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SPRING 2011

DANDENONG VALLEY BUSHWALKING CLUB INC.
ACTIVITIES FROM OCTOBER 2011 to APRIL 2012



Little Desert National Park, Apr 2011

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?????ANY QUESTIONS?????

In order to assist those who have not been walking with the Club before, short answers to four of the most frequently asked questions are given. Obviously more can be said on each of them, so if still in doubt contact the leader for more specific advice.

HOW DO I GO ON A WALK?

If you see a walk on the program that you want to go on, let the leader know of your interest either by phone or at a previous Club meeting. It is at the leader's discretion to decide who will participate in the walk. Participants aged under 16 must have prior agreement between their parent and walk leader. For overnight walks the leader should be contacted at least 5 nights beforehand for advice and to enable transport arrangements to be finalised.

HOW HARD IS THE WALK?

From past experience, most people can cope with Club walks without too much trouble. However a quick query to the walk leader will soon put your mind to rest concerning the walk's standard, how long it will be and how high the hills will be. Also, refer to the grading given with the walk.

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

For most walking, shorts are the go, but if it's really cold a pair of loose warm pants are recommended. It is also a good idea to wear a thermal singlet or T-shirt. If you are wearing boots, two pairs of socks will help prevent blisters, the outer pair being thick woollens and the inner pair being thin woollens or cotton. Most people find that on day walks they can quite happily wear sneakers, in which case one pair of socks is sufficient. If it is going to be hot, wear a hat and a loose cotton shirt.

WHAT SHOULD I CARRY?

On a day walk your basic gear should include a small day pack in which to put a warm shirt or jumper (either woollen or pile), a good raincoat (it should be long enough to sit on in case of a damp lunchtime), your lunch, snacks, water bottle, sun-screen, toilet paper and maybe a camera. Personal first aid kit. If it is really cold, a beanie, gloves and a stainless steel flask with soup or tea could be added.

The list is much more extensive for overnight walks and if in any doubt the leader should be contacted well beforehand for suggestions and any special gear requirements

SPRING ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

October 2011 to April 2012

The first six months of this programme are confirmed. Beyond this time, suggestions for base camps, overnight walks and extended walks are noted; your suggestions for walks are invited and appreciated. If leaders are unable to fulfil their role they must advise **Anna Lee or Willie Berrer** as soon as possible.

All participants in an activity please note the following:

- It would be appreciated if you could contact the Leader prior to attending any club activity. Do not assume that the walk details will not be changed or that the walk will go ahead.
- All walkers are responsible for ensuring an adequate level of fitness. Any health problems or disabilities likely to affect your participation must be notified to the Leader prior to a Club activity.
- Petrol costs suggested in the programme for a Day Walk may be adjusted by the Leader, depending on the number of passengers per vehicle.
- It is requested that all mobile phones be either switched off, or switched to “silent mode” for the duration of the walk. Please be discreet if you need to answer the phone.
- ☐ Should an accident occur resulting in an injury requiring medical attention on a Club activity, it is imperative that the Secretary, President or Vice President be informed immediately by the leader if such an incident occurs.

Note: Length of walks are approximate and may be varied at Leader’s discretion

Sun 2 Oct Day Walk	Wild Dog Creek, Kinglake National Park, 12 km M. A circuit walk starting and finishing on Wild Dog Creek, ¾ of which will be off track with a couple of short steep sections (all downhill except for the uphill bits) as well as easy spur line walking, as we head to Mt Everard and Mt Beggary. Meet at pre-school at 8:00 am		Peter McGregor
Sun 9 Oct Day Walk	Australian Lighthouse Memorial Park, Seymour Bushland Park & Yea Wetlands – 12 km E/M. The first park is a memorial in honour of the WW1 Lighthouse Brigade & the walk will encompass relics of the era, a climb up a hill with views of the surrounding area and a walk through the abundant spring flora of the adjacent bushland park. Then a drive into Yea to walk the Franklin track around the Yea Wetlands & river, country of the Taungurung people. Note early start Meet at pre-school at 7:30 am.		Peter Walker
Thursday 13 October Club Night - 8pm			
Sat/Sun 15 & 16 Oct O/Night Walk	Grampians National Park, M. It is intended to do an overnight walk in either the Mitchell Plateau or Mt Difficult areas, depending whether tracks are open after flood damage. <i>Note: If it is not possible to do an overnight walk in the Grampians NP due to tracks still being closed, this weekend may be changed to the Rubicon Valley Historic area near Thornton NE of Melbourne. Contact Leader</i>		Derek Grantham
Sun 23 Oct Day Walks	Bushwalking Victoria Federation Day Walk Mornington Peninsula (Rosebud) Various Day Walks hosted by the Peninsula Bushwalking Club & the Catholic Walking Club of Vic. Contact Leader		Ken Lee
Melbourne Cup Weekend, 27 Oct.- 1 Nov. Overnight Walking	North Bogong High Plains - 35 km E/M. Come along and enjoy walking through the spectacular scenery of the Northern Bogong High Plains. Start the walk at the base of Heathy Spur, we will visit a couple of the high country huts and enjoy beautiful views over the surrounding mountain ranges. The plan is to be leaving on Thursday the 27/10 at 9:30 am, so if you are able to schedule a day off work that would be good- this one is not to be missed. More information, please contact Leader.		Phil Charters

Melbourne Cup Weekend, 29 Oct. – 1 Nov. Cycling Base Camp.	Fish Creek and surrounds Base Camp. We will explore the Great Southern Rail Trail and the surrounding area. Overnight will be in cabins or similar TBC. Contact Leader		Peter Keefer
Thursday 10 November Club Night - 8pm			
Sun 13 Nov Day Walk	Point Smythe Reserve & Beach Walk, Venus Bay 12km E/M. A stroll through the coastal tea-tree and Banksia forests bordering Anderson's Inlet followed by an ocean beach walk. Note Early Start Meet at pre-school at 7:30 am .		Ken Lee
Sun 20 Nov Day Walk	Boar Gully, Brisbane Ranges - 13.8 km circuit M. This walk in the Brisbane Ranges may be a bit late in the year to catch a spectacular wildflower display, but we should get to see some great stands of grass trees. Walking on roads closed to vehicles and little used bush tracks. Meet at pre-school at 8 am.		Carmel Vermeltfoort
Sun 27 Nov Bike Ride	Greenvale circuit, 35 km M. Start and finish at Jacana station. Mainly off road; some sections through Woodlands Historic Park and along Moonee Ponds Creek are rough so suitable for MTBs. 2km on busy Somerton Road. Contact Leader		Ian Danne
Sun 4 Dec Boat Trip Day Walk	Mud Island boat trip, ½ day walk - 5 km E. This will be a trip to Mud Island, the South Channel Fort and the Popes Eye. There will be a limit of 12 people. It will be a bird watching trip although there will be some 5kms of walk around Mud Island. There will be a cost of around \$60 for the boat operator. Contact Leader		Shirley Wallace
Thursday 8 December 2011 Club Night - 8pm (Please Bring a plate)			
Sat 10 Dec Social	Xmas BBQ & Kris Kringle, value \$ 10.00. Wilson Botanical Gardens; Berwick, Melways 111, B6. Picnic and BBQ area near first lake to the left.. BYO chairs, plates, cutlery, meat, drinks, salad/dessert to share. Commences at 3.30pm, park closes at 8pm.		Derek Grantham
26 Dec – 2 Jan Overnight Extended Walk	The Jagungal Wilderness area, will see us visiting several mountain huts including Wheelers hut and Valentines hut. A visit to Valentine falls will be a highlight of this trip as well as a walk over Mt. Jagungal. Most of the walk will be on vehicle management tracks with some off track walking so this walk is graded as medium/hard. Prominent peaks, rolling plains, rocky ridges and beautiful valleys makes this a "Not to be missed walk" for all of us who don't mind carrying twenty kilo's on our backs to see the best that nature has to offer. Contact leaders.		Phil Charters Julie Kidd
Sun 8 Jan Day Walk	Flinders Blowhole, Tea Tree Creek–Cape Schanck – 13 km M. Starting next to the RAN Gunnery Range we will see excellent views over Bass Strait and along the Peninsula coastline. Along the way you will visit the Blowhole and Tea Tree Creek (an old lime kiln site). Visit Bushrangers Bay from a different entry point, then to Cape Schanck. Meeting at pre-school at 8am.		Willie Berrer
Sun 15 Jan. Bike Ride	Casey Ride – 45 km E. The ride (hopefully) will be called 'Casey ride' and goes from Merinda Park station to Beaconsfield station. Mostly on tracks. Some unsealed, the rest on roads, some in the last section of the ride quite busy. Possibilities for shortening if necessary.		Shirley Wallace
Sun 22 Jan. Day Walk	Belgrave - Sassafras – 13 kms E/M. Circuit walk taking in the beautiful Dandenong Ranges and including Ambrose Pratt Memorial Park. Sherbrooke Falls on the way back. Meet at Preschool at 8am or at Grant's Picnic Ground (3 rd carpark) at 8.30am.		Priscilla Reilly

Thurs 26 Jan. – Sun 29 Jan., Overnight Walking, Basecamp	Mt Hotham/Mt Feathertop Extended Walk Please note that Friday 27th is not a public holiday. This reasonably hard three-day walk follows the route of many early bushwalkers and begins with a stroll to the head of the Razorback traversing to Mt Feathertop. Walking the Diamantina Spur we continue to Blair's Hut, Dibbins Hut and finish back at Mt Hotham. Contact Leader.		Tiz Murray
Sun 5 Feb. Day Walk	Emerald to Cockatoo – 12 km E. Start walk behind Puffing Billy station Emerald, walk through Emerald Lake Park then follow train track for a short distance then continue on through Wright Forrest to Cockatoo Reserve and return. Meet at pre-school 8 am.		Lorraine Devine
Thurs 9 February - Club Night – 8pm			
Sun 12 Feb. Kayaking	Kayaking @ Sandringham / Black Rock followed by lunch at a local venue. Contact Leader.		Derek Grantham
Sat 18 Feb. Day Walk	City walk and Music at the Bowl. A walk through city parks. Following the walk we regroup for a picnic meal in the Myer Music Bowl before relaxing to a concert by the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. Meet at Floral Clock on corner of St. Kilda Rd and Lithgow Avenue, Melbourne at midday.		Ron Nethercott
Sun 26 Feb. Bike Ride	Lilydale – Warburton Trail - 38km ONE WAY, E. <i>Through the beautiful Yarra Ranges with cafes / picnic areas along the way. Opportunity to sample / purchase wine if you so desire. Remember you have to ride your bike !!!</i>		Maria Annal
Sun 4 Mar. Day Walk	Four Brothers Rocks, 10 – 12 km M. Starting from Mortimer Picnic Ground between Gembrook and Tonimbuk we follow a series of tracks before going up Nicholls Hut Track to the Four Brothers Rocks with sweeping views across the park. Meet at pre-school at 8am.		John Freeman
Thurs 8 March - Club Night – 8pm			
Sun 11 Mar. Day Walk Labour Day Weekend	Ingliston and Ironbark Gorges – 10 km E. These two gorges to the southwest of Werribee Gorge are not very well known and are in pleasant bushland close to Melbourne. The view from the Western Bluff is reputed to be very good. The country is similar to that of Werribee Gorge but less dramatic. Meet at pre-school at 8 am. Goldfields Track, Daylesford. Hepburn Springs to Lake Daylesford onto Lake Jubilee via Sailors' Falls towards Lerderberg River. Camping at Lake Daylesford 1 – 2 nights, 1 night at Lake Jubilee Holiday Park. Car shuffle each day. Area known for its rich Goldfields Heritage. Limited to 8 people.		Ken & Anna Lee Anne Sedgley
Sat 10 Mar. – Mon 12 Mar. Overnight Walk Basecamp			
Sun 18 Mar. Day Walk	Lysterfield Lake, 15 – 18 km E/M. Includes crossing the Dam Wall and onto Churchill Park and return. Some spectacular views and up and downhill walking. Meet at preschool 8 am or at Lysterfield Lake Car Park (Horswood Road, off Hallam – Belgrave Road) at 8.30 am.		Bruce Johns
Sun 25 March Bike Ride	Jells Park to Ringwood Lake – Approx. 60 km <i>On bike trails</i>		Rick Annal
	<i>Daylight Saving Finishes Sunday 1 April 2012 at 2am</i>		
	<i>The following activities will be confirmed in the next programme</i>		
Sun 1 April Day Walk	Mt. Ida Walk at Heathcote – 8.5 km – E. Walk up to rocky outcrop on Mt. Ida overlooking Heathcote. Mt. Ida was known as a flora reserve and is now part of the Heathcote-Greytown National Park. Meet at the pre-school at 7:30. <i>Note : Early start.</i>		Kerry Gooding

Easter Weekend, 5 – 9 April, Basecamp	Harrietville Area. Lodge accommodation booked with Blackwood Lodge in Harrietville for 14-20 people. If need be up to 4 small tents would be allowed, at small cost. Lots of opportunity for bushwalking, bike riding and socializing. Great time of the year and only 24 km from Bright (gorgeous in Autumn). Contact Leaders.		Ken & Anna Lee
Overnight walk	Mitchell River Walking Track – M. Walking Distance : Saturday - 6 kms / Sunday - 12 kms. The track offers impressive river scenery, serene rainforest gullies and rugged landscapes as it broadly follows the Mitchell River as it winds its way down the Mitchell River Gorge. Contact leader.		Peter McGregor
Thurs. 12 April - Club night – 8 pm			
Sun 15 April Day Walk	Marysville Tour – 18 km M. We will explore Marysville following the Black Saturday bushfires. We will visit Sheehan Lookout, Three Towers lookout, Stevenson Falls and Wishing Well. Please contact the leader for more information. Meet at the Pre School at 7.30am. Note : Early start.		Di Keefer
Sun 29 April Day Walk	O'Shannassy Aquaduct Trail, East Warburton – 15 km E/M. This walk is the third instalment walking alongside the historic open channelled aqueduct that previously conveyed Melbourne's water supply from the O'Shannassy Reservoir. Walking the final eastern section from Cement Creek Road to the O'Shannassy Weir then south west to the Yarra River and Wood's Point Road, we will pass through magnificent tall Mountain Ash and ferny forest of the Yarra Ranges. Meet at Pre-school at 8am.		Heather Walker
May 5-6 Overnight beginners walk	TBA		Bill Vincent
10 May - Club Night – 8 pm			
Sat 12 May Social Night	Social and Film. TBA		Derek Grantham
Sun 20 May Day Walk	TBA		Derek Grantham
Sun 27 May Bike Ride	Bellarine Rail Trail – 65 km E. Catch the ferry from Sorrento and then cycle the Bellarine Rail Trail. We will leave Queenscliffe and cycle to South Geelong and return. We will explore the restored Drysdale Station and enjoy the sites.		Ken and Anna Lee
Sun 3 June Day Walk	Sassafras Creek TBA		Maria Annal
Queen's Birthday Weekend 9-11 June Base Camp	Accommodated Basecamp. Two possibilities ; e.g.Rutherglen District/Winter Festival & Wine tasting, etc. or Yarragon Winterfest. TBA		Ken and Anna Lee
Thurs 14 June - Club Night – 8 pm			
Sun 17 June Day Walk	Kurth Kiln – 10 –12 km E/M. About 10 kms on bush tracks starting from the Kurth Kiln Picnic Ground and Camping area. At the end of the walk hope to meet some Friends of Kurth Kiln and visit the old kiln and historic buildings. Meet at pre-school at 8am		John Freeman

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The D.V.B.C. is an outdoor activity club catering for persons of all ages. It actively promotes bushwalking as a recreational activity. The Club encourages members to be aware of the safe and correct procedures to be followed whilst bushwalking. Other outdoor activities include canoeing, cycling and yachting. Club nights are held every month (except January) and social functions are held throughout the year.

VISITORS

- Visitors are most welcome to participate in all Club activities. Experienced walkers are available for advice on all walks. Club membership can be applied for before completing 3 walks with the Club, but must be applied for after the 3rd walk. Visitors are required to contribute \$4.00 per walk (\$8.00 per family).
- Visitors are requested to contact the leader prior to the walk to ascertain whether changes have been made to the published program.
- Information regarding Club meetings and transport arrangements is provided at the end of the program. The back page has some answers to commonly asked questions about bushwalking.
- Since Club activities often take place in remote areas where medical services may not be close at hand, **it is strongly recommended that all participants should be members of a recognised Ambulance Fund.**

GRADING OF WALKS

The walks listed in this program range in grading from 'easy', through 'medium' to 'hard'. It should be noted that the conditions encountered on the track might vary considerably from season to season. If you have any doubts as to your ability to handle a particular walk, or would like advice on appropriate clothing and equipment, **please contact the walk leader listed or any member of the Club Committee.**

The walks listing includes an approximate grading of individual walks. A guide to the gradings is given below, with the added note that gradings are sometimes combined, eg. easy/medium.

GRADE

EASY (E)

On formed tracks with level or undulating terrain. Relaxed pace.

MEDIUM (M)

May include some off-track or forest walking with longer ascents and/or descents.

HARD (H)

May include rough terrain, thick scrub, rock scrambling. Steep sustained ascents and/or descents are likely.

FEES

Single membership: \$28.00 per annum. Family membership: \$50.00 per annum. Concession membership: \$20.00 per annum. Visitors: \$4.00

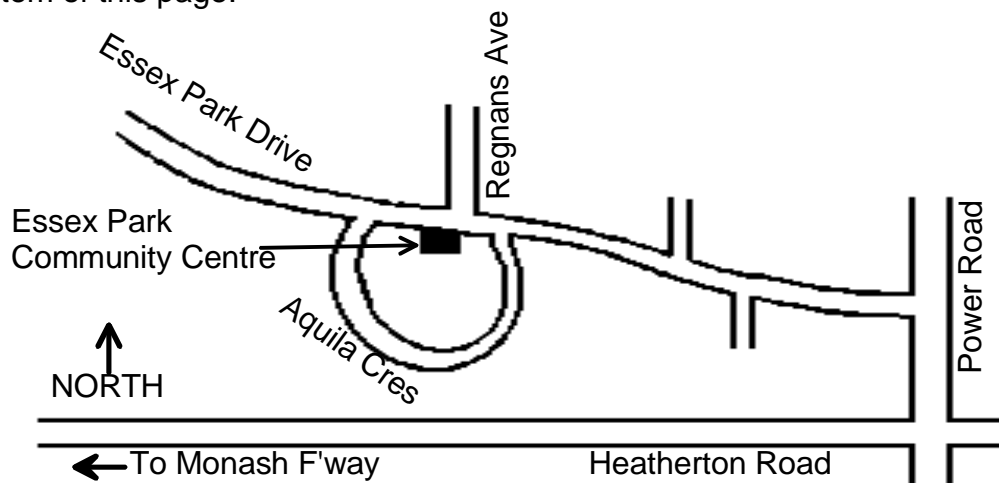
Membership fees are due in July each year (the start of the financial year). New members pay a pro-rata fee for membership till the end of that financial year. The fee also includes the affiliation fee paid to the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs.

LIABILITY: *Every person participating in a Dandenong Valley Bushwalking Club activity does so as a volunteer 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 howsoever incurred. The Club, its office bearers, organisers leaders and members are absolved from any liability in respect of any injury, loss or damage suffered by the participant whilst engaged in any DVBC activity to the extent permitted by law.*

CLUB NIGHT VENUE

Club night meetings are held at **Essex Park Community Centre**, 16 Essex Park Drive, Endeavour Hills at 8.00pm, usually on the second Thursday of each month (except January). (Ref. Melway map-90-K3).

Tea and coffee are provided and everyone is welcome. Note: The **WALK** assembly point is shown at bottom of this page.



TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

Walk leaders will coordinate car pooling by mutual agreement.

For day walks, a trip fee has been set using the Club agreed calculation (approx 6¢/km) and is shown in the program. For other trips, petrol costs are to be shared evenly, with the passengers paying an extra 20% to the driver. Drivers of vehicles must accept payment from their passengers. E-tag charges are to be added to the payment

- **Walk leaders might arrange alternative meeting points; please contact them for advice.**
- **Participants on overnight walks and ski trips must contact the leader at least five days prior to commencement of the activity. Some activities have a party size limit.**

WALK ASSEMBLY POINT

Unless otherwise specified by the leader, the assembly point for all walks is at the Pre-school in James Cook Dr., Endeavour Hills. (Ref. Pre-School Melway map-91-A5). On certain walks, leaders might arrange alternative meeting points; please contact them for advice.

