





**SATURDAY 14 OR SUNDAY 15 APRIL**

**Photography Walk** A new type of walk in our program.

This walk is for all those who enjoy photography and would like the chance to enjoy a slower paced walk where the focus will be on having the time to take that perfect shot without the pressure of having to rush your shot and then run to keep up with the group. We'll all be stopping and taking our time, sharing tips and knowledge. It doesn't matter your level of skill or the camera, phone or iPad you use; the day will be about enjoying a day out in beautiful surroundings with fellow shutterbugs. The actual day and location will be decided later. (If you attend these walks without a camera, that's fine; but you must be prepared to stop whenever the photographers stop. Terry)

Organiser: Lynda M

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**SATURDAY 21 APRIL**

**Walk and BBQ  
Torquay & Bells Beach**

This walk commences at Surf Coast Drive Torquay and follows coastal tracks and beach. Ocean view, coastal scrub, dunes, beach and stairs provide plenty of variation on this walk. There are toilets along the way, including at the turnaround point. At the end of the walk we will go back to Vicky's for a Club BBQ lunch. Advise Terry M your meat choice for the BBQ.

Grade: Easy/Medium – About 10.3 km return  
Leaders: Barbara and Terry S Depart Melton 8.00 a.m.

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**WEDNESDAY 2 MAY**

**Committee Meeting**

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**SATURDAY 5 MAY**

**Lerderderg State Park  
Razorback- Kenworthy-Vodka and Square Bottle tracks**

Another walk in the beautiful Lerderderg. We start by descending Razorback, pick up East Track then Kenworthy, along Vodka then up Square Bottle (hard). Several challenging ascents in this one. You will definitely sleep well !! This is rugged terrain and involves 1 or perhaps 2 river crossings.

Grade: Difficult about 12 km  
Leader: Jane Depart Melton 8.00 a.m.

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**SATURDAY 19 MAY**

**Mount Buangor  
Bucketillible Loop**

A circuit walk from the Middle Creek campground, up to the Bucketillible "Cave", past the rock chain to the Ferntree camp and return past Bailes campground and then beside Middle Creek.

Grade: Medium – About 11 km – 5 hours  
Leader: Andrew Depart Melton 8.00 a.m.

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**SATURDAY 26 MAY**

**Social**

**To be advised**

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**SATURDAY 2 JUNE**

**Bendigo**

Details to be advised

Grade:  
Leader: Robert Depart Melton 8.00 am.

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**SATURDAY 16 JUNE**

**Hepburn Regional Park**

We will walk on a number of tracks in the Hepburn Regional Park forest and along the way encounter a number of natural and manmade features. Morning tea will be at the Chocolate Mill located on the northern edge of the forest. Further south, the Jackson's Lookout (tower) provides great views. Lunch will be in the picnic grounds around the Hepburn Spa complex, after which we retrace some of our steps to return to the cars.

Grade: Medium – 14 km

Leader: Brian

Depart Melton 8,00 am.

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**SATURDAY 30 JUNE**

**Long Forest Flora Reserve**

This is a loop walk close to Melton. The walk will start with following the Djerriwarrh Creek in a northerly direction through part of the 600 –hectare Flora Reserve which is known for the diverse range of plants and wildlife.

Further details will be provided closer to the walk.

Grade: Medium – 14 km

Leader: Lance

Depart Melton 8.00 a.m.

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**REMINDER: ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE**

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**SATURDAY 14 JULY**

**You Yangs  
East Walk/Northern Track**

A circuit walk from the Turntable Car Park, along the East Walk, Northern Range Walking Track (with a diversion off track) and return along the Branding Yard Trail.

Grade: Medium – About 10 km – 4.5 hours

Leader: Andrew

Depart Melton 8.00 am

**SUNDAY 22 JULY**

**Lerderberg – Day Walk  
Tunnel Point Track/Byers Back Track**

This is a circuit walk starting at the Blackwood hotel, then onto the Mineral Springs (a chance to fill up your water bottles), Shaw's Lake, Tunnel Point Track, The Tunnel (for a look around).

Ambers Lane, Byers Back Track and then sealed roads back up to Blackwood. There are a few hard-short descents and climbs, but generally walking is flat and scenic. If the river is up there will be a water crossing at the Tunnel. With lunch and a few stops the walk will take about 4.5 hours. Toilets at the start/end.

This is your chance to walk this walk during the day prior to the night walk and assess if the night walk is for you

Grade: Medium/Hard about 16 km

Leader: Michael

Depart Melton 8.00 am

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**SATURDAY 28 JULY**

**Lerderberg – Night Walk  
Blackwood - Tunnel Point Track – Tunnel –Byers Back Track**

This is a circuit walk starting at the Blackwood Hotel, then onto the Mineral Springs (a chance to fill up your water bottles), Shaw's Lake, Tunnel Point Track. The Tunnel (for a look around), Ambers Lane, Byers Back Track and then sealed roads back up to Blackwood. There are a few hard-short descents and climbs, but generally waling is flat. Some sections need to be walked carefully at night as not to slip. If the river is up there will be a water crossing at the Tunnel. The walk will take about 4.5 hours. We will have a few breaks including "supper" along the way.

Toilets are at the start/end. It is a full moon, but you will need to bring a head torch or torch (with back up batteries to cover the walk time). You also need to consider a walking stick, and layers of clothes (rather than bulky clothes) as we will be walking solidly to stay warm. Sunset is due at 5.28 pm, so we want to start about 5.00 pm. In case of heavy rain or strong winds the walk will be postponed/cancelled.

Grade: Medium/Hard about 16 km

Leader: Michael

Depart Melton 8.00 a.m.

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**WEDNESDAY 8 AUGUST** **AGM**

Details to be advised

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**SATURDAY 11 AUGUST** **Metcalf Recreation Reserve and Turpin Falls**

Details to be advised                      Grade: Easy/Medium about 8 km  
Leader: Terry M                              Depart Melton 8.00 am

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**SATURDAY 18 AUGUST** **Social**              To be advised

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**SUNDAY 19 AUGUST** **Day Walk – Chadwick/Mckenzie**

This walk starts and finishes at Lohs Lane, Myrniong. The route follows the base of Mt Blackwood, down Lower Chadwick Track then McKenzie Track to a mining pickings area by the river. Returning in reverse. The distance is about 10 km, with quite a few climbs and descents and takes about 3 hours. We will have a long morning tea at the river and a look around and enjoy the site, as this area is typical of the beautiful areas in the heart of the Lerderberg. Lunch will be at the end of the walk at Lohs Lane. This is your chance to walk this walk during the day prior to the night walk and assess if the night walk is for you.

Grade: Medium – about 10 km  
Leader: Michael.  
Meet at Melton at 8.00 am or at Lohs Lane for an 8.30 am start

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**SATURDAY 25 AUGUST** **Night Walk - Chadwick/Mckenzie**

This walk start and finishes at Lohs Lane, Myrniong. The route follows the base of Mt Blackwood, down Lower Chadwick Track then McKenzie Track to a mining pickings area by the river. Returning in reverse. The distance is about 10 km, with quite a few climbs and descents and takes about 3.5 hours. This walk will be tricky in places at night, so good concentration will be required. We will have “supper” at the river and with a fire in the fireplace where you have the chance to cook/warm up your yummys. Suggest pre-cook and wrap in foil that can be places in the coals. It is a full moon, but you will need to bring a head torch or torch (with back up batteries to cover the walk time). You also need to consider a walking stick, and layers of clothes (rather than bulky clothes) as we will be walking solidly to stay warm. Sunset I due at 5.52 pm, so we want to start about 5.00 pm. In the case of heavy rain or strong winds the walk will be postponed/cancelled.

Grade: Medium – about 10 km                      Leader: Michael  
Meet at Melton at 4.30 pm or at Lohs Lane for a 5.00 pm start.

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**SATURDAY 1 OR SUNDAY 2 SEPTEMBER**

**Photography Walk**

The second photography walk for the year. Details to be advised.  
Organizer: Lynda M

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**SATURDAY 8 SEPTEMBER** **Plenty Gorge Park**

Plenty Gorge Park is a hidden jewel of a park located in metropolitan Melbourne in the Plenty/South Morang area. A feature is the Plenty River that flows through it. We will visit the main north and south areas of the Park.

Grade: Medium 12 km  
Leader: Brian    Depart Melton 8.00 am

**SATURDAY 22 SEPTEMBER****Lerderderg Gorge**

North of Mount Blackwood circuit walk along Square Bottle, Vodka, Kenworthy and Razorback tracks, walk will include 2 crossings of the Lerderderg River.

Further details will be provided closer to the walk.

Grade: Medium – Hard 13 km

Leader: Lance

Depart Melton

**SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER Macedon Ranges Walking Trail**

This circuit walk is within the Macedon Regional Park and follows the main walking trail that takes in the Memorial Cross, Camel's Hump and Mt Towrong. Lookouts on the walk will allow rest breaks with excellent views. The walk starts and finishes in the township of Mt Macedon. Good footwear and waterproof clothing is recommended.

Grade: Medium/Hard 17 km

Leader: Noel

Depart Melton 8.00 a.m.

**SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER****Brisbane Ranges**

The walk is a medium grade circuit, starting and finishing the Crossing Picnic Area near Steiglitz.

Spring is a great time of the year for this walk, as we'll get to see orchids. It's a good solid walk, with several inclines, including an extended 800m steep incline about the midway point.

Sturdy footwear is required and people may like to use their hiking poles. Toilets are available at a couple of points along the circuit.

Grade: Medium – 13 km

Leader: Tamie

Depart Melton 8.00 a.m.

**FRIDAY 26 TO MONDAY 29 . OCTOBER****WEEKEND AT THE PROM**

Arriving Friday 26 at Tidal River. Short afternoon walk about 7 km Saturday 27. Some will head to the Light Station returning next day, while others can select from various day walks.

Sunday 28. A longer walk for those still at Tidal River, and the return of the Light Station group in the afternoon/evening.

Monday 29. A short walk around the beach area before heading home.

Some members have already committed to this weekend, and if you want to be there you will need to commit as soon as possible. Once we know the total number going, we can match that to the accommodation and make a booking. If you leave it too late, you will have to make your own booking.

Further details will be advised as required. Organiser: Lynda M

**WEDNESDAY 7 NOVEMBER****Committee Meeting****SATURDAY 10 NOVEMBER****Lerderderg State Park****Razorback Tk/Lower Chadwick Tk.**

A pretty walk descending to the Lerderderg River along Razorback Track then up along Lower Chadwick Track. The mid section of Lower Chadwick is fairly steep, but it's not too long so everyone should be fine.

Grade: Medium 10 km

Leader: Jane

Depart Melton 8.00 am

**SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER****Moggs Creek- Aireys Inlet**

Same walk that was taken in 2017, but in reverse, and deleting the Dam Road section. 2.4 km beach, then 7.6 km track.

Grade: Easy/Med 10 km. Leader: Terry M. Depart Melton 8.00 am

**SATURDAY 24 NOVEMBER**    **SOCIAL**    To be advised

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**SATURDAY 1 DECEMBER**    **Warburton Trail**  
**Seville to Woori Yallock**

This walk takes in the next two sections of the Warburton Trail Starting from Seville Station, heading to Killara the scenery changes from bush land to pasture, intensive horticulture, vines and grazing land. The last section continues in a slow descent to the Yarra River Valley floodplains and includes a crossing of the Woori Yallock Creek on the old restored 175 metre long bridge. There is a picnic area at Woori Yallock Station and the town is a further 500 metres. Toilet stops need to be arranged at Seville before we start and at Woori Yallock shops.

Grade: Easy – about 7.3 km one way

Leaders: Barbara and Terry S                      Depart Melton 8.00 am

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**SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER**    **Walk and BBQ**

**To be advised**

Grade: Easy/Medium about 7 or 8 km

Leader: Terry M                                      Depart Melton 8.00 am

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## MELTON ASSEMBLY POINT

SHOPPING CENTRE CAR PARK  
CORNER OF HIGH STREET AND STATION ROAD

