

Program January – June 2024

PLEASE CONTACT LEADER TO ADVISE IF YOU ARE CAR POOLING FROM BERWICK OR GOING DIRECTLY TO THE WALK.

ALL NEW WALKERS MUST CONTACT THE LEADER.

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: Berwick Woolworths carpark at the rear of Shanika's.
111:D7 [///waveform.cares.kangaroos](http://waveform.cares.kangaroos)
- Pakenham: Pakenham Bunnings carpark on the Nth side of Dollar Curtains.
215:J4 [///swarms.neither.imply](http://swarms.neither.imply)

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 rules

- 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 10 January Welcome Back Dinner 6:30pm	Berwick Inn Hotel, 1 High St. Berwick (cnr High St and Lyall Rd.) Advise Haydn by 3rd if going.	Haydn Foster
14 January Start 09:30	Red Hill to Merricks Rail Trail. Walk from Red Hill to Merricks and return. Option to browse Merricks General Wine Store. Meet at Red Hill Bushland Reserve carpark, Callanans Rd, Red Hill Sth. 14km Med	Haydn Foster
21 January Depart Pakenham 08:30	Loch Valley tramway / Noojee Trestle Bridge / Toorong Falls. If going direct, meet at Noojee Heritage Centre. 3 easy walks. 13km total. Easy	Janine Jefferys
28 January Start 10:00	Blue Lotus Water Gardens. Short walk around town then wander through the gardens. Entry fee applies. Meet at 2628 Warburton Hwy Yarra Junction. 6km Easy	Haydn Foster
4 February Start 09:30	Tyabb Foreshore. Bush tracks and some rural roads and verges. Meet at Yaringa Marina at end of Lumeah Rd, Somerville. 12km Med	Vicky Goodwin
11 February Start 09:30	Korumburra Cooks Hill, Botanic Garden. Meet at Station St carpark, old railway station. Station St, Korumburra. Steep climb up Cooks Hill, but great views. 10km Medium	Marg Knapton
18 February Start 09:30	Sherbrooke Falls Loop via Hackett Track. Meet at Ferny Creek War Memorial, intersection of Mt Dandenong Tourist and Sherbrooke Rds, Sherbrooke 9km Med	Sunil Senadheera
25 February Start 09:30	Sorrento Ocean Beach to Spray Point and return. Mostly foot track with some soft sand. Meet at Ocean Beach carpark, Sorrento. 10km Med	Vicky Goodwin
3 March Depart Pakenham 08:30	Grand Ridge Rail Trail – Darlimurla to Boolara and return. If going direct, meet at Darlimurla Station carpark, Darlimurla Rd. Darlimurla. 13km Easy	Ange Butler
Thursday 7 March Committee Meeting Start 10:00		Grazie Oost
10 March Start 09:30	Doongalla Circuit. Great views of Melbourne from the TV towers. Meet at Doongalla Stables Site, Doongalla Forest Rd. Mt. Dandenong 10km Med/Hard	Sunil Senadheera
17 March Start 09:30	Point Leo. Meet at Pt. Leo Foreshore, 26 Western Parade, Pt Leo 12km Med	Di Evans
24 March Start 09:30	Ruby to Leongatha rail trail. Meet at Ruby Firestation carpark, Dykes Rd, Ruby (past Coal Creek Korumburra) 10km Easy	Marg Knapton
31 March	Easter Sunday. No walk.	

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7 April Depart Pakenham 08:00	Harmers Haven. Circuit through coastal bush and beachside trails. Suggest a short stop at Guide Park South Dudley to use the toilets and then meet at start of walk at very end of Viminaria Road, Harmers Haven. 11km Med	Clio Wiegerink
14 April Depart Pakenham 08:00	Mt. Saint Leonard. Starts at Donnellys Weir Picnic Ground, Donnellys Weir Rd, Healseville, and ascends to Mt Saint Leonard peak at 1010m ASL. Return by same route. This walk is very steep the last 2km up to the peak, and the descent requires walking poles. Excellent views from the top. 19km Hard.	Haydn Foster
21 April Start 09:30	Grants Picnic Ground. Circuit walk including Lyrebird Track. A short option is available to avoid steep climb. Meet at Grants Picnic Gnd. Monbulk Rd, Kallista. 10km Easy/Med	Rob Osborne
28 April Start 09:30	Anderson to Kilcunda to Punchbowl. One way walk along rail trail then George Bass Coastal Walk. Requires short car shuttle. Meet at Anderson Bus Interchange, Bass Hwy Anderson. 14km Easy/Med	Haydn Foster
5 May Start 09:30	Warburton to Redwood Forest along O'Shannassy Aqueduct. Pleasant walk along the aqueduct and explore the forest. Park at car park off Yuonga Road Warburton. 16km Easy/Med.	Haydn Foster
12 May	Mother's Day. No walk.	
19 May Start 09:30	Warneet. Meet at Warneet North Boat Club, Rutherford Rd, Warneet. Views of Westernport Bay 11km Easy	Haydn Foster
26 May	To Be Advised.	
2 June Depart Pakenham 08:00 for 09:30 start.	Sugarloaf Reservoir, Christmas Hills Circuit walk around reservoir 16km Medium/hard Meet at Saddle Dam Picnic Area	Haydn Foster
9 June Start 09:30	Kananook Creek. Meet at R.F. Miles Reserve carpark (near railway overpass, Seaford Rd, Seaford) 12km Easy	Di Evans
16 June	Pyramid Rock to Berry's Beach. Meet at Pyramid Rock carpark, Pyramid Rock Rd, Ventnor (Philip Island). Great ocean views. 10km Easy	Marg Knapton
23 June Start 09:30	Gembrook Environs. Meet at Gembrook Park toilet block 11km Easy/Med	Clio Wiegerink
30 June Start 09:30 AGM	Short walk in Upper Beaconsfield followed by 12pm lunch at Pine Grove Hotel, then AGM . All welcome. Please contact Marg by June 23rd if attending. Stoney Creek Rd, Upper Beaconsfield. 6km Easy	Marg Knapton

School Holidays