



MELTON BUSHWALKERS INC.
REG. NO. A0020535X
2020 ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

Website: meltonbushwalkers.org.au

All walks that start from Melton are from the shopping centre car park on the corner of High Street and Station Road,
with ALDI Supermarket across the road.
Assemble from 7.45 am, depart 8.00 am.

IMPORTANT NOTES

If you have not walked with us before, please refer to the information on the JOIN US page of our website.

If you are bringing a child, 18 years and under, for the first time with the current walk leader, please contact the walk leader to confirm the walk is suitable. If you don't have the leader's number, refer to the CONTACT US page on our website, for email address.

If you need to leave a walk early, you need to confirm this with the walk leader beforehand.

All activities are automatically cancelled on total fire ban days.

Whenever hot days or continuous heavy rain is forecast, walks might be cancelled. Check your emails the night before the walk, or if you don't have Internet, ring the walk leader to confirm.

If you want to meet at the start of the walk location, you must contact the walk leader to arrange this.

INFORMATION CONTINUED

Annual membership fees

65 and over: \$30. 18-64: \$35. Family: (2 adults and children) \$60

Children 18 and under are not charged a membership fee, but must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or a mature responsible adult.

Our financial year is from 1 July to 30 June the following year.

New members joining from January to June pay only half the required fee, but to continue membership, the full membership is due by 30 June in the current year.

\$2 is required for each adult member attending a day walk.

This is paid into our piggy bank at assembly, and helps to cover administration and BBQ costs. (Not required on trips away)

CLUB BBQs. When attending a club BBQ, you must advise our Secretary Barbara, your attendance and meat choice a few days before the BBQ, so that she can organise the required purchases with the volunteer member or leader. Choice is: Steak; Veggie Burger or Regular Beef Burger.

Regular walks are spaced two weeks apart. Any additional walks are placed between the regular walks and are called bonus walks.

Some are already in the program, and others may be added and advised to members throughout the year.

SATURDAY Walks on a Saturday that fall on a regular fortnightly weekend, including trips away, are highlighted in blue.

SUNDAY Walks on a Sunday that fall on a regular fortnightly weekend are highlighted in red.

GREEN Meetings, social outings and information are highlighted in green.

BONUS. Walks that fall on a weekend between the regular fortnightly walks are highlighted in yellow, and are called BONUS WALKS.

WALKS

SATURDAY 4 JANUARY

ABERFELDIE WALK

An easy walk along the Maribyrnong River, with coffee at Poyntons Nursery. Will be finished before lunch. We would encourage anyone who finds some of our walks too hard to join us for this easy walk.

Grade: Medium - About 6 km

Leaders: Terry S & Barbara

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 18 JANUARY

LORNE

From Blanket Leaf Picnic Area to Erskine Falls, a lovely walk through the forest till we get to the steps leading down to the falls, then climb back up returning to the picnic area.

Grade: Easy/Medium - About 9.-10 km

Leaders: Terry S & Barbara

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY

TORQUAY & BBQ

Parking on the esplanade (toilet and car park) opposite Lochard Drive Torquay. The walk is along the foreshore or beach, depending on tides, to the surf club and around Jan Juc cliffs. Returning along a path at the back of the golf club, then the foreshore or beach. Those not wanting to walk the cliffs, can wait at the surf club for our return. Sand shoes ok for this walk. The walk should start about 9.15 am for those arriving from Melton, and finish about lunch time for the BBQ. If attending the BBQ, you must advise your meat choice to Barbara: Steak, Veggie burger or plain burger. Sausages available for all.

Grade: Easy - about 7 km

Leader: Vicki

Depart Melton 8.00 am

WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY.

COMMITTEE MEETING

SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY

WOODLANDS HISTORIC PARK

Woodlands Historic Park - also known as Gellibrand Hill Park - is in the Greenvale area, close to Melbourne Airport. Features include the historic Woodlands Homestead, magnificent river red gums and great views from Gellibrand Hill.

Grade: Easy/Medium 10 km

Leader: Brian.

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 29 FEBRUARY

SLATY CREEK - CRESWICK

Last walked July 2017. Driving distance to parking area from Melton is about 76 km, about 50 minutes. We will depart Melton as usual, but if you want to meet me there, please let me know. We will meet at St Georges Lake Creswick, which is located on the right hand side of the C291 coming into Creswick. The walk is quite short, so coffee after the walk is a strong possibility.

Grade: Easy/Medium 6-7 km

Leader: Terry M

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 14 MARCH

OLINDA STATE PARK

Park at Olinda Falls Picnic Ground Car Park. A beautiful walk with a wide variety of bird life, trees and tree ferns, in a very popular part of Victoria. The walk covers numerous tracks that twist and turn in many directions. If intending to meet at the car park, please advise Jane.

Grade: Medium plus - 14.2 km

Leader: Jane

Depart Melton 8.

27 MARCH - 3 APRIL.

3 CAPES TASMANIA 4 DAY PACK CARRY WALK

This is a special private walk organised by a few of our members, and is closed to further participants. It is included in the program for insurance coverage. This walk is for the very fit individual, with hard tough sections to conquer.

Organiser: Lynda K

SATURDAY 28 MARCH.

BYERS BACK TRACK, LERDY

The track is in the Lerderderg State Park. Possibly starting from the town of Blackwood. Further details when the survey has been completed.

Grade: Expected to be medium - about 12 - 15 km

Leader: Marie Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 4 APRIL

FRYERS RANGES STATE FOREST

Driving distance about 95 km, about 1 hr 25 mins.

The walk is all on tracks which are varied in nature. Moderate hills and not too strenuous. Departing Melton as usual, but if you want to meet me there, please let me know. Assembly there will be at the Fryerstown Oval. Back in Melton about 4.00 - 4.30 pm. Directions closer to the date.

Grade: Medium, 14 km. Leader: Terry M Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 18 APRIL

TRENTHAM - WALK AND BBQ

The Domino Trail meanders through the tall timbers of Wombat Forest and follows the route of the old railway in the Trentham area. Much of the walk is on level track bed of the old railway line. The walk itself will conclude on return to Trentham, after which a Club BBQ will be held in a nearby park in the town. Closer to the date of the walk, an email from the Club will provide details of the BBQ and advise you to contact our Secretary - Barbara - with your meat choice if you are attending the BBQ.

Grade: Easy - 11 km

Leader: Noel

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SUNDAY 3 MAY

BULLARTO FOREST

The walk will commence at Musk and go on to explore the Bullarto Forest near Daylesford. Lunch will be at Bullarto Reservoir. A ride on the Daylesford Spa Country Railway is also included in the day's outing. The Rail travel is from Bullarto station back to the parked cars near Musk station. Closer to the walk date, an email to members will provide details of the train fares for Adults, Concession/School and the family rate.

Grade: Medium - 14 km Leader: Brian Depart Melton 8.00 am

WEDNESDAY 6 MAY

COMMITTEE MEETING

SATURDAY 9 MAY

SOCIAL DINNER.

TBA

SATURDAY 16 MAY

TOOLANGI

The walk is on the Tanglefoot Loop. The first half of the walk is a slow climb up for 5 km, rising 350 metres elevation, and then 5 km slow descent, aside from the usual ups and downs you get on most walks. There are minimal facilities for seating etc. and the half way mark would be the lunch stop given the likely morning tea at the Yarra Valley Chocolaterie and Ice Creamery, which is the meeting place, before proceeding to Tanglefoot. Driving distance from Melton is 111 km, about 1 hr 45 mins.

Grade: Medium - 11.3 km. Leader: Andy Depart Melton 8.00 am

**23/24 MAY GRAMPIANS NATIONAL PARK
BONUS WALK**

Hoping to have a weekend at the Grampians. Travel to Grampians Gardens Caravan Park Saturday morning. After lunch, do The Pinnacle walk from Sundial Picnic Area, 4 km return 2 hours easy/medium. Dinner at the nearly hotel. Sunday morning Sundial Peak, 3 km return - 2 hours. Have lunch then drive to the southern end of the Grampians and climb Mount Abrupt, 3 km return, 2.5 hours, A steep climb on a rough track. The three short scenic walks are well within the capability of most of our members. Members will have to book their own accommodation. Full details closer to the date.

SATURDAY 30 MAY ENFIELD FOREST

This is a on track loop walk 23 kms South West of Ballarat. Walk will be within the Enfield State Forest, which was the scene of the gold rush starting in 1853. Mining equipment has been left behind. Orchids are expected to be sighted in the area. Expected total climbing of 165 metres. Further details will be provided closer to the walk.

SATURDAY 13 JUNE COLIBAN CHANNEL/MT ALEXANDER

The walk takes in a section of the Coliban Channel on the eastern side of Mt Alexander. After climbing the mountain, we complete a circuit walk on the top, taking in the eastern and western flanks. The Great Dividing Trail that winds its way down the mountain will lead us back to the Coliban Channel.

Grade: Medium/Hard 14 km
Leader: Brian Depart Melton 8.00 am

REMINDER

MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE BY END OF MONTH IF RENEWING

SATURDAY 27 JUNE

COBAW

Granite boulders, forest tracks and flora and fauna. The old fire tower was demolished in 1990. Possible sightings of native animals. Bring your compass and expect some cross country navigation. Afterwards, coffee, (wine tasting) at local winery is an option. Travel from Melton is via Romsey and Lancefield. Details to starting point to come later.

Grade: Easy/Medium 12 km 5 hours

Leader: Bob

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 11 JULY

VAUGHAN SPRINGS

Vaughan Springs is in the Central Victorian Highlands; closest town is Castlemaine. Departing Melton as usual, but if you want to meet me there, please let me know. We will park at the Springs Picnic Ground. The walk is all on track and follows sections of the Loddon River, Sailor's Gully, and The Great Dividing Trail. Directions closer to the walk.

Grade: Easy/Medium - 10.5 km

Leader: Terry M

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 25 JULY

WOOWOOKARUNG REGIONAL PARK

Located Ballarat East, (Canadian - Mt Clear). New park opened 2018. Includes regeneration area (ok by July 2020) and Canadian Rifle Range. Recreation areas, Education area (Earth Science Education Centre) various recreational activities, plus Aboriginal Educational Centre. Routes still to be surveyed.

To be advised

Leader: Bob

Depart Melton 8.00 am

WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST

AGM

Details to be advised.

SATURDAY 8 AUGUST

TORQUAY & POINT ADDIS

Assemble at Torquay Surf Club, car park and toilet about 9.15 am then a shuttle to Point Addis, and then walking back to cars at Torquay.

Walk includes some inclines, descents and some beach walking, depending on tides.

Grade: Medium - about 12 km 5 hours.

Leader: Vicki

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 15 AUGUST.

SOCIAL DINNER

TBA

SATURDAY 22 AUGUST

LERDERDERG STATE PARK

North Western part of the Lerderderg State Park, Firebreak Track and Ractliffe Track. From top of No 2 Firebreak we proceed 5.5 km before the track changes. The track to Ractliffe is extremely challenging so you will need to consider if this is really a walk for you at your current fitness level. Once we reach Ractliffe it's a demanding walk back to Firth Road, then we can recover whilst walking back to the cars. Directions to starting point to be advised closer to the walk date.

Grade: Hard - 13 km

Leader: Jane

Depart Melton 8.00 am

WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST

COMMITTEE MEETING

TBA

SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

YOU YANGS REGIONAL PARK

Parking at the Turntable Car Park the walk is the circuit walk around Flinders Peak on the East-West Walk, 4.5 km 2 hours return, then Flinders Peak, 3.2 km 1 hour return. This walk takes you to the highest point of the You Yangs. There are 450 steps and some sections with steep gradients.

Grades: East - West - Medium, Flinders Peak - Medium/Hard

Total distance 7.7 km - 3 hours.

Leader: Marie

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

KINGLAKE NATIONAL PARK

Possibly walking Mount Sugarloaf - Mason's Falls section. The walk will be surveyed before 2020, and the details will be advised to members.

Plenty of wildlife to be seen in the Kinglake area. Hoping for a coffee stop after the walk, and possibly a winery stop.

Grade and distance to be advised

Leader: Bob

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

BAMGANIE STATE FOREST

BONUS WALK

Located west of Meredith, the forest has only been walked once by our club, to the best of my knowledge; and it was May 2003, led by a previous member of the club. The proposed walk is expected to be on and off track and suitable for members who like some challenge. Details advised once the walk has been surveyed.

Grade: Probably Medium.Hard Adventure - 12-15 km

Leader: Terry M

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER

BRISBANE RANGES

A 16 km walk, taking in part of the Burchell Trail - McLeans Hwy - Crossing Little River Gorge to turnaround point at Little River Picnic Ground.

There are several creek crossings. Hills & steep descents also a feature.

Grade: Upper end of medium. 16 km

Leader: Lynda k

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER. BRISBANE RANGES NATIONAL PARK

BOAR GULLY. This is a loop walk close to Melton. The walk will start from the Boar Gully Camping Ground Car Park, with toilets provided. This is a on track walk with views and is closed to vehicles. Total climbing of 310 metres. This NP features and extensive range of 600 native flowering plants with native fauna often sighted in this quieter NP.
Further details will be provided closer to the walk.

Grade: Medium - 13.8 km - about 5.5 hours

Leader: Lance

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER SUNBURY TOWNSHIP WALK TRAILS

Sunbury is an historic township, founded in 1836. It has a network of walking trails. Our walk will incorporate the trails that give us a good look at the whole township, taking in many historical features and attractive park and lake areas. It is an easy walk and comfortable sneakers are recommended for the day.

Grade: Easy 10 km

Leader: Brian

Depart Melton 8.00

WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER

COMMITTEE MEETING

SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER WERRIBEE RIVER/WERRIBEE MANSION

The walk will commence from Werribee railway station and follow the path of the Werribee River out of the town, eventually arriving at Werribee Mansion. Lunch will be in the beautiful grounds of the Mansion where there is access to a cafe. After lunch and a look around the grounds, we retrace our steps back to the Werribee station.

Grade: Medium 14 km

Leader: Noel

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER. SOCIAL DINNER TBA

SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER. LONG FOREST FLORA RESERVE

Driving distance 9 km - 10 minutes. Parking at the Happy Valley parking area, in Long Forest Road. This will be a circuit walk all on track, and is part of the walk that Lance led in June 2018. A short walk with plenty of time for a coffee back in Melton after the walk.

Grade Easy/Medium about 7 km

Leader: Terry M

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER WALK AND CHRISTMAS BBQ

Hoping to organise same arrangements as the 2019 walk and BBQ.
Details to be advised closer to the date.

Grade: expected to be Easy/Medium - 6-7 km

Leader: Terry M

Depart Melton 8.00 am
