



Old Man Emu

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Welcome to another year of walking

I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas break and have walked off all that Christmas pudding.

The club's Annual General Meeting will take place in June and we have two vacancies. The first is the Secretary position. We thank Linda for doing a magnificent job for the past 4 years. The Secretary position must be filled and cannot be left vacant as this will mean the club cannot legally function. The Second position is a general member position. We thank Col for his input and commitment whilst on the committee for the past 4 years. He will continue as Walks Coordinator.

Reminder that your memberships becomes due in June. If you intend to participate in any future club activities, I urge you to re-join promptly. Not only will this make life easier for the committee, you will avoid the risk of being classified as a visitor if you have not re-joined within two months of the Annual General Meeting.

To keep a club running smoothly and efficiently we need the help of many people, so thanks to all the committee members, for their time and effort in keeping the club running efficiently. I would also like to thank all the leaders who volunteer their time in putting on great walks and keeping the walks program full with a variety of walks, restaurant nights, bike rides, pack walks, and, interstate walks. The members for participating in the walks, social events and activities, welcoming new members and helping them feel part of this great club at the meetings and on the walks. Members who participate in walking can be leaders. You all have the talent and capabilities to become leaders. I urge all of you to consider the opportunity to enrol in BWV April 2019 leadership Course.

I wish to thank the following members for their tireless efforts and time behind the scenes. Stephen Perich (Website Manager), for maintaining and keeping the EBWC Website current, Col Purchase (Walks Coordinator), Ian McLean (Conservation Representative), Chris Jarvis (Bush Search and Rescue Police Liaison), Bob Hamilton (walk sheets), Gail Greenwood, for organising great suppers at the General meetings and the members who help Gail with cleaning up or assisting the committee at the meetings.

By the time you receive this The Autumn/Winter walks program will have been finalised with a good variety of walks, social events, base camps, and bike rides. I hope that you will find a walk that is suitable for you or will tempt you.

Future events: BWV Leadership Training, Ron Bell will be having an 80th Birthday Bash, Base Camps: Grand Strzelecki Track, Beechworth, Major Mitchell Walk, Grampians, Marathon organised by Chris Jarvis.

Bushwalking Victoria: At the February general meeting Colin McDonald, President of BWV, gave an informative presentation about BWV. There will be an Update about the Grampians Peak Trail in March, a Leadership Course and being part of Premiers Active April in April, an Information Technology session on the 9th May, the BWV Annual General Meeting and Forum in June, I urge members to have a browse on their website for updates in campaigns, where to walk website, policies.

Looking forward to seeing you all on a walk in the near future.

EBWC Members on Mt Holden, Sunbury, 2015

Photo by Michael Howes



**Essendon Bushwalking Club Inc. A0005559B
Annual General Meeting
12th June 2019
AGENDA**

1. Declaration of opening
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes of the 2018 AGM
4. Business arising from the Minutes of the 2018 AGM
5. Correspondence pertaining to the AGM
6. President's Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members
(President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 5 other Committee members)
9. Proposal for Life Membership. (Nil)
10. Close of Annual General Meeting.

RED ALERT!

MEMBERSHIP FEE RENEWAL

A reminder that the annual Membership Fee of \$40 is due in May 2019.

Membership fees not paid two months after the June AGM render the member unfinancial.

Notes:

1. Members requiring a hard copy posted to their home address should add an extra \$5 to the subscription fee to cover the cost of postage). The \$5 fee will not be payable if OME/Program are collected personally at meetings or received by email.

2. Members who prefer hard copies of OME & the Program should renew before 31st July. Due to the printing timeline anyone renewing after that date cannot be guaranteed a hard copy of the August edition of OME, or, the September —December Program.

New Members

The Essendon Bushwalking Club would like to Welcome the following New Members

December 2018—Terri Hopkins

February 2019—Vicki Grgic

March 2019-Lucy Sheehy

How can I login to the 'Members Only' section of the Club's website?

As a member of the Essendon Bushwalking Club you receive regular emails on updates and information about the Club's activities. Did you know you can also log into the website to access lots of other information in the 'Member Only' section?

As a member you have a *login*. It typically consists of your first name and initial of your surname, i.e. *annad*

So when you login for the first time use your full first name and the first initial of your second name.

STEPS:

1. Go to the Essendon Bushwalking Club website at: essendonbwc.org.au
2. Go to heading called 'Log In'
3. Click into the box 'User Name' and type your full first name and initial of your second name, i.e. *annad*
Password - As a new user click on 'Forgot your password' (an email will be sent to your email address with a temporary password. Use this password to go in and then change it to one you will remember from now on).

If this doesn't work choose 'Forgot your username' (an email will be sent with you login id, then go through the steps again). Good luck!

Should you have any issues contact Anna Denham, Membership Secretary at: annadenham@yahoo.com

Walk Previews

Wednesday, 1st of May
Walk: Eastern Ramble (5).
Route: Heidelberg to Burwood
Col Purchase.
15 kms, Easy.

Meet at: Heidelberg Rail Station at 9:00am

By Train: Change trains at Melbourne Central from Platform 1 for any train on the Hurstbridge Line. Trains to Heidelberg run from Melbourne Central at about 7-minute intervals – latest train is at 8:32am for 9:01am arrival at Heidelberg.

By Bus: Buses 903 from Essendon and 513 from Glenroy also stop at Heidelberg.

Description: We start at Heidelberg station and walk a short distance through (mostly) backs streets to re-join the Main Yarra trail. We then walk along walking tracks and shared paths linking up with the Anniversary trail at Deepdene and onto Burwood Railway station. Terrain is undulating (no steep hills) along a combination of gravel and sealed paths. We walk through Heidelberg, Ivanhoe East, Kew East, Balwyn, Deepdene, Canterbury/Camberwell and Gen Iris. Walk boots are recommended for wet weather and poles are optional - and no snakes or leaches are expected this time. Toilets are at Heidelberg station, morning tea, and lunch stops.

Booking: Please include your intended meeting place on the Activity Sheet.

Email: colwilpurc@gmail.com (preferred).

Phone: 0407 879 751 (if texting please include your name).

Wednesday, 8th May
Bike Ride: Moonee Ponds to Noble Park
Darren McClelland
NQE
35kms, Easy

This ride is mostly on bike paths or dedicated bike lanes. We head into the city via Mount Alexander Road, Royal Park and Swanston St. Ride along the Yarra and Gardiner Creek to join up with the Djeering Trail, parallel to the "skyrail". Will stop for coffee and lunch along the way. Leaving my home at 9.00am.

Wednesday 22 May.
Yarraman to Dandenong via Tirhatuan Park.
Ron Pearce.
16 km. Easy.

After a leisurely train journey partly along the elevated train line to Yarraman Station, the walk heads north along the Eastlink Trail through Fotheringham Reserve, across the Princes Highway and on to Oakwood Park (toilet). After a short break, the walk continues north to Police Road, where we leave the Eastlink Trail and walk east to Tirhatuan Park for lunch (toilets).

After lunch, the walk continues south through the park, along the Dandenong Creek Trail, through Dandenong North and on to the finish at Dandenong Station for a nearby refreshing drink, followed by a relaxing train journey back to Flinders Street Station in time to beat the evening rush hour back to our home station.

The walk is along cycle/walking paths and mainly level. Therefore runners should be suitable.

Meet by 8.45 am. at Flinders St. Station Coffee Shop Concourse.

Wednesday 29th of May
Coliban Channel Walk
(part 3 of the Leanganook Track)
Peter Jones
20Km Easy-Medium

Meet at Hungry Jacks Water Gardens @ 7:45

Description: The walk follows the Coliban water channel from Harcourt Sutton – Grange road to Sandhurst Reservoir. The Coliban water system is an engineering marvel which is registered under the Victorian Heritage act. Commenced in the 1860's, it brought water 70 Kms to Bendigo. On this walk we will see many engineered features, ie. the 623m long Wirths Tunnel, the 453 m Brennans tunnel, Woman's gully waterfall, Cuneens Gully waterfall.

The walk will involve a car shuffle.

Contact Details Mob: 0413 392 821 or, Ph: 9336 4381

**Sunday 16 June.
Werribee/Wyndham Vale Circuit.
Ron Pearce.
15 km. Easy.**

Postponed from March due to high forecast temperatures, this walk starts at Werribee Station and proceeds northerly along the Werribee River to Presidents Park (toilets). After a wander around the park, the walk proceeds towards Wyndham Vale West and Lollypop Creek. After wandering along the green reserves of the area and a stop for lunch (toilets), we head back to Presidents Park (toilets) and then back in a southerly direction along the opposite bank of the Werribee River to that taken during the morning walk, to return to the station via a coffee shop for afternoon tea.

There should be adequate parking at Werribee Station, being a Sunday. Those wanting to car pool should meet in the car park at the rear of Aldi at Airport West Shopping Centre by 8.30 am. (Melway 15 K5). Anyone wishing to drive directly to Werribee will find nearby parking in Comben Drive (Melway 205 K7/8) adjacent to the start of the walk. Ignore the 3 or 4 hour parking notices. They only apply to weekdays. Anyone wishing to travel by train should meet at the southern entrance to Werribee Station in Comben Drive by 9.30am. Trains leave Flinders Street at 7.47 am. and 8.27 am. to arrive in time for a 9.30 am .start.

**Wednesday 24 July.
Leonards Hill Circuit.
Ron Pearce.
14 km. Easy Medium.**

This walk takes us around the Wombat State Forest just south of Daylesford and includes a section of the GDTA's Lerderderg Track. Starting in what most maps indicate as Leonards Hill Road, but now sign posted as Gambles Lane, the walk soon turns north onto Crossroad Track before turning east on Tobin Track. This takes us to the Lerderderg Track where we head south before leaving this part of the GDTA track to continue along Sucklings Lane until turning west onto Healy Track, This track continues in a north westerly direction back to Gambles Lane and the walk finish.

Meet at Hungry Jack's Car Park. Watergardens (Melway 3 F12) by 8.00 am. or at the corner of Ballan/Daylesford Road and Gambles Lane, Leonards Hill by 9.15 am. (Gambles Lane is marked as Leonards Hill Bul-larto South Road on most maps but is sign posted Gambles Lane and is opposite the Leonards Hill Community Hall)

**Wednesday 31 July.
Carrum to Mordialloc.
Ron Pearce.
13 Km. Easy.**

Starting at Carrum Station, the walk crosses the Patterson River before turning eastwards to follow the north bank of the river as far as Warnarkladdin Wetlands. The walk then heads north to the Chelsea Bicentennial Park for lunch (toilets). After lunch, the walk continues in a northerly direction through Chelsea Heights and the Edithvale – Seaford Wetlands Environmental Area to Yammerbook Reserve and on to the finish at Mordialloc Station.

The walk is along cycle/walking paths and therefore runners should be suitable.
Meet by 9.00am. at Flinders Street Station Coffee Shop Concourse.

Future Events

**13 Sept to 16 Sept - Cape Conran Coastal Park
Darren McClelland**

Camping in tents at this beautiful part of Victoria. Easy-medium walks with coastal scenery. Option of dinner at the Marlo pub on Saturday night.

**EBWC Members at
Cambarville**



Photograph by Kevin Egan

Howmans Gap Alpine Base Camp (Falls Creek)

(Friday 27 December 2019 to Wednesday 1 January 2020)

The Essendon Bushwalking Club has again been invited to join Diamond Valley and other bushwalking groups on their annual five-night/four-day base camp lodge experience near Falls Creek known as ‘Howmans Gap’. The base camp offers the opportunity to go on a variety of beautiful walks each day (choice of easy, easy-medium, medium-hard & hard) with panoramic views of mountains, valleys, lakes and wildflowers, historic snow gums and the iconic cattlemen’s huts.

Last year 20 members from Essendon joined the camp and had a truly wonderful time. So much so, many have put their name down to go again this year! The package includes five nights accommodation (your choice of a ‘couples room’ or the opportunity to share a room) plus all meals (hearty breakfasts, lunches and dinners) included in the price.

On New Year’s Eve there is always a themed dinner and fabulous party. This is always the highlight of the base camp and not to be missed!

If you would like further information or want to put your name down as an interested person contact Jenny James via email at: jennyjames385@gmail.com



Photographs from the 2018-2019 Howman’s Gap Alpine Base Camp

Photographs taken by Kevin Egan

From The Editor

Over the last few years costs associated with running the club have risen. In order of expense (most expensive to least expensive), the three main expenses are Insurance (through BWV), Meeting Room Hire, and the Printing and posting of Hard Copies of OME and the Program.

While the club is still travelling reasonably well financially, the bank balance has been gradually decreasing over the last few years, hence the increase in membership fees to \$40 this year. (Note: We need to have a reasonable bank balance for replacement/repair/maintenance of a number of items eg laptop, PLB, Data projector, Website maintenance/update, etcetera).

With no control over the first two items, we have looked at ways of reducing the costs associated with the production of the OME and the Program, therefore reducing the need for another membership fee increase.

Firstly, by reducing the number of pages, changing the layout, and only including photographs when space is available. However, continuing with the booklet format would mean that we would only be able to reduce the number of pages in multiples of four if we look at OME and the Program as separate booklets. If we combine them into one booklet we only need to reduce each by two pages. Since we have enough A3 sheets on hand to produce a combined booklet this is what we have done for this edition of the Hard Copy. We will be reviewing this before the next edition.

The other option is to produce OME and the Program as separate documents using double sided A4 sheets stapled at the top LH corner. This enables us to vary each issue in size by a single double sided sheet, and removes the cost associated with folding the A3 sheets to form a booklet.

Then, to assist with the postage we have added an additional upfront charge in addition to the Membership Fee for those who wish to have their copies posted to them.

Michael
OME Editor



Photographs by Muriel Pepper

Mount St Leonard Walk

YOUR COMMITTEE

For 2018- 2019

President: Marek Turski
Vice President: Kevin Egan
Secretary: Linda Good
Treasurer: Ian Yarde

Committee: Ron Bell, Vivienne Gane, Anna Denham, Michael Howes and Col Purchase.

MEMBERS' DISCOUNTS

Don't forget that members can obtain a discount at Bogong Equipment, 374 Little Bourke Street, City. They offer a 10% discount on all non-sale items.

LOAN EQUIPMENT

The contact for loan of equipment is Ron Bell, Ph. 9361 3236.
Equipment available for loan: Tent, backpack, stove.

CONTACTING THE CLUB

GENERAL ENQUIRIES

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CLUB WEB PAGE:

www.essendonbwc.org.au

CLUB MEETINGS

Are held on the second Wednesday of each month, at St John's Uniting Church Mt Alexander Rd Essendon (Mel 28 G4) in the hall at the back of the church.. Meetings start at 7.30pm

WALKS PROGRAMS

Are released three times each year, at the April, August and December Club meetings. One copy of the program is included within the hard copy version of the Club newsletter, Old Man Emu. Additional copies are available from the Secretary or Treasurer for 50c each.

CLUB FEES

Annual Membership (from June 1st) \$40.00
Plus \$5 if you require a hard copy posted to your mailing address.
Visitor's Fee (per event) \$5.00

Annual Membership fees apply from June 1st to May 31st.

Membership fees not paid two months after the June AGM render

the member nonfinancial. There are no pro-rata membership fees as the Club is required to pay an annual Federation/Insurance premium.

A nonfinancial member is required to pay the visitors fee for every event they attend .

As a nonfinancial member, the Club's Personal Accident and Public Liability Insurance on any Club activity does not cover you.

Nonfinancial members and visitors attending more than three events in a Club year are required to pay the full membership fee.

New members fee due within 28 days of their membership application being approved by the Committee.

Submitting Articles/Images for OME:

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