



MELTON BUSHWALKERS INC.
REG. NO. A0020535X
2019 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 outside FOODWORKS, with ALDI 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 5 JANUARY

LORNE BEACH WALK

A return walk along the beach from Erskine River to St George River. Some rock scrambling after passing the pier and return through bush via the Tramway Track.

Grade: Medium – about 11 km 4.5 hours

Leaders: Terry S and Barbara

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 19 JANUARY

WALK AND BBQ MELTON

A walk along creeks and other tracks in Melton, probably including the Melton Weir, then a BBQ at the Melton Botanic Gardens. Details to be advised after the survey.

If attending the BBQ, please advise Barbara and state your meat choice.

Grade: Easy. Distance to be advised.

Leader: Lynda K

Depart Melton 8.00 am

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EDNESDAY 30 JANUARY

COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting at Brian's home 7.30 pm

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SATURDAY 2 FEBRUARY

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DISTILLERY CREEK AND CURRAWONG FALLS CIRCUIT

Parking at Distillery Creek Picnic Area. Turn right into Bambra Road just before the bridge over Painkalac Creek, and follow signs. Toilets at site. A Circuit walk with a diversity of flora and good scenic lookouts. If going direct to start location, please let me know.

Grade: Easy – 12 km about 4 hours

Leader: Terry M

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 16 FEBRUARY

YOU YANGS

Details to be advised

Grade: Easy/Medium about 8-10 km

Leader: Noel

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 2 MARCH QUEENSCLIFFE – POINT LONSDALE RETURN

A walk on the beach and the promenade, to the lighthouse and back. Morning tea on the way, and a drink stop at Point Lonsdale shops, before the lighthouse. Return to shops for lunch or get take-away, then back to the cars.

Grade: Easy – 10 km return

Leader: Marie

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 16 MARCH

BLACKWOOD-WHIPSTICK/HERITAGE LOOPS

A figure 8 walk around Whipstick Loop and the Lerderderg Heritage River Walk Loop. The loops join at the Jack Cann Reserve (Garden of St. Erth), which is the start and finish of the walk.

Grade: Medium – About 13.5 km – 5 hours

Leader: Andrew

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 23 MARCH

BONUS WALK

SOUTHERN LAL,LAL RANGES

Our club has never walked in this area, and it will not be found in any publication. There are no tracks showing on maps, but there are tracks to be found. This is a walk created by Terry M and Brian.

About 7 km is easy and on track, About 3.2 km is on and off tracks and includes crossing two steep gullies, which some might find hard.

No water crossings on the walk. A good walk for thrill seekers.

Grade: Easy to Hard 10.2 km

Leaders: Terry M and Brian

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 30 MARCH

OLINDA
DANDENONG RANGES NATIONAL PARK

Parking at Olinda Falls Picnic Ground Car Park.

A beautiful walk in a very popular part of Victoria. The walk covers numerous tracks that twist and turn with views in many directions.

If intending to meet at the car park, please advise Jane.

Grade: Medium/Hard – 15 km

Leader: Jane

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 6/7 APRIL **BONUS WALKS** .GRAMPIANS

Stay Saturday night at Grampians Gardens Caravan Park.

Saturday: Depart Melton 8.00 am, coffee break on the way, book in, have lunch, and go on easy walk of about 8 km. Dinner at local hotel.

Sunday: Hopefully Mount Difficult, if still open, or alternative walk. Grade: Hard, about 10 km. Details to be confirmed and advised later.

Grades/Distances: As stated

Leader: Terry M

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 13 APRIL
KYNETON

WALK AND BBQ

Lee has kindly offered to lead a walk in Kyneton, and also to have the BBQ at her home. We will meet her at the information centre in Kyneton about 9.00 am. Please advise our Secretary Barbara your meat choice in plenty of time if attending the BBQ.

Grade: Easy – estimated 6-8 km

Leader: Lee

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 27 APRIL

TOOLANGI FOREST

Andy advises that this walk will take your breath away, with ferns, tall trees, and fungi galore. The walk involves climbing up roughly 250 metres of elevation over roughly 3.5 km. It is a long slow climb.

The track can be quite boggy, so boots are recommended.

Stopping on the way at Yarra Valley Chocolaterie and ice creamery.

Driving distance from Melton is 111 km, about 1 hr 45 mins.

Walk expected to conclude 1-1.30 pm.

Grade: Medium – 8.5 km

Leader: Andy

Depart Melton 8.00 am

WEDNESDAY 1 MAY

COMMITTEE MEETING

VENUE TO BE ADVISED

SATURDAY 11 MAY THE BLOWHOLE-SHEPHERDS FLAT CIRCUIT

Parking at Hepburn Recreation Reserve, north of Daylesford.

A circuit walk near creeks, across fields and through wooded forests and along an old aqueduct to the Blowhole.

Grade: Easy -14 km

Leader: Terry M

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 18 MAY

SOCIAL

TO BE ADVISED

SATURDAY 25 MAY

ANAKIE GORGE

Anakie Gorge is located on the Staughton Vale Road at the Brisbane Ranges. This is a popular area for our club, with varied tracks to choose from. If meeting at the Gorge Car Park, please advise Lance.

Grade: Medium – 10 km

Leader: Lance

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 1 JUNE **BONUS WALK** NORTHERN PYRETE RANGES

Located north of Toolern Vale are the rugged Pyrete Ranges. We take the Gisborne - Melton Road through Toolern Vale and after about 10 km turn left and park in Hobbs Road. This walk is on and off track, steep sections and includes some navigation work. Suitable for members who like some adventure. Driving distance from Melton is 23 km about 20 minutes.

Grade: Medium/Hard/Adventure About 11 km
Leader: Terry M Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 8 JUNE THE ISLAND- MYRNIONG
WERRIBEE GORGE STATE PARK

This walk will require a relatively short car shuffle. We will park some cars in the Meikles Point Picnic Area car park and take some cars to the end of Palmers Lane. From there we will walk down into Myrniong Creek Valley before climbing to the plateau on the W. James Whyte Reserve. We will walk along the southern edge of The Island before descending to the junction of Myrniong Creek and the Werribee River From there we will walk along Centenary Track to the junction with the Werribee Gorge circuit track, before heading west to the top of the Short Circuit Track which will take us back to the Meikles Point Car Park.

Grade: Easy/Medium – about 10 km – 4 hours
Leader: Lynda K Depart Melton 8.00 am

REMINDER

MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE BY END OF MONTH IF RENEWING

SATURDAY 22 JUNE

RIDDELLS CREEK

The walk is located in the hills behind the township of Riddells Creek. It is a circular walk, and along the way will take in such features as the Conglomerate Gully area, the Waterfall and the Dam. It is not a long walk and the majority of it is medium in grading. However, there is one hill that is a harder climb but it is doable if we all take our time and don't rush it.

Grade: Medium/Hard 7 km
Leader: Brian Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 6 JULY WERRIBEE RIVER NEAR KORWEINGUBURRA

Parking near Spargo Hotel on Ballan-Daylesford road. This walk is part of the same walk we did in February 2018. This time we stay on tracks and do not cross the river multiple times. Walk includes going south along river and back up the other side, north.

Grade: Easy/Medium about 11 km
Leader: Terry M Depart Melton 8.00 am

SUNDAY 21 JULY MOUNT MACEDON

Details to be advised

Grade: Easy/Medium about 8-10 km
Leader: Noel Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 3 AUGUST ANTIMONY MINE TO MONUMENT GULLY

A return walk along the Antimony Mine Track with an off-track excursion to Monument Gully will depend on how much water is in the creek.

Grade: Medium – About 12.5 km – 5.5 hours
Leader: Andrew Depart Melton 8.00 am

WEDNESDAY 7 AUGUST

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Details and location to be advised.

SATURDAY 10 AUGUST SOCIAL TO BE ADVISED

SATURDAY 17 AUGUST POINT ADDIS/ANGLESEA

Grade: Medium – 10.5 km

Leader: Lance

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 31 AUGUST SKIPTON RAIL TRAIL

We revisit a section of the Skipton Rail Trail that the Club walked in 2009. A feature along the way is the impressive Nimons Bridge, a trestle bridge on the former Ballarat to Skipton railway. Sneakers would be comfortable footwear on the walk.

Grade: Easy – 12 km

Leader: Brian

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER BULLARTO RESERVOIR
BABBINGTON HILL CIRCUIT

Park at Lyonville Springs on Lyonville Springs Road, which is off the Daylesford – Trentham Road. A popular walk that we have walked before, but starting at a different location.

Grade: Easy/Medium 10.5 km

Leader: Terry M

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

LERDERDERG STATE PARK
SPANISH ONION-COWANS TRACK

CIRCUIT

Winding through wooded forest and grass trees this track is sometimes difficult to find. Vegetation depends on recent weather conditions. Some steep descents and ascents.

Grade: Medium/Hard – 12.5 km about 4-5 hours

Leader: Jane

Depart Melton 8.00 am

WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER WALK LEADERS MEETING

7.30 pm Terry's House

SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER BOTANICAL GARDENS
GEELONG

Details to be advised

Grade: Easy – 9-10 km

Leader: Vicki

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SAT/SUN 19/20 OCTOBER **BONUS** FEDERATION WALKS WEEKEND

Bushwalking Victoria usually get one or two clubs clubs to organise a weekend of bushwalks. This year the walks will be at the Otways and Surf Coast. They usually have about 20 walks to choose from, spread over two days. To get more details, go to their website:

bushwalkingvictoria.org.au

The program might not yet be available for viewing, so check early 2019.

SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER

BEERIPMO WALK –
MOUNT COLE STATE FOREST

This walk commences at the Richards campground in Mount Cole State Forest, approximately 70 kilometres west of Ballarat, not far from Raglan. Walk distance is about 21 kilometres through forest, fern gullies and alpine plateaus (highest elevation 976 metres).

The walk is described as a two-day walk by Parks Victoria. We will do it in one day and expect to take around 7 or 8 hours to complete. There are quite a few steep ascents and descents taking in Cave Hill and Mount Buangor from which there are spectacular views. Total Climbing 1051 metres, total descent 1050.

Directions: From Melton travel west 122 kilometres on the Western Fwy & Hwy (M8 & A8) to Beaufort, right (north) 9k on the Beaufort-Amphitheatre Rd to Raglan, left (north-west) 8.2k on the Beaufort-Elmhurst Rd, keep left (north-west) 1.5k at the Y junction up The Glut Rd (gravel), just after entering the Forest turn left 0.5k on good gravel track.

Grade: Hard – About 21 km -7 to 8 hours

Leader: Bernard

Depart Melton 8.00 am

WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER

COMMITTEE MEETING

VENUE TO BE ADVISED

SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER

HOBSONS BAY COASTAL TRAIL

The walk will commence in Williamstown and follow the Hobsons Bay Coastal Trail to Altona. The return from Altona will be by Metro train from Altona station to Williamstown station, and walkers will need to bring their Myki cards on the day.

Sneakers would be comfortable footwear on the walk.

Grade: Easy – 13 km

Leader: Brian

Depart Melton 8.00 am

SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER

SOCIAL

TO BE ADVISED

FRI/SAT/SUN/MON 22/23/24/25 NOVEMBER MOUNT FEATHERTOP

We will set off from Mount Hotham, walk along Razorback Track (medium) to base of Feathertop, then climb Feathertop (distance 1.5 km)

Those not wanting to climb to the top can wait at the hut and we will meet them on the way back. We will be staying in Harrietville Caravan Park, (Phone: 03-5759 2523) and be having tea out on Saturday night following a shorter walk. There will be a short easy walk, about 8-9 km on Saturday, with the main walk on Sunday, 21 km returning to the cars at Mount Hotham.

(Drive there Friday, stay 3 nights and drive home Monday).

We have a tentative booking for three cabins.

Grade: Razorback Track Medium, Feathertop Energetic. 21 km

Leaders: Terry S and Barbara

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER

WALK AND BBQ

Details to be advised.

Please advise our Secretary Barbara your Meat choice in plenty of time if attending the BBQ.

Grade: Easy/Medium about 7/8 km

Leader: Terry M

Depart Melton 8.00 am

