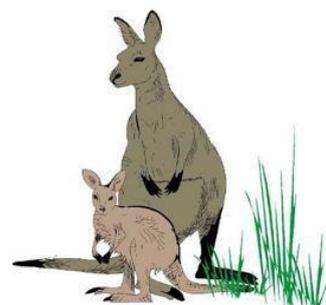


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February 2022

Werribee Bushwalking and Outdoor Club Inc

February
Club Meeting
Thu 10th
8pm
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Next Club Meeting: will be on February 10th at 8pm

President's Position: Rob has retired from the president's position. We urgently need someone to step up so that the club can continue to operate.

Cuisine Club had its first (unofficial) event which was such a success that we would like to make it a monthly event.

With that in mind Lucy (2) suggested the Dumpling Story at the Werribee Plaza.

Lucy will be the contact for this event to be held on **Saturday February 19th** around 6pm.

Members & Guests are welcome but so Lucy can book a table she will need to hear from you **by Feb 4th**

Please text to register your attendance via the website.

Suggestions for future Cuisine Club events are welcome.

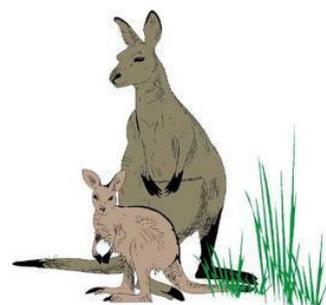
REGULAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bushwalking Victoria issues a monthly bulletin with updates on current issues affecting clubs throughout Victoria. Bulletin 46 can be accessed via the link below.

<https://mailchi.mp/bushwalkingvictoria/novdec21-bushwalking-news?e=ce8f417e5c>

REMINDER TO ALL WALKERS (members or guests): Please inform the leader **no later than 12pm the day before** if you are coming on a walk.

If for some reason you can't make it, please notify them ASAP so it doesn't hold up the group's departure.



2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Please ensure you book with the leader no later than noon the day before the event)

*All walks depart from the carpark opposite Hungry Jacks, unless otherwise advised.
Please check the individual events for departure time.*

Any official WBOC event can only go ahead in strict adherence to the following conditions

1. Social distancing of 1.5m to be enforced at all times during Club activities with masks mandatory if social distancing conditions cannot be met.
2. Carpooling should not be encouraged for the time being.
3. There is no regulation against people who are not vaccinated taking part in any outside activities. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

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Saturday 5th February 2022– Breakfast and Welcome Back Walk

This is a two part event starting with breakfast at the Cache on K Rd and a walk at the Point Cook Coastal Park.

Part One:

Organiser: Ros

RSVP: No later than Saturday, 29 January 2022

For bookings of 12 or more a \$10 deposit, per person, is payable to secure table/s. Ros, will pay the deposit on the 29th to secure the booking which will be refunded to her on the day **BUT** she needs **all attendees** to turn up on day so she can receive full reimbursement and not be out of pocket.

Cancellations/changes to numbers attending can only be accepted up to 24 hrs from date of booking.

Part Two:

Grade 2: Distance: 5 kms circuit.

Leader: Nigel

Meet: 8.00 at Wyndham Cache, 234 K Rd, Werribee South.

This walk is an optional second part to the breakfast activity. After the breakfast we drive about 15 minutes from the Cache restaurant to Point Cook Coastal Park.

We will walk along the beach from car park to Point Cook Homestead, around the Homestead grounds and return via an inland route back to the start.

The walk is on an easy flat track with lots of bird life to see and views across the bay to the city.

After the walk is completed, we can have some lunch. So bring along tea/coffee and lunch



You will need suitable walking shoes (no thongs or dress shoes), water, hat, sunscreen, walking poles if you have them and a raincoat if necessary.

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Sunday 6th February 2022- van Gogh Exhibition Social Event

RSVP: ASAP Elise by email ejkisyma@optusnet.com.au

Meet at Werribee station to catch the train into Southern Cross at 8.45am or find your own way to the Lume aiming to arrive around 10am.

The Lume is located at MCEC, 5 Convention Centre Pl, South Wharf

Nearest station is Southern Cross – 6 minute walk or Flinders St 11 minutes

Or parking at Wilson Parking @ \$12/hr

Check out the website for more information about the exhibit.

<https://thelume.com/melbourne/>

(Australia's first permanent digital gallery transforms the world's finest art into fully immersive sensory encounters).

Gallery is open 9am – 9pm on Sundays

Tickets vary by day & time and range from \$39 - \$54 (\$36-\$51 pensioners/seniors)

Discounts for groups of 12 or more. At this stage I have not had enough expressions of interest to make a group booking so I suggest everyone book their own tickets.

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Sunday 13th February 2022- Footscray Park to Afton Pedestrian Bridge and Conservation Reserve

Grade 3: Distance: 13 kms return.

Leader(s): Lucy(1) and Grace.

Meet: 7.45 am for 8.00 am departure from the carpark opposite Hungry Jacks Werribee.

This trip is along the Maribyrnong River, the second largest River in Melbourne. It is an urban trail, flat without hills and good for all skill levels. The whole trip takes about 4.5 to 5 hours depending on how long we linger, such as in the conservation reserve. Bring snacks, lunch, 2 litres water, suitable shoes, hat, raincoat or sunscreen depending on the weather.



The starting point is at the car park on Ballarat Rd, 1 minute past the big "Footscray Park" sign on your left, (or just past the old Pioneer Hotel), traveling in the direction of the city.

After parking our cars and getting ready, we will walk along the river. On preview day we could see people rowing canoes and boats on the water. We pass the famous Flemington Race course, wetlands, parklands and some nice backyards. There are also big palm trees along the river. We will need to be careful of cyclists. There are public toilets and drinking taps along the way.



It takes roughly 2 hours to reach Afton Pedestrian Bridge, including snacking time or lunch. As soon as we cross the bridge we can enter the conservation reserve where there is a man-made refuge for harbouring a variety of wildlife including native waterbirds.

After visiting Afton Conservation Reserve, we start to walk back on the other side of the river until we reach Raleigh Rd Bridge before crossing back and continuing the same way back to the start.

Since we are close to the town of Footscray, there are lots of options for delicious food, such as buying a juicy Vietnamese baguette from a local bakery, Nhu Lan, to complete this trip. (From the start point to downtown Footscray is about 13 mins walking distance, or drive to a nearby car park).

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Sunday 20 February 2022 -Queenscliff Lighthouse to Point Lonsdale Lighthouse

Grade 2: Distance: 12 kms return.

Leader(s): Linda and Nigel.

Meet: 7.45am for 8.30am departure from the carpark opposite Hungry Jacks Werribee.

The walk commences from the Queenscliff lookout (Hesse Street Car park) and is on a moderate track along a soft sandy beach (remove your shoes if you wish, it's a great way to exfoliate your feet) there is no climbing (unless you want to climb the rocks along the beach), no hills, just flat soft sand.

This walk offers ocean views, the chance to see some wildlife and is good for all skill levels.

Near the Point Lonsdale lighthouse there are shops if you wish to grab a coffee or a bite to eat or you may just decide to sit on the beach and enjoy your prepared lunch “alfresco” with the locals, wildlife and friends.

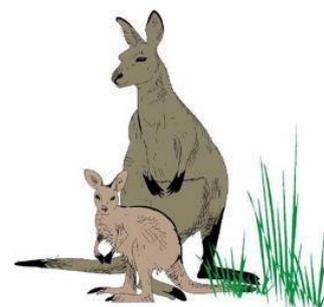


A leisurely walk back along the beach with a chance to photograph the things you missed on the way up, or for the return trip we could take the path along the sea wall above the beach. It's wide and asphalted, so an easy walk.

Then Walk along the beach until we reach the stairs that lead up to the carpark at which stage we can go to the Ocean View Kiosk or walk 10 mins to the Acoustic Garden Café @ 2Hobson Street Queenscliff open (9AM–5PM) for coffee and cake.

Don't forget your sunscreen! The walk will depend on the weather and may be cancelled if there is a high chance of severe weather or extreme heat as this will not make for a pleasant walk. There are toilets located both at Queenscliff and at the Pt Lonsdale end.

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