

DIAMOND VALLEY BUSHWALKING CLUB INC.
VIC ASSOC No. A 0010907B

WALKS PROGRAM
January- June 2019

January 2019

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2	Wed	
6	Sun	
9	Wed	Walk: Start at Lysterfield Lake main car park. Follow Cassuarina Track through to Granite Track crossing Wellington Road up hill to Monbulk Creek Lookout, Dargon Homestead Site for lunch back via Granite Track visiting Boys Farm site on way back with variation of track return as voted on at the time. 12K approximately Easy/Medium walking on nice wide tracks. Meet Mullum Mullum car Park 8.00 for 8.15 departure.
12	Sat	Winery Walk. Short 3 hour (9 kms) easy /medium walk through Panton Hill Bushland reserves ending up at Nillumbik Estate Winery for lunch. Maximum 20 people for lunch at \$30 per head for pizza, nibbles and tea/coffee. Must purchase own wine/softdrink/beer etc. When booking state whether you are coming for walk only or for lunch as well. Prefer online bookings. Mel 264H6
16	Wed	Ramble – Breakfast BBQ. 8.15am. Finns Reserve, near Wombat Bend Playspace. Bring everything! Orange juice & Champagne supplied. Ramble 5km. Weather dependent. Walk: Stiggants Reserve to Blue Tongue Bend. A favourite walk along the Yarra through Warrandyte State Park. Many scenic views of the river. E/M. 13 km.
20	Sun	NB***Sunday Ramble. Herring Island, City of Melbourne. We follow the Yarra along the south side to the Island. A ferry trip across to the island, then a circular route is followed around this lovely area, after lunch we will return to city, on the north side of the Yarra. Distance approx. 8kms.
23	Wed	Bike Ride: Spotswood to Federation Steps. Easy ride (NO hills!) along picturesque foreshore and around Cherry Lake. Possibility of swim in Williamstown. E 40k. Walk: Eltham Lower Park to Finns Reserve and return. Commencing at the toilets on the left at Lower Park Eltham, we will cross over the Yarra, do a loop in Candle Bark Park, walk through Westerfold Park to Finns Reserve returning through Westerfold Park. Easy walk with one steep unsealed decent. Approximately 14 K easy. If the weather is hot there is an opportunity to shorten the walk.
27	Sun	Walk: Mt Dandenong - Kalorama Walk. Approx 12K plus starting at RidgeRoad Alice Jeeves Park follow Trig Track, Kyeema Track all uphill. Option extra visit to Skyhigh for Toilets and views. Walk past Kyeema Memorial Cairn at hill top morning tea and views and steep downhill to Doongalla Homestead for lunch. Return via Stables Track, Bills Track, Camelia Track mostly uphill then the dreaded Fireline Track tough uphill back to cars. Poles recommended. There is optional extra approx 3K before lunch if everyone wants to do it. Rated medium as hills are tough. Meet Mullum Mullum car park at 8.00 for 8.15 start.
30	Wed	Walk: Panton Hill Reserves. Cancelled and rescheduled on 22 May. Ramble. Lower Plenty to Banyule flats & return. An “oldie” which can be a “goodie” for the hot weather. We can start early & be finished by late morning / mid-day. Approx. 6kms. Marie Anson. 9459 7963 or 0416 081 713 or ansonm@bigpond.com Bike Ride: Clockwise round Mullum Mullum / Koonung / Yarra Trail loop via completed Mullum Mullum extension. E/M 43km. Start at 9.15 for 9.30 am at Fitzsimmons Lane. Car park First left after bridge if coming from Eltham, otherwise last left before bridge and continue under bridge Melway 21G12.

February 2019

3	Sun	Walk: Arthurs Seat. Walk from Dromana via McCrae homestead to Seawinds State Park and then return via the back streets of Dromana or the chair lift. E/M 12.5 km or 10.5 km via chair lift.
6	Wed	Walk: Yarra Braes – Killeavy – Bob’s Wetlands -Laughing Waters. A figure of 8 walk that can be split into 2 x 2 hour portions. The first being from Reynolds Road gate down through Yarra Braes and along the river to Killeavy. Option to return to the cars (2 hours total) or continue to Glynn’s Road and down to Bob’s Wetlands. Return via Caitlin’s Retreat, Laughing Waters Road and Killeavy. Medium 4.5 hours with breaks, 12 km. Meeting place is the Reynolds Road gate Melway 22 E9 at 9.00 for a 9.15 start.
10	Sun	Angahook Bushlands to Beach Walk. A beautiful walk with some steep hills from Painkalac Dam and then undulating terrain gradually dropping down to a pleasant beach walk ending near Airey’s Inlet Lighthouse. M 18 km Melway 611 C10.
13	Wed	Ramble. Botanic Gardens & Shrine. Wander some of the many shaded paths winding through the Gardens, following clues to challenge you along the way. Visit the shrine, to see the latest displays. Public transport.. Approx. 5kms. Walk: Five Ways Track – Toolangi 13.2K. Start walk at junction of Old Toolangi-Dixons Creek Road and Five Ways Track follow passing Glenwood and Link Tracks on right to gate to pipeline. Steep uphill here to water tower views and lyrebirds and follow to junction of Glenwood Drive turn right here. Follow until you find Glenwood Track on right. Follow track down hill until you reach Link Track on right. Continue to Glenwood Track very steep down or alternatively take Link Track (little more distance not so steep) to Five Ways Track and back to cars. Rated medium, if hot option to shorten to 10K. Bike Ride: Doncaster to Ferntree Gully via Eastlink and Blind Creek trails. Lunch at Tim Neville Arboretum or Bayswater Park. Return via Dandenong creek trail. M 45 km. Start at 9.30 at Beasleys Nursery Mel 34 F2. Easier option ride 10.15 start at Schwerkolt cottage (off Deep Creek Rd, Ringwood). Mel 49 D7.
17	Sun	Short Walk: Eltham Lower Park to Doncaster alongside Yarra to upstream of Mullum Mullum Creek junction and return via Mullum trail and maybe Templestowe Hill Climb. E/M 12km. Start at Eltham Lower Park, near toilets, turn left on entry to park, past train station. Melways21 H10 at 9.15 for 9.30 start
19	Tue	3 Capes Track Tasmania. There is a planned walk of the 3 Capes Track on 19th February 2019. This is a 4 day 46 kilometer walk which involves carrying your own clothes, food & sleeping bag. We will be staying in good huts with cooking facilities, bathrooms & water provided. Cost of the walk is \$495 or \$396 for concession (seniors).
20	Wed	Ramble. Banksia Park to Heide Gallery. Winding along the Yarra River to the grounds of Heide Contemporary Art Museum and Park. Plenty of bird life and majestic trees along the way. Approx. 6kms Walk: Sandringham to St Kilda Meet at Sandringham Station at 09:11 (chosen to connect from the 07:29 from Hurstbridge). Follow the scenic coastal path from Sandringham past the Bathing Boxes of Brighton and admire the views of the Bay and City from Brighton breakwater. Continue to St Kilda, for lunch beside the Botanical Gardens Lake, then pass through funky Acland St, enjoy the views from the Esplanade above Jacka Boulevard and take the light rail from Fitzroy St to the city. Finish by walking along Southbank Boulevard to Flinders St. A few short beach stretches; several bail-out points. EM 16km.
21	Thurs	Club Meeting Metzner Hall. Social night.
24	Sun	Walk: Steels Creek. This is a picturesque 14km walk with eucalyptus and wattles to be enjoyed as well as sweeping views across the valley. There are also a number of interesting historic sites to be explored. Meet at Eltham Little Theatre, Research at 8.15am for an 8.30am departure.

27	Wed	<p>Ramble. East Melbourne. Discover some fine Victorian homes and the famous people who lived there. Finish at the Pavilion Café on Fitzroy Gardens. Public transport. 3 kms.</p> <p>Bike Ride: Edithvale to Frankston. Past wetlands through and around Patterson Lakes to Frankston foreshore. Possible swim at Seaford beach. E/M 40km.</p>
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March 2019

1	Fri	<p>Social Event: "Hotel Sorrento" at the Eltham Little Theatre on Friday 1 March 8.00pm. The tickets are \$20 each. A block of 20 seats are being held till 1 February and payment is due by then. The payment may be made to the Club account with the participants name and "Sorrento" or by cash or cheque at the next club meeting in February.</p>
3	Sun	<p>Walk cancelled due to temperature and rescheduled on 26 May.</p>
6	Wed	<p>Darebin Creek Trail. The walk starts from the car park in Bundoora Park close to Melway Map 19F 3-4, and climbs to Mt Cooper and then follows the Darebin Creek to Alphington Station. Lunch at Clifton Hill and return to Bundoora Park on the 86 tram. EM 12 km Bring your Myki card. Meeting place is western end of Greensborough War Memorial Park (Mel 20 G3) at 0900 for 0915 start. Car shuffle to Bundoora Park.</p> <p>Ramble - Diamond Creek Trail. Meet at car park near round about, Wattletree Road, Eltham North, Melway 11 Ref K12 – just past Soccer Oval. Meander along the trail to Diamond Creek for coffee, then return. Lunch near car park on return. Mostly flat, 7kms.</p>
10	Sun	<p>Walk: Kangaroo Ground Bush Loop. Meet Kangaroo Ground Cemetery on Kangaroo Ground/Yarra Glen Road - ready for walking departure at 8.45am. 13km loop through along Green Wedge Trail and Bushland. Some steep hills but pretty walk through bush and close to home. E/M 13 km.</p>
13	Wed	<p>Ramble. Puffing Billy & Emerald Lake. A ride on Puffing Billy, to Menzies Creek, then a walk to Emerald Lake. Picnic lunch in picturesque surroundings at Lakeside, if time permits, otherwise lunch aboard Puffing Billy, on return journey. Approx. 6kms. <i>Richard Cutler. 0418 991 092</i></p> <p>Walk: Merri Creek Trail (a Noel Newman walk not been done for sometime.) Follow trail from Coburg Lake Reserve, morning tea at Ceres Community Environment Park, lunch at Dights Falls. On to Victoria Station train back to Preston, bus to Sydney Road, Tram to Murray road and cars. Approximately 12K easy trail walking. Bring Miki card and meet at 9.00 at Greensborough card park behind KFC.</p>
17	Sun	<p>Walk: Grants Picnic Ground Dandenong Ranges, Walk cancelled due to leader incurring an injury.</p>
20	Wed	<p>Ramble. Masons Falls Area, Kinglake National Park. From Mt Sugarloaf car park to Blackwood Picnic Area & return. Approx 6kms. Short drive to Falls picnic area for lunch & optionally visit Falls. Meet Eltham Little Theatre (Melway 22 Ref H1) 9.15am for 9.30 departure. Bring lunch & morning tea.</p> <p>Walk: ' Schnapper Point to ' Briars' Walk (Mornington to Mount Martha) E/M 15 Kms Lovely walk south along the Coast from Mornington Pier to mouth of Balcombe Creek and then inland through the ' Balcombe Wetlands' to the historic ' Briars'. Meet at ' Briars' (Melway Map 145 B 11) at 9.45 am. -- Car shuffle to Mornington before start.</p>
21	Thurs	<p>Club Meeting Metzner Hall. "Wandering the world on foot" Glenyce Johnson co-founder of http://www.wanderingtheworld.com.au/</p>
24	Sun	<p>Walk: Warburton, O'Shannassy Aqueduct: Cement Creek Road to Sussex St This pretty walk begins at the historic redwood plantation and continues along the O'Shannassy Aqueduct through the forest. It ends near the swing bridge in Warburton. A short car shuffle is required. Grading: Easy/Medium (mostly flat walking) Distance: approx 15km Limit 20</p>

27	Wed	<p>Ramble: Happy Valley Track, Christmas Hills. Gradual uphill track through bushland and back, downhill on the return. Approx. 5 kms.</p> <p>Walk: Main Yarra and Plenty River Trails. A pleasant walk along the Main Yarra and Plenty River Tracks from (Porter St) Westerfolds Park to Greensborough Station which takes in the Banyule flats and views of Banyule Homestead and the city. Meet at Eltham station at 0900 and take 0915 902 bus to Porter Street, return from Greensborough by train. Bring your MYKI. E/M 14 km, 4.5 hours.</p>
28 - 31	Thu - Sun	<p>Explore Bendigo Base Camp. Explore Bendigo Bushland Trails, bike paths, botanic gardens, lakes, reservoirs, lookouts that circle Bendigo. Bendigo is a city surrounded by Regional Parks and National Parks and numerous tracks. We aim to explore some of them. –Easy Medium Walks with a few steep hills– approx. 15kms. Staying at Caravan Park, Cabins & Camping available. Weekend walkers welcome. Maximum 20 people.</p>
31	Sun	

April 2019

3	Wed	<p>Track Maintenance Day. Track maintenance will include clearing and cleaning the lower parts of the Black Flat to Jumping Creek Track, reconstruction of worn parts of the track as well as rebuilding steps on the route. There will be limited snip and clip action but our raking team will be in demand. As usual, it is difficult to describe in detail but it will be good work and we hope to see an improvement of the track at the end of the day. Please bring heavy duty gloves, secateurs and a smile. We'll meet at Black Flat, Melways Map 23 H11 at 0845 hrs. .A day too good to miss.</p> <p>Ramble: Mullum Mullum Creek, East Link Tunnel Area. Four suburbs in one short walk. Partly hilly. Meet @ Eltham Lower Park 9.00am for 9.15am departure, with morning tea and lunch.</p> <p>Bike Ride: Ringwood to Croydon. Via Eastlink and Dandenong Creek trails. Return via Ringwood/Belgrave rail trail to Ringwood Lake. M 42 km</p>
7	Sun	<p>Walk: Marysville local walk. A pretty walk near Marysville including Beauty Spot trail, Gilberts Gully trail and Wilks Creek Trail out to Anderson Mill. Medium 12km</p>
10	Wed	<p>Grandparents / Parents Walk: Mullum Mullum Creek Tracks. The walk starts from the car park at Beasley's on Heidelberg-Warrandyte Road, and follows a figure of 8 course along the creek to Tindalls Road and return. It is pretty walk half on bush tracks and half on the bitumen pathways with some small hills. Lunch at the playground near Beasley's. Please remember that this walk is not open to individual members - all adults must be accompanied by at least one child aged between 5 and 18 years. On line booking available. In the "Comments Box" on the "checkout" page of the booking, give each child's first name for preparation of a name tag and Temp Member form 7GP. Meeting place is Beasley's (Mel 34 F3) at 0900 for 0915 start 6 – 7 km, finish 1.30 pm.</p> <p>Bike Ride: Maribrnong River Trail. Brimbank Park towards city. Great views and scenery along river, all on bike trails. E/M 40km.</p> <p>Ramble. Warburton Yarra Bridges. B B Q lunch, B Y O everything plus morning tea. Meet Eltham Little Theatre car park 9.00am for 9.15am departure. 5 kms.</p> <p>Walk: Blue Lake - Plenty Gorge Park. Start at Whatmough Park walk to Blue Lake for lunch and return. Meet at 9.00 for 9.15 departure from first car park at Whatmough Park off Kalparrin Avenue under the rail bridge opposite Greensborough Shopping Centre. Approximately 13K with few short sharp hills and 3 minor creek crossings. Poles recommended. Easy medium.</p>
14	Sun	<p>Walk: Johns Hill. Starting at Hermons Saddle in Dandenongs climb to top of Johns Hill then follow Menzies Creek to Clematis Station on the Puffing Billy track. Follow the track to Menzies Creek Station and return to cars. M 13 km.</p>
17	Wed	<p>Ramble. Roberts Track, Christmas hills. On an undulating unmade road, through bushland and back. Approx. 5kms.</p> <p>Walk: Four Brothers Rocks, Bunyip State Park. Bunyip State Park is closed. As an alternative we will do a walk in the Dandenong Ranges from Hamer Arboretum to Silvan Reservoir and return. Should be some autumn colours. E/M 12 km</p>
18	Thurs	<p>Club Meeting Metzner Hall. "Helpful uses of an ipad when travelling and using your phone for emergency contact" Heather Close. Bring your ipad or tablet and phone.</p>
21	Sun	<p>Walk: Andrew Hill, Kinglake North. 13 km medium. A circuit including a long steady and fairly steep uphill climb and descent that is steep in parts. Poles recommended.</p>
24	Wed	<p>Ramble. Altona, Federation Steps, Cheetham Wetlands. Approx. 5kms</p> <p>Walk: Hawkestone Picnic Area to Carome Homestead (coffee can be purchased) and return via Nioka bushcamp and Le Page Homestead. E/M 11km</p>
28	Sun	<p>Walk: Warburton / La La Falls Circuit. From Warburton sports oval cross highway to Park Road, La La Avenue and up to falls. This is all gradual uphill not too strenuous. Foot track to falls 3.2k return trip which again is gradual up to falls with morning tea at falls. Return to Irruka Road continue on Old Warburton Road short way then bush bash up hill to find disused track which meets up with more defined track. Follow for 2k then downhill badly eroded track back to Old Warburton Road cross over and meet up with Backstairs Track. Follow this back to Warburton Rail Trail and back to Warburton and cars. 11K Easy Medium, pole recommended.</p>

May 2019

1	Wed	<p>Walk: Wombelano Falls Kinglake NP. Drive to Gums camping area off Glenburn/Eucalyptus Road, there are toilets here. Follow Black Fish Way to Island Creek camp ground then veer inland to the electricity easement and up Captains Creek Road to Wombelano Falls for lunch. Couple of options for the uphill gradual or really steep climb to top of hill but worth the views. There is a 1.5K gradual climb to lunch but pretty much down hill after lunch. Approx. 15K Easy – Medium. Meet Eltham Little Theatre at 9.00 for 9.15 depart.</p> <p>Ramble. Warburton – O’Shannassy’s Aqueduct Trail. A pleasant walk, with sneak peek views of the valley, trees and pleasant vegetation. Car shuffle, 7kms.</p>
3 - 5	Fri - Sun	<p>Mt Baw Baw Base Camp. A base camp at Mt Baw Baw is proposed with self catering accommodation in a ski lodge and walks on the three days. Numbers will be limited and priority will be given to those members who were booked on the 2017 Baw Baw Base Camp that had to be cancelled.</p>
5	Sun	<p>Walk: Cathedral Ranges Walk Cooks Mill Campsite Return 12km **HARD**</p> <p>Starting from from Cooks Mill Campsite we will follow St Bernards Track upwards with short steep sections to Jawbone Creek Track, where there will be steep rock stairs down, then steady rock stairs up to North Jawbone Track. After this climb we arrive at the junction of Ridge Track and Farnyard Track. We will follow Ridge Track (3.8k), which will take approximately 2 hours because it is very challenging due to diverse rock scrambling. Advise anyone with knee, ankle, balance or height issues, that this walk <i>will not be suitable</i>. We then descend steeply to Neds Saddle and take Neds Gully Track down to the Neds Gully camping ground. This track is easier but still requires some navigation over uneven surfaces. When we arrive at the camp ground we follow the creek back to Cooks Mill Camp Site. Overall approximately 11-12km graded HARD. Early departure 7.30am to allow for travel time and walk difficulty.</p>
8	Wed	<p>Ramble – Mount Macedon. Memorial Cross and Camel’s Hump. Autumn views below the lookouts. A bit longer than the average ramble, but reasonably flat, apart from Camel’s Hump. 9kms.</p> <p>Walk: Sugarloaf Reservoir Circuit. A circuit of the lake with some excellent views. DVBC has “adopted” the Sugarloaf Walking Track and over the last few years a number of club members have spent a considerable amount of time on track maintenance. E/M 16 km.</p>
12	Sun	<p>Walk: Tanglefoot Track. Starting at the Wirrawilla carpark Toolangi and walking the Wirrawilla boardwalk. Then walking the Myrtle Gully track to the junction with the Tanglefoot track for morning tea. Then walking the tanglefoot track to Monda Road for lunch. Returning to Wirrawilla carpark via Quarry Road.</p>
15	Wed	<p>Ramble. Koonung Trail. A pleasant linear walk along Koonung Creek. Return crossing will be taken over the bridge to join a lateral walk near Bulleen Road. A few undulations along the trail. Meet Lower Eltham Park 9.15am. Approx. 6kms</p> <p>Walk: Sherbrooke Forest. A walk in the Dandenong Ranges National Park through superb Mountain Ash forest. Some steep hills. M 12km</p>
16	Thurs	<p>Club Meeting Metzner Hall. Our speaker will be Peter Campbell Vice President of Bushwalking Victoria and Convener of Bush Search and Rescue Victoria.</p>
19	Sun	<p>Walk: Mt Riddell, Healesville. 13 km medium. A steady uphill climb on well-formed tracks, return by the same route.</p>
22	Wed	<p>Ramble: Cresswell Forest and surrounds. Walk in this suburban area of natural bushland. Coffee supplied at lunch time. 4/6kms.</p> <p>Walk: Pantom Hill Reserves. Walk amongst the eucalypts while exploring the local walking trails. Medium 15kms</p>
26	Sun	<p>Walk: Millgrove to Warburton. Starting at Millgrove walk along the O’Shannassy Aqueduct to Warburton and return along the railtrail. E/M 15 km</p>
29	Wed	<p>Ramble. Lysterfield Lake Circuit. A shortened version of the popular Lysterfield Lake Circuit that we have all enjoyed at some time. We walk beside the lake, crossing the weir at the end of the lake, then follow the Tramway Track to Shortcut Track and back to the picnic area for lunch. Approx. 5 kms</p> <p>Walk: Kinglake, Masons Falls. Start from Masons Fall picnic area carpark, walk along Running Creek Track, gradual uphill about 1 hour, lunch at Sugarloaf carpark, return via Boundary Track, M 14 Km.</p>

June 2019

2	Sun	Walk: Mt Caroline Glenburn. Medium-hard 12km. This walk is on private farm property and will entail walking off track, crossing paddocks with livestock and possibly climbing over or through fences. There is a long very steep hill in the middle. Poles recommended
5	Wed	Ramble. Aqueduct Trail/Research Circuit. Meet at Eltham Little Theatre car park. Walk along trail to Parsons Road, then roadside paths to continue circuit back to Research. Coffee and /or lunch at local café if desired. 7kms. Walk: Mt. Beggary – Mt. Jerusalem Circuit, Kinglake NP. Drive to Steels Creek parking area and ascend the Old Kinglake Road to the tank at Mt Beggary. Cross the road and ascend Cooksons Track. Return via Mt Jerusalem Track to the cars at Steels Creek. Great views and pretty much down hill after lunch. Approx. 15K, Medium.
9	Sun	
12	Wed	Ramble. Sandridge Railway Trail. Follow the route of Australia’s first steam railway, still evident after 154years. Public transport, from Jolimont Station to South Bank (coffee stop), along the rail trail to Sandridge (now known as Port Melbourne), then Light Rail to Southern Cross. A flat walk of historic interest. Approx. 7kms. Walk. Warrandyte Start Park . Walk along Yarra River, Blackflat reserve, Jumping Creek reserve, Blue Tongue reserve and Stane Brae reserve. E/M 14 Km.
16	Sun	
19	Wed	Ramble. Clifton Hill to Coburg. A winter ramble along the Merri Creek Trail, stopping at Ceres (morning tea) then further along to Coburg. Public transport. Approx. 6 kms.
20	Thurs	Club Meeting Metzner Hall: Query???
23	Sun	
26	Wed	Ramble: Eltham & Research Linear Reserves. Follow grassy reserves & connecting paths in the aqueduct area, includes some hills. About 6kms.
30	Sun	Walk: Kinglake, Masons Falls. Start from Masons Fall picnic area carpark, walk along Running Creek Track, gradual uphill about 1 hour, lunch at Sugarloaf carpark, return via Boundary Track, M 14 Km.

Future Events 2019 - 2020

3	July	Track Maintenance Day
4	Sep	Track Maintenance Day
18	Sep	<p><u>Portarlington Multi-feature</u></p> <p>Departing from Docklands (near Marvel Stadium) travel to Portarlington by Port Phillip Ferry departing 9.30am to arrive Portarlington 10.50am Adult: \$32.00 return, Seniors: \$28.00 return.</p> <p>This is a medium 3 hour 9 km hike approx, around the Portarlington precinct to the highest view point, along country roads for our lunch stop then returning to the beach to finish at the pier.</p> <p>Board the 3:45 pm ferry for a 1hr 15 min return to docklands.</p> <p>Maximum: 20 Hikers.</p>
13	Nov	Track Maintenance Day

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Emergency contact system.

All walks

All enquiries about late return of members must first be directed to the Leader's home telephone number.

Do not ring the Police as they will know nothing of the Club's activities and should only be informed if the Club through appropriate Committee members believe that the party is in danger. Premature contact with the Police could seriously waste their time and may cause difficulties for the Club later.

Backpacks and base-camps

Leaders are to advise participants of the name and telephone number of the person with emergency contact details. As above the first enquiry is to be to the leader's home telephone number. The emergency contact person is only to be contacted if there is no response from the Leader's home. It is the Participant's responsibility to advise others who may be concerned about them of those details.

Cancellation of Walks

If leaders are unable to lead their programmed walk, they are requested to arrange for another member to lead the walk, rather than cancel it.

High Temperature Activity Cancellation Policy

From Minutes of DVBC Club Meeting 18th February 2010. "This was revisited by the Committee in the light of queries by Club members and second thoughts by Committee members. The following revised policy was adopted.

- a) On days of Total Fire Ban in the region, all walks and bike rides will be cancelled.
- b) If, at the location and expected time of the activity:
 - i. the temperature is expected to be greater than 35°C; or
 - ii) the Fire Danger is predicted to be Severe (Orange) or greater,then all walks and bike rides should normally be cancelled.
- c) If, at the location and expected time of the walk or ride:
 - i. the temperature is expected to be greater than 30°C; or
 - ii. the Fire Danger is predicted to be Very High (Yellow),then the Leader should, after consultation with other walkers/riders, use his or her discretion to cancel, modify or continue the walk.

Grading of Walks

Ramble: Walks mostly on level and even terrain with emphasis on visits to areas where social activities can be included. Walking time 4 to 5 hours, 6 to 8 km.

Easy – Easy walking, gently undulating terrain, mostly on formed tracks. Suitable for most people. Walking time 4 to 5 hours, 10 to 15 km.

Easy / medium – Gently undulating terrain, mostly on formed tracks with some short climbs. Walking time 4 to 5 hours, 10 to 15 km.

Medium – Some of the walk not necessarily on formed tracks, with some sustained climbs (1 km or more). Walking time 5 to 6 hours, 10 to 20 km.

Medium / hard – As for medium but includes rougher terrain, ie: heavy scrub, rock scrambling or longer climbs or descents. Walking time 5 to 6 hours, 10 to 20 km.

Hard Consistent walking in difficult terrain, rock scrambling, thick scrub, steep ups and downs, creek crossings. Experienced and fit walkers only. Walking time 6 to 10 hours, 10 to 20 km.

Exploratory. Walks in terrain unfamiliar to the Leader but does not necessarily mean a difficult walk.

It is most important that before you consider going on any walk, particularly those graded medium or more strenuously, you should consider whether you are sufficiently fit and experienced and have the necessary equipment. All walkers are not necessarily suited to all walks. Please check the grade and classification of the walk and if you have any doubt check with the Leader.

Limitations.- Walk leaders will limit numbers participating depending on the nature of the walk.

Sunday walks

To assist with planning all day walkers should notify the leader no later than Thursday prior to a walk.

Wednesday walks

To assist with planning, all walkers wishing to participate in any Wednesday walk should book in with the Leader no later than the Monday prior to the walk.

Backpack, Base camp etc.

All walkers intending to participate in a weekend activity must notify the Leader at least 10 days prior to that weekend, to assist with planning.

Bike Rides

Your bike must be in good condition and, unless you are super fit, that your bike has gears and you know how to use them. In particular you must have a spare tube which will fit your bike in case of puncture and some tools to remove your wheel (or quick release levers) and tyre.

Other Information

All scheduled walks are run regardless of the weather although the Leader may at his/her discretion change or cancel the walk to suit conditions on the day, particularly if safety warrants such as on Total Fire Ban Days.

People who book where it is necessary to pay a fee eg. Wilson's Promontory, must pay after they have booked whether or not they can attend. Also remember that if you have booked for a walk and cannot attend please inform the Leader as soon as you know.

Additional walks

If there is a free Sunday, or if you want something different then volunteer to **Denys Amos 94394750** to lead your favourite walk or try out a new walk.

Transport costs and driver re-imbusement.

A rate of 25 cents per kilometre has been determined by the committee to be the fair and equitable average running cost of a car. This does not include general wear and tear on the car, only actual running costs. This rate is divided amongst the number of passengers in the car and does not include the driver. The driver has the responsibility of driving and ensuring vehicle is roadworthy, adequately fuelled for the trip as well as any cleaning of the car after the activity. Where there are the same number of passengers in each car the payment to the to the car driver will be the same for each passenger on that activity.

The rate is 25cents per kilometre divided by the number of passengers. A round trip of 120 kilometres (ie 60 km each way) with three passengers will cost \$10.00. See examples below of the cost per passenger:-

Number of passengers	Round Trip Distance in Kilometres.										
	60	75	100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240	260
2	7.50	9.40	12.50	15	17.50	20.00	22.50	25.00	27.50	30.00	32.50
3	5	6.25	8.35	10	11.70	13.35	15.00	16.70	18.35	20.00	21.70
4	3.75	4.70	6.25	7.50	8.75	10.00	11.25	12.50	13.75	15.00	16.25

It is practicable to round up to the next dollar for ease of payment.

A short hand method:- Divide the total distance by 4 and call it dollars. Divide the dollars by the number of passengers. So a round trip of 150 km divided by four is \$37.50 divided by 3 passengers is \$12.50.

If you have more in some cars than others you also need to multiply the dollars by the number of cars and then divide by the number of passengers. If all cars are full then because large cars may use more fuel you could have those drivers taking extra because of size also receiving extra. Leaders are to use their discretion.

Responsibilities of walkers participating in club walks

1. Be punctual in arrival at the meeting place.
2. If cancelling a booking by email ensure you receive confirmation from the leader. Do not assume the leader receives the email! **Last minute cancellations must be made by phone.**
3. Be appropriately clothed for bushwalking. Wear strong footwear and carry a waterproof jacket and overpants. Check with leader if unsure of proper clothing for walks.
4. Advise leader of any illness or injury before commencement of walk.
5. Be willing, where possible, to share driving with other members of the group.
6. Accept responsibility to keep up with the group, neither strolling behind, taking side paths, or tearing on ahead.
7. Let the leader know if you are experiencing any problems during the walk.
8. Have with you any necessary medication or first aid equipment you may require during the walk.
9. Carry the **personal emergency information sheet** in their pack on all walks.
10. Participants to evaluate carefully their ability to cope with the planned walk.
11. Bring a change of footwear so that you do not have to travel in other member's cars with muddy boots on during the return trip home. A change of clothing may also be appropriate at certain times of the year.
12. To have whatever accident income protection, ambulance and medical insurance as they may require for their own personal circumstances. The Club does not arrange such insurance.

Personal emergency information

All club members are required to carry the **personal emergency information sheet** in their pack on all walks.

Leader's Responsibilities

1. Learn all about the area you are walking in. Plan the route to be followed and have alternatives to fall back on in the event of trouble.
2. Know your group. Be sure they are capable of doing the planned walk.
3. See that transport is arranged for every member.
4. Ensure that all members are fully informed on details of meeting places, times and any special requirements regarding clothing, food or water.
5. Count and make a written list of party members, including visitors before moving off and make numerical checks along the track. Retain the list for insurance purposes.
6. Introduce new members, encourage inexperienced members, discourage race horses. Make sure you get to talk to all members of the group during the walk.
7. Appoint a "Whip". If there are more than 18 members then appoint a deputy leader as well.
8. Control the pace of the group – keep it slow at first until the members have warmed up, then settle on the speed of the slowest member.
9. Have regular rest periods.
10. Keep the party together – keep slow walkers well up the line – not dragging in the rear.

11. If faced with difficulties, discuss the situation with other experienced members.
12. Point out features of interest along the track.
13. Demonstrate map position and progress along the way.
14. Final participation on walk rests with leader evaluation. Leaders have the responsibility to refuse to take inadequately equipped (food clothing water) walkers on any trip. Group safety and enjoyment is paramount

Leaders are asked to keep a list of walkers participating, complete any prospective members attendance slip on their nomination form, collect Visitors fees of \$5.00 per Visitor (a Prospective member is NOT a visitor and members of other clubs affiliated with Bushwalking Australia are exempt from the fee) and ENSURE that the Acknowledgement of Risks and Obligations by Non-members form is signed BEFORE the walk start and hand the list and money to any Committee Member or to the Secretary at the next Meeting or post to PO Box 536 Eltham 3095.

Walk list can be emailed to Louise Currie mlcurrie@bigpond.com

Newsletter walk reports

Walk Leaders are encouraged to arrange for one of their party to submit a short summary of their walk to the Newsletter Editor for publication in the Bush Telegraph.

Editor: Stephen Clarke, 9 Wiarando Court, Doncaster East, Vic 3109 By Email to bushtelegraph@hotmail.com

More information

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