

# Locksley Bushwalking Club (Inc)

Thank you for your enquiry about the Locksley Bushwalking Club. We are keen to have new people along on our activities and for them to join our club. Below is an outline of what we are about.

## About us

The Locksley Bushwalking club is a Melbourne club with about 30 memberships and 50 members. The walking standard varies from leisurely dawdling to ten-day slogs. We have about 25 trips a year, a mixture of day, overnight and a few base camp walks. About 60% of our walks would be day walks.

An average day's walk for our club is around 12 - 16 km spread over 5 - 6 hours.

Day walks are usually within 1.5 hours drive although some winter day walks are simply suburban.

Overnight walks are often about 3-4 hours away, in areas such as The Grampians and Wilson's Prom. Canoeing, day and overnight skiing trips are also part of the programme. Sometimes we have bike rides. Our trips are often to places which are not found in the bushwalking books but we also have standard trips. We are always on the lookout for new places to visit.

## Composition of club

Our club consists *mostly* of people in the 35 - 60 age range, but often people bring their kids. Our members happen to be nearly all professional people. We walk to enjoy the bush, are environmentally conscious and some of us can even identify plants, birds and rocks. We walk because we enjoy the bush rather than just for the achievement - which leads to a rather relaxed approach. It also happens that nobody in our club smokes. Many of us do enjoy a good glass of wine often on a trip.

## Group size, organisation

Because our club is small, so are our groups. We usually have about 4 - 15 on a trip. Each walk has a trip leader who designs the walk. The leader provides details for inclusion in our newsletter and is the contact person for arranging transport, which is usually in private cars but can include boats, trams and planes.

## Meetings

We have a club meeting every second month. Details are in the newsletter but it is normally held on the second Friday of the month, at 7.30 pm at the Scots Uniting Church hall, 187 Burgundy St Heidelberg (Melways 32 A4). At our meetings we generally discuss forthcoming trips, show slides of previous trips and sometimes have a guest

speaker. In the non-meeting months we may have a club dinner, BBQ or committee meeting.

### **Newsletter**

We have a monthly newsletter which contains trip reports, details of coming trips and events and other club news. This can be mailed or e-mailed. Members who receive newsletters by email receive a discount.

### **Club equipment**

We have a small collection of equipment for loan. This includes tents, packs, stoves, raincoat and sleeping mats. Equipment is hired out to members and prospective members for LBC trips.

### **New Members**

Anyone interested is welcome to come along on a couple of trips to see what we are about or to perhaps attend a meeting. Generally trips are more interesting than meetings. We send two newsletters to interested people to let them know what is happening at present.

### **Fees**

There are no joining fees but annual fees are: Family \$ 60, single \$30 (Bush Telegraph by email) with an additional \$11 for postage of the Bush Telegraph.. We do not expect people to pay until they have been on a couple of walks and have decided that they like the club. Fees are payable to our treasurer: **Glenys Schubert 20 Hillside Rd, Rosanna 3084.**

We look forward to hearing from you.

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