ridgeline, minor rock scrambling and fabulous views. Total climbing 770 metres.									
Wed	2-Oct	D	Grandparents & Grandkids Walk: Whipstick Loop	E	5	Lerderderg - Brisbane Ranges	100	NW	Lyn
A walk for primary school aged children and their club member elders. Grandparents must sign an acknowledgement of responsibility for the children they bring.									
Sat	5-Oct	D	Sherbrooke Forest and Alfred Nicholas Memorial Gardens Circuit	MH	18	Dandenong Ranges	54	NE	Mani
Starting in Belgrave, we climb up steeply for a couple of hours amongst stunning Mountain Ash and fern forest. We stop for morning tea for sweeping views of The Patch and across to Mount Donna Buang and surrounds. We continue to the Alfred Nicholas Memorial Gardens for lunch to admire its famous ornamental lake and stunning rhododendrons, azaleas and other flowers in bloom. We then head downhill to Sherbrooke Falls and back to the start pointing. Lyrebirds, wallabies and even a rare spiny crayfish were spotted during the reccie. A strenuous walk with much climbing. Some tracks and creek crossings are slippery. Bring poles if you use them. This walk will be run jointly with the Waverley Bushwalking Club. No visitors. Meet at 7.30am at the Wattle Park Chalet Car Park for carpooling.									
Sun	6-Oct	D	Station Pier, Webb Dock & Westgate Park	E	10	Melbourne (City)	10	S	Lyn
Celebrate the first day of daylight saving with an afternoon walk by the bay followed by fish and chips at Station Pier. <b>Meet at Station Pier tram stop ready to walk at 3.30pm.</b> (Note this is the end of the line for Route 109: catch it anywhere on Cotham Rd, High St, Victoria St, Collins St, Spencer St, or drive yourself to the walk.). We will follow the Bay Trail past Beacon Cove, with a detour onto the historic Princes Pier, and out to the Sandridge lookout at the end of Webb Dock. Then back briefly along Todd Rd for a circuit of Westgate Park before returning to watch the sunset from D'Lish Fish.									
Wed	9-Oct	D	Keppel Lookout & Steavenson Falls Circuit	MH	15	Yarra Ranges	86	NE	Mani
This beautiful circuit walk starts in Marysville with a forested climb up Wilks Track to reach Keppel Lookout for morning tea and stunning views. We then complete the circuit anti-clockwise by descending down the side of impressive Steavenson Falls and walk back along the river. Long and steady ascent before morning tea with some undulations and descents to follow. Over 600m elevation gain. This walk will be run jointly with the Waverley Bushwalking Club. No visitors Meeting point to be advised for carpooling.									
Wed	9-Oct	D	Dandenong Creek Trail	E	11	Metro East	25	E	Bernie
Commencing at Nortons Park in Glen Waverley, then Bushy Creek Wetlands via Shepherds Bush. Retrace some steps on the DCT to walk a circuit in Jells Park before returning to the start. Great environment. There are toilets at the start of the walk and at the lunch stop. Bring lunch or buy at the cafe and enjoy a coffee from the cafe. <b>Meeting point to be advised.</b>									

Sun	13-Oct	D	High Lead to Powelltown	EM	13	Yarra Ranges	75	E	Kim
<p>This is a very pretty walk along the old tramway routes and cuttings where timber was hauled over 100 years ago. We walk beside treeferns, mountain ash and streams crossed on charming log bridges. There will be a car shuttle from Powelltown to the start of the walk at the High Lead carpark. Bring morning tea and lunch. Afternoon tea will be at the Powelly Pub. There is one small creek crossing using a log and rocks and a couple of steep ascents on new stairways. Gaiters and poles will be useful.</p>									
Wed	16-Oct	D	O'Shannassy Track Diversion Weir to Redwood Forest	EM	16	Yarra Ranges	75	NE	Jan
<p>From Woods Point Rd we follow management tracks to the diversion weir, then the aquaduct trail to Cement Creek Rd and down to the Redwood Forest. We will need to do a car shuffle.</p>									
Wed	16-Oct	<b>CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details</b>							
Sun	20-Oct	D	Arthurs Seat and Kings Falls and National Trust Endeavour Fern Gully at Red Hill	EM	11	Mornington Peninsula	85	SE	Sandra
<p>We will start this walk at the National Trust Endeavour Fern Gully at 195 Arthurs Seat Road, Red Hill. We will park opposite at the Red Hill Recreation Reserve. This is where we will have morning tea. There are toilets here. (The Fern Gully was closed some years ago when I tried to include this National Trust property.) We cross the road to enter the Fern Gully and walk around the 2km board walk enjoying the rainforest vegetation. We will then drive a short distance to the Seawinds car park. We will walk to the Kings Falls via the T. C. Mckellar nature walk. The walk continues to the McClarens Dam and the Kings Falls Circuit walk, before retracing our steps to the Seawinds car park. Please wear boots with good tread and walking poles are recommended.</p>									
Sun	20-Oct	D	Cathedral Range South Loop	H	11.5	Goulburn	110	NE	Chris
<p>The track to the top of the range is via Wells Cave which requires a squeeze through a narrow gap and a very steep rock scramble climbing 100 m up in the last 200m to the top of Mt Sugarloaf. From there we walk and scramble along the razorback track taking in the views to the Farmyard before descending back to the cars at Cooks Mill. This hike is more challenging than the North Cathedral loop with extended rock scrambling and a more exposed section of the Razorback track. It is also a small introduction in a day to what can be experienced day after day in some of the extended SW Tasmanian hikes. Total climbing 660 metres.</p>									
Wed	23-Oct	D	Sketcher's Walk - Wattle Park	E	N/A	Metro East	10	E	Di
<p>Come and learn, or brush-up, your sketching skills. Bring your own materials; a list will be sent to those who sign-on. Bring lunch or buy at the nearby bakery; coffee is available from the Golf Course cafe. <b>Meeting point to be advised.</b></p>									
Sat	26-Oct	D	The Scenic Rim	MH	15	Lerderderg - Brisbane Ranges	65	W	Robyn
<p>This is a circuit walk that provides some great views of the gorge but does involve some steep climbs and descents so bring walking poles. There will be a shallow crossing of the Lerderderg river.</p>									
Sun	27-Oct	D	Anakie Gorge & Ted Errey Nature Circuit	EM	13.5	Lerderderg - Brisbane Ranges	85	W	Suzanne
<p>A lovely circuit walk in the Brisbane Ranges, on good tracks. We meander through a small twisting dry gorge, see an historic reservoir and enjoy great views over the ranges and farmland from Nelsons Lookout and Outlook Lookout. The area has diverse flora and fauna. A steepish ascent of 160 m and several descents where poles may be useful. 300 m total ascents for the day.</p>									

<b>Thur</b>	<b>31-Oct</b>	<b>Soc</b>	<b>Clarice Beckett Ballarat</b>			<b>Goldfields</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Fran</b>
A trip to Ballarat to visit the exhibition "Clarice Beckett: Paintings from the National Collection" <a href="https://www.artgalleryofballarat.com.au/explore/exhibitions/clarice-beckett">https://www.artgalleryofballarat.com.au/explore/exhibitions/clarice-beckett</a> We will have coffee on arrival, visit the exhibition, have lunch in a local cafe then return via train. Meeting point to be advised.									
<b>Sun</b>	<b>3-Nov</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Donvale pipeline track</b>	<b>MH</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Metro East</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Michael</b>
Starting at Antonio Park in Mitcham to the end of the Pipeline Track in Donvale/Warrandyte then looping back to rejoin the Mullum Mullum Trail. Lots of hills, some very steep! A good workout. A morning walk only (aim to finish about 1pm) so pace will be brisk. Lovely bush, some great views, horses. Unexpected rural feel some 20km from the CBD. Meeting point to be advised. Maximum 15.									
<b>Sun</b>	<b>3-Nov</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Sweetwater Creek and Kananook Creek, Frankston</b>	<b>EM</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Metro South</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>Ian</b>
We will follow the Sweetwater Creek downstream to the coast and then walk upstream beside the Kananook Creek. Then it is back along the beach and upstream beside Sweetwater Creek to the start. A lot of the downhill and uphill between the starting point (at about 60m above sea level) and sea level is on steps and wooden stairs.									
<b>Wed</b>	<b>6-Nov</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Melton Botanic Gardens</b>	<b>EM</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Metro West</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>NW</b>	<b>Julia</b>
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. <b>Meeting arrangements:</b> Catch the Wendouree (Ballarat) train that leaves Southern Cross station at 9.16. Go to the second back carriage.									
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10-Nov</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Whipstick Loop &amp; Lerderderg Heritage River Walk</b>	<b>EM</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Lerderderg - Brisbane Ranges</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>NW</b>	<b>Jan</b>
This walk combines 2 tracks to create a figure 8, starting and finishing at The Garden of St Erth. After completing the river walk we will have lunch at The Garden of St Earth before proceeding onto the Whipstick Loop Track. Both tracks pass old mining sites and often follow water races.									
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10-Nov</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Lake Mountain – Keppel Hut</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Murrindindi South</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>Graeme</b>
Keppel Hut is quite historic, now being in its fourth incarnation, all previous versions having been burnt down. The walk starts and finishes at Gerraty's car park, and is 'Lasso-shaped'. The loop and part of the tail are on broad ski trails. The rest of the long tail (corresponding to the out-and-back section to the hut) is a narrow footpad, which becomes quite steep. The 2009 bushfire killed all the snow-gums and alpine ash, so the green regeneration from the base of the former makes a striking contrast to the bare white trunks. NB. This is a recycled walk from 2014, and not previewed since.									
<b>Sat</b>	<b>16-Nov</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Try a Bushwalking Club Month (BWV) Walk: Sugarloaf Reservoir</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Metro North</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>Robyn</b>
This walk is part of a promotion organised by Bushwalking Victoria. There is room for up to 5 club members (including leader and whip) to sign up to provide a friendly welcoming experience to the world of bushwalking clubs. Up to 15 outsiders will register through BWV. Help us to self-promote and hopefully attract some new members. This walk is around the Sugarloaf Reservoir, all on track, with views of the water for most of the walk. From Eagle Point which involves a climb there are views of the city and the Yarra Valley. Meet at the Saddle Dam Picnic Area and car park on Simpson Road at 9:00.									

Sun	17-Nov	D	Warneet to Blind Bight and Return	EM	13	Mornington Peninsula	63	SE	Ian
This walk explores the area around Warneet and Blind Bight on Westernport Bay. From Warneet, we follow the Rutherford Creek upstream, with views over the mangroves and mud flats. The track then passes through bushland in the Warneet Nature Reserve and a short suburban street section to more mangroves at Blind Bight. After lunch, we return to Warneet.									
Sun	17-Nov	D	The Mill & Boroondara Track Murrindindi Scenic Reserve	MH	16	Murrindindi South	100	NE	Roger
The walk commences at the suspension bridge carpark. Crossing the bridge located at the northern end of Murrindindi Scenic Reserve, turn left and follow Mill Track up to Jacksons Road. The road forms part of a loop that leads to the Jackson Road carpark and Wilhelmina Falls, then the Wilhelmina Track down to the Murrindindi River Walk. After a steep descent to the Murrindindi River, follow the river walk to the Boroondara carpark. Then along the Boroondara Track, eventually picking up the remainder of the Mill Track back the Suspension Bridge Carpark.									
Sun	17-Nov	D	Try a Bushwalking Club Month (BWV) Walk: Churchill Park	EM	10	Metro East	35	SE	Lyn
This walk is part of a promotion organised by Bushwalking Victoria. <b>There is room for up to 5 club members (including leader and whip)</b> to sign up to provide a friendly welcoming experience to the world of bushwalking clubs. Up to 15 outsiders will register through BWV. Help us to self-promote and hopefully attract some new members. It is a circuit walk from Churchill Park into the northern parts of Lysterfield Park. Total climbing approx 260m over a few moderately steep ups and downs. Lots of kangaroos and a great view from the trig point. We will take an easy pace and have lunch along the way. Bring thermos of hot water and a mug for shared tea, coffee and cake at the picnic area after the walk. Meet at Churchill Park at 9.15 for a 9.30 start.									
Wed	20-Nov	CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							
Thur	21-Nov	D	Mt Macedon - Cherokee	M	14	Macedon Ranges	80	NW	Vanessa
Start high, at the Memorial Cross, then follow walking tracks & closed roads & quiet back roads downhill - most of the way! We walk along the range to Camel's Hump, climb it then head to Sanitorium Lake. From there, we follow Lions Head Road & an unnamed steep horse trail down the eastern side of the range. We finish at Cherokee, hopefully in time for a cuppa at The Trading Post General Store at Mt Macedon.									
Sun	24-Nov	D	Ocean Grove Foreshore	EM	12	Surf Coast	100	SW	Sandra
From the Lookout Reserve Carpark in Ocean Grove, we will follow the foreshore towards Barwon Heads. We will continue over the bridge which spans the Barwon River and walk towards the Bluff, which has views over the Barwon Bluff Marine Sanctuary and Bass Strait. We will return via the shallow Barwon River estuary. Possibility of stopping for coffee at the Dunes Cafe made famous by the television show, "Seachange".									
Sun	24-Nov	D	Johns Hill - Clematis - Menzies Creek - Hermons Saddle circuit	M	14	Dandenong Ranges	30	E	John
Views of the Yarra Valley & surrounding ranges. Fern gullies, semi-rural residential streets, Puffing Billy, small farms. Steep hills & gravel roads. Decent footwear required.									



Sun	1-Dec	D	Grass Trees walk, Northern Brisbane Ranges	M	14	Lerderderg - Brisbane Ranges	85	E	Rob/ Suzanne
Characterised by stunning stands of grass trees amidst a backdrop of manna and swamp gums, the Grass Tree Walk is a serene, picturesque circuit walk through the northern Brisbane Ranges. The track is gently undulating, with a couple of notable elevation changes. The park's unique geology characterised by low mountain ranges intersected by rocky gullies, have preserved an array of animal and plant life including the rare Brisbane Ranges Grevillea. The profusion of grass trees along the route certainly enhances the walk's visual appeal. The majority of the walking occurs on smaller tracks or trails, some rocky and uneven, connected by management tracks. 500 m ascent in total. Meet at the library at 7.45 am for those car pooling.									
Wed	11-Dec	D	Mullum Mullum Meander	EM	14	Metro East	20	E	Julia
The walk starts at Mitcham Station and finishes at Ringwood Station. We walk up Mitcham Rd to join the Eastlink Trail. We follow this to Schwerkolt Cottage, then back-track a little to cross to the north side of Eastlink, and follow another walking path to Ringwood. Highlights are spectacular views of the Eastlink tunnel entrances, and the beautiful Mullum Mullum Creek and its native vegetation. Mainly on sealed paths but some quite steep ups and downs. <b>Meeting arrangements:</b> To be advised.									
Sun	15-Dec	D	Summer Sunrise: Yarra Bend Park	E	10	Metro East	5	NE	Lyn
Enjoy the peace of very early morning from both sides of the river with a 6am start from Kaners Bridge. Breakfast at the Convent Bakery. Some short sections of track are steep with loose stones so the less steady might want boots and poles. Park at Studley Park Boathouse or over the river in Yarra Bend Park.									
<b>BASE CAMPS AND PACK CARRIES</b>									
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<b>BASE CAMPS AND PACK CARRIES</b>									
Mon-Fri	9-13 Sep	BC	Narrawong and Budj Bim	EM	Var	Glenelg - Otway	340	SW	Lyn
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. <b>Wait list only.</b>									
Sat - Sun	21-22 Sep 2024	BC	Little Desert NP	M+E	14+6	Wimmera	400	W	Vanessa
The Kiata Campground has basic facilities, pit toilets and wood fireplaces are provided. Little Desert Lodge may be an option. Book own accommodation. Spend the weekend here, enjoying Spring in the desert. <b>On Saturday</b> , from Kiata campsite, walk on track through thick Stringybark scrub. Then a slow ascent up onto a sandstone ridge to reach the Trig Point Lookout. The 360-degree viewing platform shows the desert's open surroundings, with views of Mount Arapiles in the distance. Return to camp past the historic Albrecht's Mill. The loop includes the Eucalyptus Distillery Site which closed in 1907, then the track leads north over a small Banksia-covered dune back into a Red Gum and Black Box woodland. <b>On Sunday</b> , before heading home, take in several short nature walks. The Keith Hatley (a renowned forester in the area) & Pomponderoo Hill Nature Walks are each 1km, with orchids & flowers, wildlife & possibly Lowan mounds to see. Near Dimboola, the Wimmera River loop walk is 4km.									

<b>Wed - Fri</b>	<b>25-27 Sep</b>	<b>PC</b>	<b>Grampians</b>	<b>MH</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>Grampians</b>	<b>540 (rtn)</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Selwyn</b>
<p>What better way to warm up for the Grand Final than a good hike in the Grampians. This Pack Carry includes some tracks that are part of the Grampians Peak Trail.</p> <p>Day-1 Walk from Lake Bellfield to Borough Huts via Mt Rosea, weaving our way through boulder formations at Gate of the East Wind near Mt Rosea summit. Great views of Serra Range from top of Mt Rosea, then descend to and camp overnight at Borough Huts. Distance 19.5km and 980m elevation gain and 960m descent.</p> <p>Day-2 We do a day walk from Borough Huts, out alongside the base of then, up and over the Seven Dials, back to Borough Huts overnight. Distance 15km with 600m ascent and descent.</p> <p>Day-3 Return to Lake Bellfield from Borough Huts, same or similar route to Day-1, but in reverse. Numbers to be confirmed by early Sept, as campsites require bookings.</p>									
<b>Thu - Sun</b>	<b>26-29 Sep</b>	<b>Con</b>	<b>Track Maintenance - Croajingolong NP Coastal Walk</b>		<b>n/a</b>	<b>Gippsland East</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>BTAC - BWV</b>
<p>Bushwalking Tracks and Conservation (BTAC) group within Bushwalking Victoria organises track maintenance work through Parks Victoria. For this event you will camp at Wingan Inlet and work on the nearby Coastal Walk. To participate you will need to register with Parks Victoria through their ParksConnect site and complete all necessary steps. All details regarding this event are on the ParksConnect site.</p>									
<b>Fri - Sun</b>	<b>11-13 Oct</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>Federation Walk - Wilsons Prom NP</b>	<b>Var</b>	<b>Var</b>	<b>Gippsland East</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>BWV</b>
<p>Advance notice refer BWV (Bushwalking Victoria) August Newsletter. Also <a href="#">Federation Walks Wilsons Promontory</a>. Bookings open Monday 3rd June.</p>									
<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>
<p>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. <b>Wait list only.</b></p>									
<b>Fri - Mon</b>	<b>25-28 Oct</b>	<b>Con</b>	<b>Track Maintenance - Alpine NP Mt Jaithmathong</b>		<b>n/a</b>	<b>Greater Alpine</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>BTAC - BWV</b>
<p>AVANCED NOTICE. Bushwalking Tracks and Conservation (BTAC) group within Bushwalking Victoria organises track maintenance work through Parks Victoria. This is still in the planning. Currently listed on the BTAC site only. Check ParksConnect regularly and when available you will need to register with Parks Victoria through their ParksConnect site and complete all necessary steps. All details regarding this event will be on the ParksConnect site.</p>									
<b>Sat - Sun</b>	<b>Nov 30 - 1 Dec</b>	<b>PC</b>	<b>Tali Karng</b>	<b>MH</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>Gippsland East</b>	<b>540 (rtn)</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Selwyn</b>
<p>Tali Karng, the hidden jewel nestled in the mountains of Gippsland. A bucket list destination - but via a route less travelled. This walk follows Wellington River upstream and includes up to 16 river crossings, each way. We will camp at the charmingly named Valley of Destruction, below (and away from) Tali Karng lake itself, returning via Echo Point and Riggall Spur tracks. Note, the road is sealed all the way to start / finish point. Max. 6 participants.</p>									
<b>Tue - Wed</b>	<b>3-11 Dec</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>Great Ocean Walk Base Camp</b>	<b>EM - MH</b>	<b>Var</b>	<b>Glenelg - Otway</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Jan</b>
<p>This is an 8 day walk covering 100kms from Marengo to The 12 Apostles, a series of day walks following the southern coast and forest on the Great Ocean Walk. We will be based in cabins at Bimbi Park near Cape Otway. Bimbi Park will assist with our daily car shuffle using their 11 seater mini bus. The walks vary in grades from EM to MH in one section. The walk includes some steep climbs, beach walking and creek crossings. Some sections are tidal dependant. I have reserved cabins at Bimbi Park and the base camp is limited to 11 participants.</p>									

<b>Sat - Sun</b>	<b>14-22 Dec</b>	<b>PC &amp;/or BC</b>	<b>McMillans Track Expressions of Interest</b>	<b>M or MH</b>	<b>Var</b>	<b>Gippsland East</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Vanessa</b>
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. This walk may to be done as a full pack carry or over a number of stages. A moving Base Camp with a series of day walks may provide some support to the Pack Carry group. Coordination could have the 2 groups walking together for some days. Time allocated will determine how much of McMillans Track is completed.									
<b>Sat - Fri</b>	<b>1-7 March 2025</b>	<b>PC</b>	<b>Western Arthurs - Tasmania</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>Tasmania</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>Chris</b>
The Western Arthurs is one of the most beautiful and challenging walks in Australia. Walk duration is 7 days and although distances are not great, traversing is slow over very exposed rugged topography, steep slopes, alpine moorlands and glacial lakes. This walk is now closed and is registered with Parks Tasmania									
<b>Fri - Tue</b>	<b>28 March - 1 April 2025</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>Falls Creek</b>	<b>Var</b>	<b>Var</b>	<b>Greater Alpine</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>Lyn / Cathy / Suzanne</b>
Advanced notice. Stay in lodge accommodation or your tent at Falls Creek and participate in day walks in the high plains. Hopefully at least two levels of walk each day. No sign-up sheet yet as lodge bookings not finalised. The two groups can share walks of varying levels, as well as possible pub meals on some evenings.									
<b>Mon - Fri</b>	<b>28 April - 2 May 2025</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>Bendigo area</b>	<b>E - EM</b>	<b>Var</b>	<b>Goldfields</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Bernie</b>
Walks (including a Sketcher's Walk) will include: Greater Bendigo National Park, Kooyooro State Park (Melville Caves) and possibly Whroo. In due course cabins will be booked at the Big4 Tasman Holiday Park, 15 Heinz St, White Hills ( <a href="https://www.big4.com.au/caravan-parks/vic/goldfields/tasman-holiday-parks-bendigo">https://www.big4.com.au/caravan-parks/vic/goldfields/tasman-holiday-parks-bendigo</a> / phone 03 5448 4421). Maximum 20 participants.									