



VNPA BUSHWALKING & ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

Winter
2019





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In this Winter 2019 program you will find a great mix of activities to choose from including bushwalks and urban walks, excursions, camps and social nights.

Once you've had a read through the program and have found an activity or activities you're interested in, follow the steps below to make a booking.

HOW TO JOIN IN THE ACTIVITIES

BOOKING A WALK OR ACTIVITY

- Contact the activity leader about 2-3 weeks, but not more than one month, before the trip, unless early booking is indicated in the program. Leader phone numbers are generally home numbers and calls should be made in the evening on weeknights before 9:00pm or on weekends. Please remember that all leaders are volunteers.
- When booking, indicate your name, telephone number, personal emergency contact number, and whether you are interested in car sharing. If contacting a leader by email, put the email subject as "BWAG <walk name>"
- If you are unknown to the leader, s/he will discuss with you your fitness, equipment and experience to undertake the activity you have chosen, or they can recommend another activity that is more suited to your ability. Persons under 18 cannot be accepted unless accompanied by an adult.
- Leaders will not accept early bookings – it increases the chances of cancellations and it is unfair to those who follow the guidelines. Leaders will limit numbers on a trip to comply with our Minimal Impact Bushwalking Policy and safety considerations.
- Please read the Activity Descriptions table before booking a trip.
- Non-members are welcome on trips. They must be booked in with the leader and may attend three trips before it is necessary to join the VNPA.
- **Keep updated with activity changes by regularly checking www.vnpa.org.au/adventures and subscribing to the VNPA monthly email update at www.vnpa.org.au/sign-up**

FEES

The activities leader will collect fees, with the money used to pay for general BWAG expenses. Attendance fees are:

	Adult	Child (U16)	Family
Member (per day)	\$5	\$2	\$10
Visitor (per day)	\$9	\$3	\$20
Annual Pass*	\$50	\$20	\$100

The fee for multi-day activities will not exceed a three day fee.

For Annual Pass info, visit www.vnpa.org.au/program

BOOT WASHING – DIEBACK THREAT

Dieback is caused by *Pytophthora cinnamomi*, a plant disease that lives in the soil. Clean your boots with a 70% methylated spirits/water solution immediately after completing your bushwalking activity.

VICTORIAN NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION (VNPA)

The Victorian National Parks Association is Victoria's leading nature conservation organisation. It is an independent, non-profit, membership-based group that exists to protect Victoria's unique natural environment and biodiversity through the establishment and effective management of national parks, conservation reserves and other measures.

The Bushwalking and Activities Group (BWAG) is part of the VNPA and its committee of volunteers prepares and coordinates the activities in this program.

NatureWatch is a VNPA community engagement and citizen science program that brings together community groups, scientists and land managers to develop and manage projects that get volunteers out into the field monitoring native plants and animals.

BWAG CONTACTS

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TRANSPORT

Trips are by private transport unless otherwise stated. Where possible, please try to share transport, as it cuts costs and fuel usage. The leader may arrange car pooling. The objective of our cost-sharing policy is for costs to be shared between all the occupants of the vehicle.

INSURANCE

VNPA has a package of community organisation insurance policies that covers a range of activities. Check the activities infopak at www.vnpa.org.au/program

Every person participating in a VNPA activity does so at his or her own risk in all respects and as such accepts full responsibility for his/her suitability, fitness and preparedness for the activity and for any injury to him/herself. The Association, its office bearers, organisers, leaders and helpers are absolved from any liability in respect of any injury, loss or damage suffered by the participant while engaged in any VNPA activity to the extent permitted by law. While incidents are rare, the great outdoors can throw up challenges. If an incident occurs, you should inform the activity leader and the VNPA office.

The VNPA has determined that overseas trips have significant risks and insurance costs to the VNPA and are outside the scope of the VNPA's geographical focus on Victoria. As such, overseas trips will no longer be offered under the auspice of the VNPA or BWAG and will not be covered by VNPA Insurance.

Participants of overseas trips, especially outdoors, are strongly encouraged to have appropriate personal travel insurance.

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EMERGENCY CONTACTS

COORDINATOR

Adrianna Koutsofrigas
Emergency Contacts Coordinator
0439 067 798 / vnpabwag.ec@gmail.com

The (EC) notation after an activity title indicates that the emergency contact system is to be used. The leader will advise participants of the name and phone number of the selected contact. All participants should leave details of their trip, the expected time of return and the phone number of the contact with a relative or friend. Enquiries about the late return of people are to be directed to the contact. Do not ring the police. The names and phone numbers of emergency contacts are listed for relevant dates in the program. Direct any queries to the emergency contact coordinator. If the activity is midweek, use the contact for the previous weekend.

2019 EMERGENCY CONTACTS

5-7 July	<i>Kyle Matheson</i>	0429 906 094
12-14 July	<i>Christine Longman</i>	0411 483 571
19-21 July	<i>Robyn Desnoy</i>	9528 2390
26-28 July	<i>Helen Buckley</i>	9801 4346 / 0418 398 580
2-4 August	<i>Russell Bowey</i>	0417 328 651
9-11 August	<i>Terese Dalman</i>	0413 234 130
16-18 August	<i>Ann Turner</i>	9878 3297 / 0425 732 384
23-25 August	<i>Kate Badgery-Parker</i>	0409 231 746
30 Aug-1 Sep	<i>Pat Witt</i>	9802 8914 / 0407 360 650
6-8 September	<i>Russell Bowey</i>	0417 328 651
13-15 September	<i>Adrianna Koutsofrigas</i>	0439 067 798
20-22 September	<i>Robyn Desnoy</i>	9528 2390
27-29 September	<i>Helen Buckley</i>	0418 398 580

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

GRADE	EASY	MEDIUM – May involve:	HARD – May involve:
Walk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> on formed tracks terrain level or undulating pace relaxed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> some rough terrain, forest or road walking longer ascents or descents up to 6 hours walking in a day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> rough terrain 8 hrs or more each day rock scrambling thick scrub steep sustained ascents or descents
Excursion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bus trips to places of interest to members, including the option of an easy or medium grade walk (see 'easy walk' above) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bus trips to places of interest to members, including the option of an easy or medium grade walk (see 'medium walk' above) 	N/A
Walk, Talk & Gawk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Park visits/guided walks, with frequent stops for observation of significant features or ecology. 	N/A	N/A
Easy Going Amble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slow-as-you go strolls with rests along the way still enjoying the great outdoors 	N/A	N/A
Cycle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to 40km/day bitumen roads few hills no steep grades 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to 50km/day in hilly country or 70km/day in flat country short stretches of dirt road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sustained stretches on dirt roads up to 60km/day in hilly country hilly terrain or 80km/day on the flat
Snowshoe (day)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to 5hr/day mainly trails limited experience is assumed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to 7hr/day moderate slopes and off-trail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7hr/day or more off trail, steep slopes, all snow conditions competent in poor weather
Snowshoe (overnight)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> able to snowshoe with a daypack overnight backpack camping experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ability to snowshoe gentle slopes with a full pack snowcamping experience desirable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> moderate slopes in all snow conditions with a full pack snowcamping experience in all conditions

You can use the descriptions above to decide whether you can complete a proposed activity enjoyably and with little risk. If you are inexperienced, you would be expected to progress through the grades, doing day walks before attempting overnight pack-carrying walks. You should discuss any doubts about your abilities with the activity leader. In some cases gradings are combined, e.g. easy/medium or medium/hard.

ACTIVITY ICONS			
	Bushwalk		Easy Going Amble
	Walk, Talk & Gawk		Overnight/ Multi-day
	Urban Walk/Activity		Conservation Activity or Event/Training
	Excursion		Public Transport
	Snowshoe		U35
	Cycling		Family
	4WD		Social/Presentation



5 Jun (Wed)

Social night: Yarra River Stories

VNPA 9341 6500
vnabwag.social@gmail.com



Andrew Kelly, Yarra River Keeper, will tell the river's stories, highlighting its heritage and wonders as well as its challenges. 60 Leicester St, Carlton. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start. Entry \$2. Tea, coffee, wine and nibbles provided.

8-10 Jun (long)

Hattah NP volunteer activity (EC)

Medium 20km | 450km NW Melb
Euan Moore 5472 1572 / 0407 519 091
calamanthus5@bigpond.com



We will be doing volunteer work to assist the rangers at Hattah NP. Possible jobs include weed removal and cleaning up an old revegetation site, but this may change depending on the ranger's priorities. Friday departure to camp at Lake Mournpall. There will be an opportunity for a short walk in the area on Monday morning prior to returning home.

9-12 Jun (long)

Melbourne Sea Slug Census

Easy | Port Phillip Bay & Western Port Bay
Nicole Mertens, ReefWatch Project Officer
nicole@vnpa.org.au



The water may be chilly, but if you're out and about along the coast near Melbourne over these days, consider taking images for the Sea Slug Census. Sea Slugs (also called nudibranchs) come in every colour and pattern and can be found in rockpools right through to the bottom of the sea. To find out more about these amazing creatures, and how to send in any photos you take visit www.vnpa.org.au/sea-slug-census.

10 Jun (Mon)

High St, Kew to Hays Paddock

Easy 6km | Limit 20
Ruth Stirling 9699 7225 / 0418 245 151



Catch a tram to Kew Cricket Ground, near the cemetery. Meet by 1pm. Option to arrive earlier to eat your BYO lunch. We walk part of the Outer Circle Trail, Stradbroke Park and on to Hays Paddock. Return to High Street for coffee.

15 Jun (Sat)

Excursion by coach: Anakie Gorge

Easy 5km | Limit 57 | 80km W Melb
Bookings: Larysa Kucan 9347 3733
Leader: Ruth Stirling



On the journey to the Brisbane Ranges NP there will be a stop in Werribee for morning tea and a walk along the river. On arrival at the Brisbane Ranges there will be a 4.5km walk along the Anakie Gorge Walking Track. Lunch will be at the Anakie Gorge Picnic Area. On our return journey there will be a stop in Bacchus March for afternoon tea and a visit to the fruit and vegetable stalls.

15 Jun (Sat)

Serendip

Medium 16km | Limit 15 | 70km SW Melb
Mark Learmonth 9807 7506 (H)



This walk is very close to being completely level, but it can be tiring because of several sections walking along firm surfaces. Views of Corio Bay, Hovells Creek, and, of course, Serendip Sanctuary, are highlights.

16 Jun (Sun)

Kinglake NP – Captain's Creek circuit

Easy/Medium 16km | Limit 12 | 80km NE Melb
Darren McClelland 0449 167 776
darrenmcclelland@gmail.com



This walk takes in the northern extremes of the Kinglake NP. It is all on 4WD tracks. A few steep ups and downs.

16 Jun (Sun)

NatureWatch Caught on Camera in Wombat State Forest – Family Day

Easy | ~100km NW of Melbourne
Sera Blair, NatureWatch Coordinator
sera@vnpa.org.au 9341 6510



Family fun! Bring the kids and learn more about monitoring local wildlife using motion sensor cameras. Fun activities at Lyonville Mineral Springs Reserve followed by a chance to help set up cameras in the forest. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Starts 10am, ending approx. 2pm.

19 Jun (Wed)

William Angliss buffet dinner

Limit 16
Cheryl Walker (Mioch) 9397 7470 / 0412 743 866
cherylmioch@bigpond.com



Come along to the William Angliss Buffet dinner – \$35 for all you can eat, and the food is fantastic. A great experience with fine dining and an affordable dinner.

One of the sites for the upcoming Project Hindmarsh planting weekend (see listing below). Photo by Jonathan Starks.

22 Jun (Sat)

Edithvale, Carrum and Patersons Lakes

Medium 16 –18km | Limit 15 | 45km S Melb
Louise Prendergast 9826 0037
lprendergast2009@hotmail.com



Starting at Edithvale we walk along the beach to Carrum. We will explore parts of the Paterson Lakes, before linking up trails through the wetlands back to Edithvale.

22-23 Jun (w/e)

Beeripmo mid-winter solstice walk

Medium 22km | Limit 10 | 140km NW Melb
Peter Whelan 9689 0606 / 0413 011 832
Peter.Whelan@melbourne.vic.gov.au



A circuit walk, with a campfire on Saturday evening and mulled wine to celebrate the return of summer. Great views across the Western Plains.

23 Jun (Sun)

Public Transport Walk: Dandenongs NP

Easy/Medium 13km | Limit 12 | 30km E Melb
Richard Tagg 0404 808 242
richard.tagg1@hotmail.com



Leaving the cars at home we shall catch the train to Upper Ferntree Gully station. The walk will take in spectacular mountain ash trees, fern gullies, and native birdlife. Some steepish, but friendly, hills involved.

24 Jun (Mon)

Darebin Creek Trail

Easy 6km | Limit 20
Sue Parkhill 0432 413 442 / 9510 4316



Meet at 1pm at Alphington station. The walk is through Darebin Park and along the Darebin Creek to Northland Shopping Centre. Coffee at the shopping centre before catching a bus home. The walk will be led by Ruth Stirling. If you want to book in June please ring Ruth, 9699 7225.

29 Jun (Sat)

Diamond Creek – Eltham

Easy/Medium 14km | Limit 15 | 25km NE Melb
Glenn King 0448 816 504



At Diamond station we follow Diamond Creek and Maroondah Aqueduct trail to Research Park. From there we walk on some local trails to Eltham station.

30 Jun (Sun)

City of Melbourne to City of Port Phillip

Easy 8km | Limit 20
Ruth Stirling 9699 7225 / 0418 245 151



Meet at 11am downstairs at Fed Square, near the entrance to The Ian Potter Centre: NGV. After coffee, we will walk along the river bank, Birrarung Marr, to the Morell Bridge. Cross over to the Botanic Gardens and wind our way to the Shrine. Take in Albert Park Lake, the See Yup Temple, and Emerald Hill, on our way to finish at the vibrant South Melbourne Market. Plenty of food for lunch! Tram 96 will take you back to the city.

1 Jul (Mon)

Victorian-era East Melbourne

Easy 5km | Limit 12
Julie Hunt 9568 7515
hunt.jm@bigpond.com



A mid-winter amble in gracious East Melbourne, past many interesting and historic buildings, in a loop from Flinders Street station.

5-7 Jul (w/e)

Project Hindmarsh 2019

Easy | 380km WNW Melb
Terese Dalman 0413 234 130
teresedalman@gmail.com



Join the 22nd Project Hindmarsh planting weekend. VNPA members have proudly supported this major landscape restoration project since its beginning. We will be planting at three sites – one west, one north and one east of Nhill. Contact Jonathan Starks, Hindmarsh Local Landcare Facilitator jstarks@hindmarshlandcare.org.au 0429 006 936 or Terese Dalman 0413 234 130. Details and registration: www.hindmarshlandcare.org.au

6 Jul (Sat)

Brimbank

Easy/Medium 12km | Limit 15 | 15km NW Melb
Glenn King 0448 816 504



Start from Watergardens station along Taylors Creek Wetlands to Brimbank Park. Finish at Keilor to catch the 476 Bus to Watergardens or Essendon station.



6 Jul (Sat)
Lysterfield Park

Medium 16km | Limit 15 | 35km SE Melb
Louise Prendergast 9826 0037
lprendergast2009@hotmail.com



Setting off from Lysterfield Lake we explore trails up to the trig point, across to the granite boulders before returning via the lake circuit. A chance to see varying birdlife, kangaroos and other animals.

8 Jul (Mon)
Yarraville

Easy 6km | Limit 20
Ruth Stirling 9699 7225 / 0418 245 151



Meet at Yarraville station at 1pm. Walk west to Cruickshank Park. We will wind our way back to Ballarat Street, near the station for coffee. This is also near the Sun Theatre and Pop Up Park, now permanent.

13 Jul (Sat)
Easy Going Amble:
Newmarket and the Maribyrnong River

Easy 5km | Limit 15 | 5km W Melb
Geoff Durham 9523 5559



Through the old Newmarket saleyards residential area, across the Maribyrnong River to Newells Paddock Wetlands and the Heavenly Queen Temple and Chinese sea-goddess Mazu. Start at Newmarket station and end at Footscray station with the opportunity to visit the fascinating Footscray Market. Optional lunch/coffee.

14 Jul (Sun)
Newport Lakes walk

Easy 10km | Limit 16 | 12km W Melb
Cheryl Walker (Mioch) 9397 7470 / 0412 743 866
cherylmioch@bigpond.com



Walk from Newport station through some of the old parts of town; then around the Newport Lakes and back to Newport station.

16 Jul (Tue)
Updated Leaders Guide –
information session

Limit 90
Gayle Davey 9572 5681
gmdechidna@gmail.com



A get together for BWAG Leaders to learn about the changes in the updated Leaders Guide and get some inspiration for the spring program. 60 Leicester Street, Carlton at 7pm (doors open at 6pm). Food and drink supplied. Please RSVP to Gayle gmdechidna@gmail.com

20 Jul (Sat)
Excursion by coach:
Heathcote and Bendigo

Easy 6km | Limit 57 | 150km NW Melb
Bookings: Larysa Kucan 9347 3733
Leader: Glenn King



On this excursion we will travel to Heathcote for a morning tea stop and a 5km rail trail walk adjacent to Lake Eppalock. We will then travel to Bendigo for short walks at Lake Weeroona, Rosalind Park and a reservoir park near Kangaroo Flat.

21 Jul (Sun)
U35 George Bass coastal walk (EC)

Medium 17km | Limit 10 | 120km SE Melb
Eva Klusacek 0423 053 318
eklusacek@hotmail.com



A walk along the cliffs of the rugged Bass Coast, then following the rail trail inland to Wonthaggi. This will involve a car shuffle.

21 Jul (Sun)
Grow West Community Planting Day 2019

Easy | Limit 100 | 75km W Melb
Terese Dalman 0413 234 130
teresedalman@gmail.com



Over the past 15 years, Grow West has worked with thousands of volunteers and hundreds of landholders to plant 1.5 million trees in the Upper Werribee Catchment. Help rejuvenate and restore two neighbouring properties in Ingliston along a Werribee River tributary. What to bring: warm clothes, hat, gloves, sturdy footwear, water bottle, cup, plate and cutlery to minimize waste. Register at www.growwest.com.au

22 Jul (Mon)
Spotswood to Williamstown

Easy 8km | Limit 20
Sue Parkhill 0432 413 442 / 9510 4316



Meet at Spotswood station at 1pm. We will walk past Science Works, down the Yarra River past the Warmies and along The Strand to Nelson Place. Train from Williamstown Beach station after afternoon tea.

Sunset At Lysterfield Lake. Photo by Tommy Kuo, Flickr CC.

28 Jul (Sun) Updated Leaders Guide – information session

Limit 90
Gayle Davey 9572 5681
gmdechidna@gmail.com



A get together for BWAG Leaders to learn about the changes in the updated Leaders Guide and get some inspiration for the spring program. 60 Leicester Street, Carlton at 4.30pm (doors open at 4pm). Food and drink supplied. Please RSVP to Gayle gmdechidna@gmail.com

3 Aug (Sat) Point Cook

Easy/Medium 15km | Limit 15
Glenn King 0448 816 504



Catch the 497 bus to/from Williams Landing station. We walk from a local shopping centre along local streets to Point Cook Coastal Park.

4 Aug (Sun) Newport to Altona walk

Easy/Medium 15km | Limit 16 | 20km W Melb
Cheryl Walker (Mioch) 9397 7470 / 0412 743 866
cherylmioch@bigpond.com



Public transport walk, from Altona station, along the beaches of Altona and Williamstown and through the bird sanctuary and lakes at Williamstown. See the historic Williamstown Botanical Gardens and historical buildings. Stopping at the Altona homestead for Devonshire tea at the end of the walk.

7 Aug (Wed) Winter Water Warmers

Nicole Mertens, ReefWatch Project Officer
nicole@vnpa.org.au 9341 6500



Talk #2 (series of winter events) exploring Victoria's unique and wonderful underwater world. Talks from guest speakers, and about the work VNPA is doing to protect our marine and coastal environments in the citizen science and advocacy space, and how you can get involved. Time: 6.30-8pm at 60 Leicester St, Carlton, Meeting Room 1&2 (groundfloor). Light refreshments provided. Optional social drinks afterwards (at own cost) with VNPA staff.

10 Aug (Sat) Easy Going Amble: Ferndale Loop, Glen Iris

Easy 5km | Limit 15 | 12km SE Melb
Geoff Durham 9523 5559



An urban loop stroll from Burwood station along Back Creek to Ferndale Park, then through Hill'n'Dale Park along Ferndale Trail and the Anniversary Outer Circle Trail back to Burwood. Optional coffee/lunch.

12 Aug (Mon) Eaglemont

Easy/Medium 6km | Limit 20
Ruth Stirling 9699 7225 / 0418 245 151



Start and finish at the train station. Meet at 1pm to explore the area made famous by the Griffins, Marion Mahony and Walter Burley. Can we find 1900s heritage listed homes, some lovingly restored? It's a hilly area!

14 Aug (Wed) Social night: Larapinta Trail

VNPA 9341 6500
vnabwag.social@gmail.com



The 223km long Larapinta Trail is one of Australia's most unique bushwalking experiences. Starting at Alice Springs in the Northern Territory, it traverses the MacDonnell Ranges. Learn about our members' experiences on the trail. 60 Leicester St, Carlton. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start. Entry \$2. Tea, coffee, wine and nibbles provided.

15 Aug (Thu) Warrandyte State Park Nursery and Pound Bend

Medium 6km | Limit 15 | 28km NE Melb
Ken Crook 9844 0106



An opportunity to meet the Friends of Warrandyte State Park (FOWSP) volunteers, view the Indigenous nursery, Frogland and the Pollinator Garden. Afterwards, we will walk around Pound Bend where the wattles will be at their beautiful best. Finish with coffee at Beasley's Cafe.

17 Aug (Sat) Excursion by coach: Langi Ghiran State Park

Easy 6km | Limit 57 | 180km W Melb
Bookings: Larysa Kucan 9347 3733
Leader: Glenn King



We will travel to Langi Ghiran State Park 'the home of the Black Cockatoo' for several short walks to an old reservoir and lookout and then a forest walk. In the morning there will be a stop at Ballan (great op-shop) for morning tea and a stop at Beaufort in the afternoon.



18 Aug (Sun)

U35 Kinglake NP – Mason Falls Circuit

Medium 13km | Limit 10 | 65km NE Melb
Eva Klusacek 0423 053 318
eklusacek@hotmail.com



Explore the national park's tall forests, fern gullies and scenic views during this circuit walk to Masons Falls.

24 Aug (Sat)

Exploring two botanical gardens

Medium 16km | Limit 15 | 15km SW Melb
Louise Prendergast 9826 0037
lprendergast2009@hotmail.com



Starting at South Yarra station we walk to the Melbourne Botanical Gardens and enjoy the winter flowering plants. From here we walk to South Bank and catch the ferry to Williamstown, where we walk to the Williamstown Botanical Gardens. Note there will be a cost for the ferry, to be advised at time of booking.

26 Aug (Mon)

Sunbury, three creeks walk

Easy 10km | Limit 20
Sue Parkhill 0432 413 442 / 9510 4316



Meeting at Sunbury station at approximately 11am. From the station the walk will follow linear parks along three creeks to a small lake near Salesian College; from there back to the station. BYO lunch.

31 Aug (Sat)

Sandringham to Ricketts Point and back

Easy/Medium 14km | Limit 16
Cheryl Walker (Mioch) 9397 7470 / 0412 743 866
cherylmioch@bigpond.com



Walking along tracks and the beach to Ricketts Point and back along the bayside with lovely views.

5 Sep (Thu)

U35 social night

Eva Klusacek 0423 053 318
eklusacek@hotmail.com



Hear about our recent walks, catch up with those you've walked with before, or make new friends to walk with in the future! Dinners are a very informal way to meet others under 35 (more or less) who are interested in bushwalking. Details and contact information for the host will be posted to the U35 email and Meetup list. RSVP essential. Contact: Eva Klusacek.

7 Sep (Sat)

Moonee Ponds Creek

Easy 8km | Limit 20
Ruth Stirling 9699 7225 / 0418 245 151



Meet at Pascoe Vale station at 11.30am with BYO lunch. We will meander north on the Moonee Ponds Creek and finish at Glenroy for coffee near the station.

9 Sep (Mon)

Melton

Easy 7km | Limit 20 | 40km NW Melb
Ruth Stirling 9699 7225 / 0418 245 151



Train from Southern Cross station after 10am. Melton's Visitor Servicing and Development Office kindly sent me a bundle of brochures and maps with new walking tracks. BYO lunch.

11 Sep (Wed)

Social night: Innamincka Trail – Euan Moore and Jenny Rolland

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vnppabwag.social@gmail.com



The Innamincka area in NE South Australia is best known as the location where Burke and Wills perished in 1861. Since 2011 Euan and Jenny have participated in Friends of Innamincka Reserves group activities. Talk covers: area's history, flora/fauna, Friends group, environmental issues. 60 Leicester St Carlton. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start. Entry \$2. Tea, coffee, wine and nibbles provided.

13-15 Sep (long)

Cape Conran Coastal Park base camp (tents)

Medium | Limit 12 | 350km E Melb
Darren McClelland 0449 167 776
darrenmcclelland@gmail.com



A longer walk on Saturday and short walks Friday and Sunday. Saturday evening meal at Marlo Pub. This is a joint activity with Essendon Bushwalking Club.

The annual ANGAIR Wildflower and Art Weekend in Anglesea runs from 22–23 Sep. It's included in two activities listed below. Photo: Elizabeth Donoghue, Flickr CC.

14 Sep (Sat)

Easy Going Amble: Waterways and Mordialloc Creek

Easy 5km | Limit 15 | 35km S Melb
Geoff Durham 9523 5559



A residential development around lakes that were once part of the Carrum Carrum Swamp. Optional lunch/coffee. Public transport option.

15 Sep (Sun)

U35 Werribee Gorge Circuit

Medium 11km | Limit 10 | 70km W Melb
Eva Klusacek 0423 053 318
eklusacek@hotmail.com



A circuit walk in Werribee Gorge, one of my favourite bushwalks that is relatively close to Melbourne. Come and experience the dramatic landscape along the Werribee River for yourself. If we're lucky, we may see some great birdlife. Some rock scrambling is involved.

21 Sep (Sat)

Excursion by coach: Anglesea wildflower show

Easy 5km | Limit 57 | 130km SW Melb
Contact: Larysa Kucan 9347 3733
Leader: Larysa Kucan



The ANGAIR Wildflower and Art Weekend at Anglesea is always a very popular trip with our members. After a morning tea stop at Riverside Park at Geelong we will travel to Anglesea to view the wildflower, craft and art show. We will then be escorted by local guides to the best wildflower areas for a walking tour. After lunch we will travel to Airey's Inlet for a clifftop walk. A stop at Torquay on the return journey.

21 Sep (Sat)

Dandenongs walk

Medium 16km | Limit 15 | 48km E Melb
Louise Prendergast 9826 0037
lprendergast2009@hotmail.com



An early spring walk exploring trails around the Dandenongs, with a chance to experience the blossoms and other blooms in the Dandenong Botanical Gardens.

22 Sep (Sun)

Anglesea wildflower walk

Easy/Medium 10km | Limit 12 | 120km SW Melb
Lesley Gillespie 9386 9077
lesley_gillespie999@hotmail.com



After a short visit to the Annual Anglesea ANGAIR Wildflower and Art Weekend (small entry fee) we will walk the perimeter of the town taking in some of the wildflower hot spots. We will take our time. This is a great opportunity to see the local orchids and birdlife.

22 Sep (Sun)

The Scenic Rim: Lerderderg Gorge (EC)

Hard 16km | Limit 10 | 68km NW Melb
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The Scenic Rim hike is a circuit walk graded difficult. The trail includes water crossings (possibility of your feet getting wet unless the river is dry), two steep and steady climbs and one steep and slippery descent. Approximately 4km total climbing and a significant steep 1.3km downhill section back to Grahams Dam on loose and slippery terrain.

23 Sep (Mon)

Kangaroo Ground – Panton Hills wildflower walk

Medium 5km | Limit 15 | 30km NE Melb
Ken Crook 9844 0106



After meeting at the historic Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Lookout Tower and the Moor-Rul Viewing Platform, we drive to the Kangaroo Ground Cemetery. We will walk amongst delightful views to the Felix Borsari wildflower trail. Coffee afterwards at the Kangaroo Ground General Store.

23 Sep (Mon)

Gowrie to Coburg, Merri Creek

Easy 10km | Limit 20
Sue Parkhill 0432 413 442 / 9510 4316



Meet at Gowrie station at 11.15am. See the wilder and quieter side of the Merri Creek. A lovely track to walk along with the chance of a detour to visit the Linh Son Temple. We will finish in Coburg. BYO lunch.

27-29 Sep (long)

Ground Parrot survey Wilsons Prom NP (EC)

Medium 20km | Limit 6 | 225km SE Melb
Denise Fernando 9458 2346



Enjoy hiking across the northern Prom scrubby plains in springtime. Wildflowers and birds aplenty, we'll look out for beautiful elusive Ground Parrots and record sightings for Parks Victoria. Fri 27th: Meet at Five Mile Rd car park, hike to Barry Creek campsite. Sat 28th: Birdwatching day-walk to Lower Barry Creek campsite. Sun 29th: Return to cars. *Note: this walk may not proceed if Collingwood makes it to the Grand Final!



28 Sep (Sat)

Vaughan Springs to Castlemaine

Medium 17km | Limit 12 | 130km NW Melb
Euan Moore 5472 1572 / 0407 519 091
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This walk will follow a section of the Goldfields Track from Vaughan Springs to Castlemaine. At this time of the year there should be some spring wildflowers and the bush will be looking its best. A short car shuffle will be required at the end of the walk. Public transport available to the walk meeting point.

4 Oct (Fri)

Royal Botanic Gardens

Easy 4km | Limit 15
Ken Crook 9844 0106



Enjoy a lovely ramble, visiting seven rest houses each with quaint architecture. Visit the Plant Craft Cottage and the recently completed Grotto, Bird Nest and Moss Gardens. Finish at the Terrace Café, overlooking the Ornamental Lake.

12 Oct (Sat)

Easy Going Amble: Bacchus Marsh Avenue of Honour, the Lerderderg and Werribee rivers

Easy 5km | Limit 15 | 50km NW Melb
Geoff Durham 9523 5559



The 2.9km Avenue of Honour loop and a very personal horticultural experience on the Bacchus Marsh river flats. Optional lunch/coffee. Private transport only.

14 Oct (Mon)

Seniors Week: Wendouree

Easy 8km | Limit 20 | 123km NW Melb
Ruth Stirling 9699 7225 / 0418 245 151



We will take the 9:15am train from Southern Cross station to Wendouree, to walk around the lake. Time for lunch at the Yacht Club and then explore the Botanic Gardens.

Upcoming events ...

19 Oct (Sat)

Excursion by coach: Walhalla

Easy
Larysa Kucan

19-20 Oct (w/e)

Bushwalking Victoria Federation Walks weekend: Lorne area

Anna van Tatenhove

20 Oct (Sun)

Jan Juc to Anglesea

Medium 19km
David Moore

28 Oct (Mon)

Wattle Park to Ashburton

Easy 8km
Sue Parkhill

2 Nov (Sat)

Sandringham – Mordialloc

Easy/Medium 14km
Glenn King

3 Nov (Sun)

Tanglefoot Track and Mt St Leonard

Medium 17-19km
David Moore

4 Nov (Mon)

Kororoit Creek

Easy 7km
Ruth Stirling

16 Nov (Sat)

Excursion by coach: Point Nepean State Park

Easy
Larysa Kucan

25 Nov (Mon)

Maranoa Gardens Balwyn to Canterbury

Easy 8km
Sue Parkhill

9 Dec (Mon)

Highpoint to Travancore

Easy 6km
Ruth Stirling

16 Dec (Mon)

Hawthorn to Glenferrie

Easy 8km
Sue Parkhill

Put these future events into your calendar, but please note bookings will only open one month before the activity dates. More details in the Spring 2019 program.

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VNPA 9341 6500

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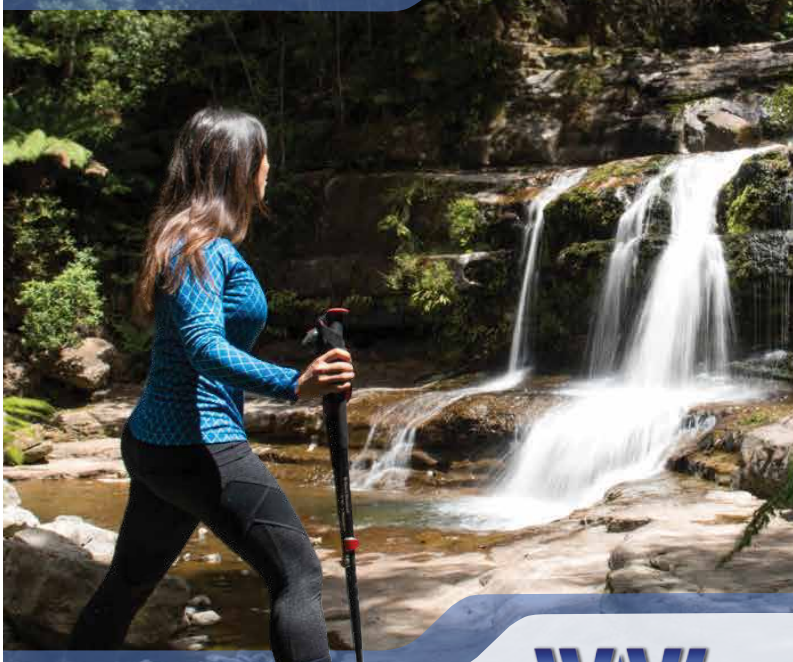
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