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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Season Greetings Members:

Welcome to the Christmas edition of OME.

Another year is nearly over and Christmas is fast approaching so I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of the Essendon Bushwalking Club a Safe, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. The Club is in a good financial state, has a membership of over 180 members which is down from last year 200+ members. I have been fortunate to have a committee of experience and dedication to Essendon Bushwalking Club with them volunteering their time, enthusiasm and guidance.

We are assisted by other people who are not on the committee. Bill Casey ensured the smooth transition of the Club's Website to Stephen Perich, who has since updated the website and continues to maintain it. Bill has led and organized another successful and challenging marathon. This was Bills final and 25th Marathon, which was, from Sailors Falls to Creswick, Thank you to the support team led by T. Murton. There were 10 visitors and 30 members. Bob Hamilton provides the monthly walks sheets. Ian and Sylvia Mclean update us about Conservation. Gail Greenwood, provides a fantastic supper at our general meetings, The following members Inge, Gina, Tamara, Brian Smith (Xmas Quiz), Helen have helped out with some duties when other committee members were absent. Chris Jarvis (BSAR Representative and Police Liaison Role), the Leaders for their time and dedication in providing a variety of walks, bike rides and social events. The members who have attended the events, walks, base camp, bike rides, helped over the past year to keep the club running smoothly and efficiently. Highlights. Base camps to Blue mountains, Little Desert, Long Paddock Drive, Major Mitchell walks, Mount Buffalo Pack walk, Federation Walk weekend, Annual Marathon, Christmas Break up at Mt Disappointment. Next year we can look forward to the continuation of Major Mitchell walks, Lorne, Beechworth, Federation weekend, Christmas break up, Loddon Valley Base camp. BWV news: About 250 bushwalkers from all over Victoria attended the Federation walk at Mornington Peninsula on the 20th October 2018 to enjoy one of the 16 walks on offer. In 2019 the Federation walk will be hosted by the Geelong Bushwalking Club on the 19th and 20th October. Bookings open on July 1st 2019.

With summer upon us, dry winter and spring, all indications from our weather experts is that summer will be the same and therefore it is likely some of our planned activities will need to be cancelled. It will be prudent to remind ourselves about the policies for walks on high temperature days and total fire ban days. These policies are detailed in your printed walk program, and are unchanged. For those planning trips in the bush during the fire season, this lasts from November to April. These are mainly concerned with keeping in touch with fire conditions, either before the trip or during it, especially in forested areas. It is good practice to make contact with managers of public forested areas before visiting them at any time of the year. For example, it is possible for fire-damaged areas to present higher risks for walkers, and it is better to be aware of these beforehand. Sometimes some areas may be closed. Perhaps this is also an appropriate time with another year approaching to remind all of us of the etiquette of walking. Leaders need to remember to keep the group together, with a whip if required. Letting slow walkers have time to catch up, particularly with hills where the fitter members may need to wait awhile for the rearguard to catch up. Walking on the Right hand side of roads where there is no footpath to walk on. When walking with poles, be mindful of people behind you. Members have responsibility, by ensuring they are fit enough to undertake the activity, wear sunscreen, wide brimmed hat,, carry at least 1-2 litres of water or more in the hotter months, that you can see the person behind you, support the walkers who may be struggling by giving encouragement. It is difficult for

leaders to maintain cohesion when one or more walkers in the group are struggling. If you have any medical, conditions please let the leader know beforehand. If you are unsure, talk to the leader. Walkers need to carry a Personal First Aid Kit.

Leaders appreciate help in managing a walk. Assist the Leader by volunteering to drive, cooperate, respect reasonable requests, and remember, words of appreciation can go a long way. I suggest that everyone install the Vic emergency app on their devices to ensure you receive up to date information about emergencies in areas where you may be travelling or visiting.

See you on a walk: The true charm of pedestrianism does not lie in the walking, or in the scenery, but in the talking. The walking is good to time the movement of the tongue by, and to keep the blood and the brain stirred up and active; the scenery and the woodsy smells are good to bear in upon a man an unconscious and unobtrusive charm and solace to eye and soul and sense; but the supreme pleasure comes from the talk.”- Mark Twain [Samuel Clemens] (1835–1910), American humorist, satirist, writer, lecturer; In A Tramp Abroad, Ch. 23 (1880)

New Members

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

September 2018— Maureen Hurley

November 2018—Joanna Aldenhoven

Walk Previews

Tuesday 8th January

Walk – Blue Lake Circuit (Greensborough)

Col Purchase

14kms, EM

Description: We'll cross swing bridge to Greensborough Park up track overlooking Whatmough and Partington Flats Parks then following river walk into parklands to a plank footbridge then along walking tracks to Plenty Gorge. On to Blue Lake and lunch at Yellow Gum Park. Return on roughly the same tracks – but with some short loops and meet up with bike path back to Whatmough Park. There are a couple of short sharp hills and toilets at the start, and at lunch spot.

This walk includes several short sharp hills (up and down); and rutted, rocky and gravelly tracks. There is a narrow plank bridge to across the Plenty River (twice), and a narrow path along Plenty Gorge is optional.

Boots and poles are recommended (if you use them). Toilets are only at the start/finish then at the lunch stop.

Meet: Whatmough Park Greensborough car park Mel Ref M20 J1. Turn left into Hailes Street from The Circuit, then under rail bridge and first car park on right.

Train option is as follows: Train to Greensborough, departing Flinders Street, Platform 1 at 8:25am, then departing Southern Cross, Platform 9 at 8:28am, then departing Flagstaff, Platform 1 at 8:30am, then departing Clifton Hill at 8:46am, then departing Westgarth at 8:48am - arriving at Greensborough at 9:13am. Whatmough Park is a 10 minute walk north-west from the station.

Contact: Col Purchase, 0407 879 751, (include your name if texting), or colwilpurc@gmail.com

Saturday 12th January

Bunyip State Park Black Snake Loop

Darren McClelland

14km EM

Departing Bowls Club at 8.00am or Spencers Store, 94 Main Street, Gembrook at 9.15am. A delightful walk through a less-visited part of Bunyip State Park. Some walking on dedicated walking tracks but mostly on 4WD tracks mostly clear of vehicles. Undulating and scenic. Yummy afternoon tea at Spencers Store afterwards.

Saturday 19th January

Walk - Warrandyte: Fourth Hill and Pound Bend

Dave & Judith Willetts

17 km Medium

This walk is a repeat of the walk held on Wednesday 17 January 2018. It is a loop walk and takes in three separate sections of the Warrandyte State Park. Initially we will visit a block of park behind Potters Receptions before looping through the Fourth Hill section of the park south of the Warrandyte village centre. This involves some climbing and the opportunity to view some evidence of Warrandyte's gold-mining past. Lastly we will follow the Yarra downstream and take a loop around Pound Bend. This affords some pleasant walking near the river and a visit to one end of the Pound Bend tunnel. Afternoon tea will be at the Warrandyte Cafe. This walk is partly on bush tracks so boots should be worn and a pole(s) may be of value if you use them.

The meeting point will be near the Yarra River bridge in Warrandyte (Melway 23 F11) for an 8:45 AM start. We will meet just east of the bridge on the south (Warrandyte) side of the river. For those preferring to travel by public transport, an option is to catch the 906 bus from the city and stay on until the terminus of the route. It ends at Warrandyte Bridge/Yarra Street. The bus makes a U-turn at the bridge roundabout then stops.

**Wednesday 23rd January
Walk: Sherbrooke
Dave & Judith Willetts
15 km Medium**

This walk is a repeat of the walk held on Saturday 8 April 2017. We will meet at Belgrave railway station (the Metro station rather than the Puffing Billy station) to start walking at 9:00 AM. From there we will complete a circuit walk of around 15 km. Being the Dandenongs there is a significant amount of up and down. Boots are appropriate, plus walking pole or poles if you favour their use.

We will walk up to Sherbrooke Falls then continue on to Ferny Creek Reserve on top of the ridge. From there we'll pass Burnham Beeches and a viewpoint to the east before winding down through the Alfred Nicholas Memorial Gardens to Sassafras Creek. It's then a stroll along a section of the creek before heading back up to the ridge top and completing the loop walk via O'Donohue's Picnic Ground and Grant's Picnic Ground at Kallista - with the option of a detour along the Lyrebird walk. Watch out for teapots, emus and maybe even a lyrebird! There will be the opportunity for afternoon tea in Belgrave afterwards.

**Sunday 27th January
Ada Tree Circuit.
Louise Williams
16km M**

Walk starts at the Ada Tree Car Park off Big Creek Road. The area is a lush mountain ash forest with plenty of rain forest plants. First stop will be at the Ada Tree, reported to be one of the largest living trees in Victoria and over 300 years old. After crossing the Little Ada River on stepping stones we head towards Ada No 2 Mill which still contains remnants from the sawmill and timber tramways, destroyed in the 1939 fires and where we will stop for lunch. We continue to follow the Walk into History trail until reaching Doweys Spur Road, which we follow for several kilometres until reaching the Ada River Road, which has become overgrown and no longer accessible cars and follows the Ada River until reaching the Ada Tree car park, some clambering over and under fallen trees will be required. The walk is either on formed tracks or 2WD roads.

**Tuesday 29th January to Friday 1st February
Marysville Base Camp
Ron Bell
12-14 km walk each day, EM**

While on this base camp we will be walking in rainforest, seeing some tall trees and enjoying the waterfalls that are a feature of this area. Each day we will be walking about 12-14km, enjoying the great scenery.
Accommodation: We will be staying in cabins, so a \$50 deposit is required when you book.

**Wednesday 30 January.
Yarraman to Dandenong via Tirhatuan Park,
Ron Pearce.
16.5 km. Easy.**

After a leisurely train journey to Yarraman Station, the walk heads north along the Eastlink Trail through Fotheringham Reserve, across the Princes Highway and into Oakwood Park. 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.

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, ready for a relaxing train ride home.

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

Meet by 8.45 am. at Flinders St. Station Coffee Shops.

**Wednesday 6th February
Walk: Train to Ballarat for a local Walk
Ron Bell
12-14 km E**

We will be walking from the station to the gardens, and then around Lake Wendouree and back to the station. On the way we will be seeing some magnificent old homes, the old pioneer cemetery, and
The train leaves Southern Cross at 8:00 AM, Footscray at 8:10 AM, Sunshine at 8:15 AM

**Easy walks with Nicole Lowe
Starting at 9 am****on Saturdays 9 Feb, 23 Feb, 23 March, 13 April and 27 April**

Long medium walks are becoming more difficult in my “older / early retirement” years so I have taken up the challenge to lead easy walks. These 5 are day walks along parts of the Merri Creek trail which I know well. I plan a “not early” start and early afternoon finish. We may consider Brunch as the midpoint. I have other walks in mind for later programs if response deserves.

**Saturday 9th February
Coburg Lake to Edwardes Lake
11 km Easy**

Meet 9:00 AM at Lake Grove Coburg Melway 17 H 10 Bring brunch and be back early in the afternoon.
Contact 93545045 OR nicolelowe20@hotmail.com

**Saturday 23rd February
Dights Falls to CERES
13 km Easy**

Meet at 9:00 AM at Moonee Ponds opp. Queens Park Melway 28 J 6 NOTE: parking is limited near the Falls. Easy walk on pavement to Ceres in Brunswick, eat lunch or buy there, be back early afternoon.
Contact 93545045 OR nicolelowe20@hotmail.com

**Sunday 24th February
Bells Beach
Louise Williams
15 km EM**

A summer beach walk, starting at Bells Beach. Depending on the tides we will either commence with the beach walk to Point Addis or take cliff path which will take us through iron bark forest and return via the beach. This is an easy walk, with the only true ascent climbing up from the beach onto the cliff tops. The walk is on sand and sandy tracks and weather permitting a quick dip in the ocean to cool off can be programmed into the walk.

**Saturday 2 March.
Werribee to Wyndham Vale Circuit.
Ron Pearce.
15 km. Easy.**

A repeat of the midweek walk last December. The walk starts at Werribee Station and proceeds in a northerly direction along the Werribee River to Presidents Park. After circumnavigating the Park the walk proceeds towards Wyndham Vale West and Lollypop Creek. After wandering around the green reserves of the area, we head back to Presidents Park 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.

There should be adequate parking at Werribee Station, being a Saturday; therefore we will meet in the car park at the rear of Aldi Airport West Shopping Centre by 8.30 am. (Melway 15 K5). Anyone wishing to travel by train to Werribee should meet at the southern entrance to Werribee Station in Comben Drive by 9.30 am. (Melway 205 K7/8). Trains leave Flinders St. Station at 8.07 am. and 8.27 am. to arrive in time for a 9.30 am. start.

**Sunday 17th March
Mt St Leonards and the Condon Track
Louise Williams
21 km M+**

A walk for people who like hills!! This walk starts at Donnelly Picnic Ground just outside of Healesville, the first part of the walk follows a spur that leads to Mt St Leonards and involves a climb of nearly 800 metres in 8km. When we get to the top of Mt St Leonards there is a viewing platform and this is where we will stop for lunch and catch our breath. The next part of the walk involves following the Monda Road for several kilometres before heading down the very overgrown Condon’s track until arriving at some management roads and then eventually following an aqueduct back to the cars. This is a challenging and rewarding walk through lush mountain ash forests with rewarding views.

From The Editor

While 6 months are yet to pass before members are to vote for a new committee, I would ask you to consider whether you could put your name forward as a candidate. While the current members of the committee are doing an excellent job, fresh blood can bring new ideas and solutions to current issues.

Being a Committee member is not an onerous task, with committee meetings being held every one, or two months apart. Apart from tasks specific to the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Officer, other tasks are shared amongst the Committee. Some current committee members are also performing Non-Committee Roles such as Walks Co-ordinator, and Old Man Emu Editor, although this is not always the case. Michael (OME Ed.)

**Wednesday 20 March.
Eastlink Trail – Yarraman to Carrum.
Ron Pearce.
14 km. Easy.**

This walk starts at Yarraman Station and heads along the Eastlink Trail to Carrum Station. Leaving Yarraman the walk passes through Greaves Reserve and continues along Mile Creek before meeting up with Dandenong Creek and the Dandenong Bypass Trail. We pass Greens Road before leaving the Eastlink Freeway for the last time and walk towards the junction of Dandenong Creek, Mordialloc Creek and the Patterson River. From there, the walk follows the south east bank of the Patterson River, crossing Eumemmering Creek and on to the National Water Sports Area.

Continuing along the river, we pass Patterson Lakes Marina and the “lakeside suburb” of Patterson Lakes itself., before arriving at the beachside suburb of Carrum. It is then only a short stroll to Carrum Station for the train journey home, after enjoying afternoon tea in a local coffee shop. The walking is along cycle/walking tracks and is quite flat (trust me!), so runners should be satisfactory. Some parts of the walk are in the open and so it can get a bit windy. Sun cream and wet weather gear should be carried on the walk.

Meet at Flinders St. Station Coffee Shops by 9.00 am.

**Saturday 23rd March
Coburg Lake to Merri Park wetlands
Nicole Lowe
12 km Easy**

Meet before 9:00 AM at Lake Grove Coburg Melway 17 H 10

NOTE: Walk on pavement to the Wetland with 3 settling ponds, eat brunch and return for an early finish.
Contact 93545045 OR nicolelowe20@hotmail.com

**Sunday 7th April
The Bears Head
Louise Williams
17 km M+**

Another challenging walk! This time through one of the more remote sections of the Lerderderg Gorge. We start off at Loh’s Lane and make our way steeply down Ah Kow track before hitting the Lerderderg. After a short break at the Ah Kow ruins we make our way along the river, which we follow for a couple of kilometres before heading up the steep Bears Head Track, lunch will be after the steep ascent to avoid the unwritten rule of climbing a hill straight after lunch. We then make our way to the Blackwood Ranges Track before meeting our cars at Lohs Lane.

**Tuesday 9 April.
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 the Warnarkladdin Wetlands. The walk then heads north to the Chelsea Bicentennial Park for lunch. After the lunch break, 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 flat cycle/walking tracks and therefore runners should be satisfactory.

Meet at Flinders St. Station Coffee Shops by 9.00 am.

**Mt Bogong Pack Walk
Weekend April 13-14
Medium-Hard, 25km
Chris Jarvis**

Not suited to novice pack walkers

At 1986 metres, the summit of Mount Bogong is the highest point in Victoria. When the weather gods are in a generous mood the views from the summit are stunning. However, good views come at a price – there is no easy way to the top, it is just that some routes are easier than others.

My plan is to take, in terms of time, one of the shortest routes, climbing the aptly-named Staircase Spur, reaching the summit by mid Saturday afternoon after a solid 1800 metre climb from Mountain Creek. After taking in the views it is another 4km of gentle descent to the stunning campsite at Cleve Cole Memorial Hut.

On Sunday we retrace our steps for a while before descending off the mountain via Eskdale Spur and back to the cars at Mountain Creek by early afternoon.

Previous pack walking experience to the leader’s satisfaction is required. This is an exposed alpine area, and conditions can change from mild and sunny to freezing and low visibility in minutes, so walkers need to have appropriate clothing and equipment. This is a fuel-stove only area, no camp fires are permitted.

Contact: Chris Jarvis on 0438 065 501, or, cjarvis@iinet.net.au

**Saturday 13th April
Northland to Mt Cooper
Nicole Lowe
16 km E**

Meet before 9.30 AM at Moonee Ponds (Melway 19 C 11). Easy walk on pavement, bring lunch or buy at the Kiosk, return for an early finish.

Contact Nicole on 9354 5045 OR nicolelowe20@hotmail.com

**Wednesday 17th April.
You Yangs – Western and Kurrajong Plantations,
Ron Pearce.
15 km. Easy.**

Starting at the You Yangs Rangers Office, the walk heads off to the Western Plantation to wander around those horse trails not used on previous walks in this area. The walk then returns to the Kurrajong Plantation to wander around a circuit of tracks in this area before returning to the Rangers Office Car Park.

The walk avoids the steep hills in the You Yangs Park and will be along horse trails and walking tracks. Runners should therefore be satisfactory if there has been no rain.

Meet at Hungry Jack's Car Park. Watergardens (Melway 3F 12) by 8.15 am. or at the car park at the You Yangs Rangers Office by 9.15am.

**Saturday 27th April
CERES Brunswick to Dights Falls
Nicole Lowe
13 km Easy**

Meet at Ceres nursery, Stewart Street Brunswick Melway 30 B 7 NOTE start at 9 am, (optionally earlier if you want to buy at the organic market.)

Walk on pavement to Dights Falls, eat brunch and return for an early afternoon finish.

Contact Nicole on 93545045 OR at nicolelowe20@hotmail.com

**Friday 26th(PM) to Sunday 28th April
Mt Buffalo NP Big Walk
Darren McClelland
22km M**

A pack walk that is suitable for very fit beginners. Up the Big Walk to Lake Catani camping ground for our overnight stay, down the same route the next day. Likely stay at a Porepunkah campground on Friday night. Early notice needed to secure campsites.

**Tuesday 30th April to Friday 3rd May
Warburton Base Camp
Ron Bell
24 km EM (~12km/day)**

On this base camp we will be doing walks in rainforest, seeing waterfalls, and, will be visiting the famous ADA Tree.

Accommodation: We will be staying in a 3 star motel for about \$110/night (2 single beds per room). There is a communal kitchen and lounge. Last year everyone had a great time



Images from the 25th EBWC Marathon
27th October, 2018



Images by Michael Howes

25th Essendon Bushwalking Club Marathon Walk

The 25th and possibly last staging of this event was from Sailors Falls to Creswick on Saturday 27th October.

We gathered at the Creswick Tourist Information Centre between 6-30am and 7-15am, that is except for Ron P who got there at 6am (talk about 'early-bird'!) Thirty-nine walkers and two support crew boarded the bus at Creswick to take us to the start at where we arrived at 8am. After a few formalities we got under way at 8-15.

After viewing the falls we proceeded to climb out of the Sailors Creek valley and eventually out of Hepburn Regional Park. We entered the Wombat State Forest which was to be our 'home' for the next 18km. At check point 1 a beautifully iced cake was produced with much ceremony, and after being cut by the leader was shared by all.

Barry Golding, the 'father' of the Great Dividing Trail (along which we were walking), gave a short summary of the trail development at its 1992 launch point.

Our journey continued on past Wombat Station, Mollonghip and Dean till we entered Creswick Regional Park, passed St Georges Lake and finally arrived back at Creswick.

Certificates were presented to all who completed the walk (37 of the 39 who started), and half-marathon certificates to those who walked three or more stages, most of whom were support crew members.

Most of the walkers and support crew together with other guests including Gina and Tamara, both well-known to marathon walkers, then adjourned to the American Hotel in Creswick for the traditional post-marathon dinner.

At the dinner, awards for 20 marathons were presented to Chris Jarvis and Stephen Bocquet, for 15 marathons to Sue Baxter and Ian Yarde, for 10 to Penny Harding and Gillian Ryder, and 5 to Mark Prentice. Laurie Charleson was unable to attend the dinner and was given his 15 marathon award at the conclusion of the walk. A certificate of appreciation was given to Tamara Hycenko for her support role in marathons from 2003 to 2014.

The Ray Scilley Award for outstanding service in the support crew over many years was presented to Tess Murton. In previous years it has been won by such iconic marathon identities as Ron Bell, Lucy and Italo Padovani, Jenny James, Gina Casalbuono, Paulene and Des Sunderland, and Michael Howes. Tess has joined illustrious company.

Over the 25 years of the marathon, over 300 walkers have taken part on at least one occasion, with 785 complete marathons walked. Seven members completed 20 or more.

The support crew this year were Tess Murton, Des and Paulene Sunderland, Jenny James, Michael Howes, Helen Coleman, Inge Lingham, Rodney Williams, Michelle Turski and Col Purchase. Their efforts were very appreciated by the walkers. Walk marshals were Therese Ryan, Chris Jarvis, Stephen Bocquet, and Sylvia and Ian McLean who kept the walk proceeding smoothly. My thanks to them all.

Bill Casey
Walk Leader

"The Twenty Fifth Marathon..."

**Come gather round the campfire,
There's a story to be told.
It's about a walk, a marathon
that's 25 years old.**

**The time, it's almost summer now,
The walkers gather round.
They've come to do the marathon
and cover lots of ground.**

**They have travelled from a distance,
they have travelled from afar,
they are walkers with a mission,
to walk on dirt and tar.**

**Now, we gathered at the finish first,
And we climbed aboard the bus.
it takes us to the starting point
With very little fuss.**

**Support crew head for coffee
They carry food and drink.
We assume they all go shopping
But they do more than we think.**

**Bill, he gives the OK
We start out along the track.
Onward to the finish.
There is no time for turning back.**

**Stage 1, and 2, and 3 and 4
The k's go ticking past.
Everyone is feeling good.
We're moving pretty fast.**

**Powering through the stages,
It's almost like a race.
Our feet are getting weary
And we start to slow our pace**

**Stops for drinks and sweets and stuff
We finally near the end
Just across another hill,
Just round another bend.**

**And there it is, the finish
The marathons complete.
We slip into our comfy shoes
And rest our weary feet**

**We all retire for dinner
We eat and drink our fill
It's now time for the speeches
And all eyes turn to Bill**

**You hold your breath for the an-
nouncement
Inching forward in your seat.
Will there be another marathon?
Will the marathon repeat?**

**Ian McLean,
October 2018**

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DECEMBER 2018

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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Telephone: Ron Bell Ph. 9361 3236
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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
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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Dodsons Water Race Walk—Leader Louise Williams

Images by Muriel Pepper



Blackwood Walk-Leader Ron Bell

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