

Program January – June 2025

PLEASE CONTACT THE LEADER PRIOR TO WALKDAY IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE WALK.

MEMBERSHIP FEES AND CHARGES (Subject to confirmation)

- New walkers pay \$5.00 which covers 3 walks. New walkers may apply for full membership after 1 walk.
- Optional carpooling. 15c per km one way.
- When tolls apply, passengers contribute to the cost.
- Annual membership: \$40.00.

MEETING PLACES (Car Pooling)

- Berwick:
- Pakenham:

Occasions when the walk is at the leader's discretion – check with leader the night before.

Days predicted to be 33 degrees or above

Occasions when the walk will be cancelled without notice

- Damaging winds or thunderstorms predicted in the walk zone and it is a forested area
- Bushfires in the vicinity of the walk

Walk variations

- Some walks will have shorter options available depending on the type of walk, weather conditions on the day etc.

When in doubt check with the leader

Walk and safety guidelines

- Bring your mobile phone and enter the walk leader's mobile number in it
- Inform the leader if you have a medical condition that may affect your walking
- Stay with the group. If you are having trouble keeping up alert the leader
- No person to leave the group without notifying the leader or whip, even for a nature call. Leave your pack at the side of the track for a nature call
- Stop at intersections and wait for all walkers
- Each walker should be able to see the person in front or behind at all times
- If you become separated blow your whistle 3 times. Listen for a response and stay where you are. Keep calling until a response is received
- The leader is in charge of all events for the day. You must report any illness or injury to the leader immediately
- Care and respect the bush by using designated paths and take all your rubbish home

What to bring

- Water (1 litre minimum), snacks and lunch. In hot weather carry extra water. It's a good idea to have extra food, water & clothing in case the weather changes
- Your personal first aid kit and essential medication (e.g. asthma, anti-histamines)
- A whistle
- Wear walking shoes or boots.
- Toilet paper, sunscreen and insect repellent
- Have a change of footwear to wear home especially if wet and muddy
- Wear clothing suitable for the conditions

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Date	Walk	Leaders
Wednesday 8 January Welcome Back Dinner 6:30pm	Railway Hotel – 153 Main St. Pakenham. Advise Haydn by 3rd if going.	Haydn Foster
12 Jan Start 09:00	Tirhatuan Park to Police Paddocks. Meet at Tirhatuan Park, Kriegel Way, Dandenong Nth. Walk to Police Paddocks, circuit and return. 12km Easy	Haydn Foster
19 Jan Start 09:00	Menzies Creek to Selby Loop. Meet at Menzies Creek Reserve, Black Hill Rd, Menzies Creek. Enter car park via Black Hill Rd. Circuit walk with some uphill towards the finish. 13km Med/Hard	Haydn Foster
26 Jan	Australia Day – no walk.	
2 Feb Start 09:30	Lawson Falls, Bunyip State Park. Bush and small waterfall.. Meet at Lawson Falls Picnic Ground, cnr Forest and Tea Tree Rds, Gentle Annie. 12km Med.	Haydn Foster
9 Feb Start 09:00	Cape Schanck to Gunnamatta. Meet at Cape Schanck carpark, end of Cape Schanck Rd. Walk from lighthouse to Gunnamatta surf beach and return. 15km Med.	Kim Arlove
16 Feb Start 09:00	Sweetwater Creek and Frankston Street Art Walking Tour. Meet at Oliver Hill Boatramp carpark (near toilets), Nepean Hwy, Frankston. 10km Easy	Di Evans
23 Feb Start 09:00	Hastings to Jacks Beach. Meet at carpark on Marine Pde opposite intersection of Cool Store Rd, Hastings. Walk past marina and onto boardwalk towards Jack Beach. Boardwalk winds through mangroves. 10km Easy	Kerry Scanlon
2 Mar Start 09:30	Moe Botanic Gardens. Meet at toilets, Moe Botanic Gardens, Botanic Drive, Newborough. Walk to Edwin Hunter Reserve and return. 11km Med.	Clio Wiegerink
Thursday 6 March Committee Meeting Start 11:00		Marg Knapton
9 Mar Start 09:00	Braeside Park. Meet at Redgum Picnic Area, off Governor Rd, Braeside. Park tracks and adjacent waterways. 11km Easy	Di Evans
16 Mar Start 09:30	Freemans Mill Track. Meet at Freemans Mill Trail Carpark, off Bunyip River Rd, Labertouche Nth Rd, Tonimbuk. Circuit walk to Bunyip Wier Camping Gnd and return. 13km Med.	Haydn Foster
21-23 Mar	Mt Baw Baw weekend. Drive to Mt Baw Baw Friday 21 st and return Sunday 23 rd afternoon. Alpine village trail walks ranging from 2km to 10km Easy/Med.	Di Evans
30 Mar Start 08:45	French Island National Park. Meet at Cowes Jetty at 8.45am for 9.00 ferry to French Island. (Ferry is free for seniors at weekend, or \$32.20/\$19.80 (concession)). Parking off Bass Av, between Chapel St and the Esplanade. Walk to Pinnacles Lookout. 16km medium. Return ferry is 2.35 or 5.05pm 16km Med.	Marg Knapton
6 Apr DST ends. Start 09:30	Silvan Reservoir circuit. Meet at Silvan Reservoir lower carpark. Walk on tracks toward Mt Evelyn and return with some moderate climbs 11km Med.	Sunil Senadheera

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13 Apr Start 09:30	Churchill Park and Police Paddocks. Meet at Churchill Park carpark, Churchill Park Drive, Lysterfield Sth. Walk to Granite Peak, then to Historic Lookout in Police Paddocks. Some short steep climbs, so walking poles are advisable. 12km Med/Hard	Wayne Adams
20 Apr	Easter Sunday – no walk.	
27 Apr Start 09:30	Warringine Park - Creek Section, Hastings. Meet near toilets, State Park carpark, Marine Pde, Hastings. Includes Ted Harris Walk. 10km Easy	Clio Wiegerink
4 May Start 09:30	Adams Creek Nature Reserve. Meet at Equestrian facility, end of Hookers Rd, Nyora (off Sth Gippsland Hwy) Walk through bushland, one of the few remaining areas of natural bushland in this area, home to the powerful owl 12km Easy.	Marg Knapton
11 May	Mother's Day – no walk.	
18 May Start 09:30	Emerald to Menzies Creek. Meet at Gemco Theatre carpark, Kilvington Drv, Emerald. Walk to Menzies Creek and return. 11km Easy/Med.	Dayle Poole
25 May Start 09:30	The Gurdies. Meet at Grantville Foreshore carpark, Pier Rd. Beach walk to Gurdies Nature Reserve, circuit walk and return past cemetery. 12km Easy/Med.	Haydn Foster
1 Jun Start 09:30	Kings Falls, Seawinds. Meet at Anthony's Nose Boatramp Carpark, Point Nepean Rd, Dromana. Walk from beach up to Kings Falls, return via Seawinds. Steep climb and descent. 14km Med/Hard.	Haydn Foster
8 Jun Start 09:30	Four Brothers Rocks, Bunyip State Park. Meet at Mortimer Picnic Ground, Gembrook-Tonimbuk Rd, Gembrook. Circuit walk and steep short climb to 4 Brothers Rocks, then gentle return descent. 13km Med/Hard	Sunil Senadheera
15 Jun Start 09:30	Korumburra to Ruby rail trail return. Meet at carpark behind Kelly's Bakery (near public toilets – top end of Korumburra shopping strip). Traverse the beautiful countryside of Gippsland. 14km Easy	Marg Knapton
22 Jun Start 09:30	Wonthaggi State Coalmine. Meet at Wonthaggi Tourist Info Office, 1 Bent St, Wonthaggi. Walk to State Coalmine, sightsee then return. 9km Easy.	Clio Wiegerink
29 Jun Start 09:30	Punty Lane – Red Hill South. Meet at Redhill Centrepoint carpark, Callanans Rd, Red Hill Sth. Circuit walk through farmland, majestic old pine trees 14km Med	Haydn Foster

School Holidays