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Subs are now due
Pay direct via internet
banking
BSB 063520
Account 0090 7072

Cash or cheque are also
accepted at the meeting.

The club has decided to keep

MEETING APEX PARK
CLUBROOMS
WEDNESDAY JULY 3
7.30 PM



DOING IT RELATIVELY EASY ON THE HEYSEN

Getting there Michael , Maureen, Russell, Tina , Matt, Patsy and Rebecca signed up for Heysen 2 ...on the understanding that it would be high on relative luxury and low on physical punishment . After a pleasant drive to Victor harbour, we put up with the luxury of our upgraded accommodation in the NRMA Cara park , some went for a walk and then all savoured the delights of one of the local pubs while contemplating the first day to come , from 15 kms west of Victor Harbour

Day 1 Waitpinga Camp Site to Victor Harbour

We car shuffled to the camp site just off the beach and had a pleasant 15 km coastal walk , mainly on high cliffs looking over the ocean, to the Newland Hill camp site just a few KMs west of our Victor Harbour caravan park . Although we had the luxury of day packs only, the walk was a little undulating and there were a few brief periods of light drizzle. Nonetheless the coastal scenery was outstanding as we walked along the top of steep cliffs overlooking the ocean . That night we visited the other central VH pub for dinner..and very nice it was !

Day 2 Victor Harbour to Inman valley

Car shuffling again we left our car in Inman Valley ...a small strip of a few shops on the main road . Again the walk was pleasant , mainly along unsealed roads in cool weather . About two thirds of the way we walked through a pine plantation The last few KMs of this walk illustrated the need to always check their website for trail variations . In this case the trail had been rerouted to avoid a 3 km trek into Inman valley along a busy but narrow road. The trail markers were unambiguous in leading us over undulating farm land but it did not align to the “trail” depicted on the map.

Once at Inman we journeyed by car, forward to (on the outskirts of Myponga) ... the Heysen Rest B&B . This was relative luxury and we agreed we needed a journey to the Yankalila pub for a good meal to celebrate . We followed Maureen in her car as she headed off into the dark but after 15 minutes of narrower and narrower trail we realised she had taken the wrong road (but hey we realised it was the route of the Heysen trail so we knew what was in store for the next day!)

Day 3 Inman valley to Myponga (almost)

We packed 7 of us into Russells ute with Matt jammed into the covered tray and car shuffled back to Inman Valley to begin the walk onwards to our existing accommodation at Heysens Rest B&B. Another interesting day of undulating trail with a very hard climb early in the day followed by some jeep track and a lot of road (including Maureens bit) . Later in the afternoon a few of us journeyed into Myponga where we found a little gem of urban development the “Smiling Samoyed” Brewery ! The Brewery had already closed by the time we got there (takeaway only available ...sigh!) ...That night the long journey to the Yankalila pub again and no wrong turns this time Maureen !

Day 4 Myponga to Mt Cone

We attempted to shuffle to Mt Cone (camping area) but found two different car access roads were blocked and signs warned that the campsite was temporarily closed. So we couldn't place the end car where we wanted and were forced to leave it about 4 kms short of Mt Cone on a no through road . This made for a shorter day of walking ..again on a mix of unsealed roads and single track with one nasty little pitch in the Yulte Conservation park . Somewhere we missed a turn and went streaming down the hill in dense bush rather than along a flat stretch (essentially in the opposite direction) ...realised our mistake when the track became almost impassable and retraced our steps half a Km to find that a directional marker at a fork had been washed away . Generally the Heysen is well defined and well marked but you need to be careful when in bush areas . We reached our car (short of our destination) and called it a day. We all drove forward to spend the night at the Mt Compass caravan park a few Kms out of the town and we enjoyed the hearty, big quantity, meal at the Mt Compass pub some few Kms back in the town.

Day 5 Mt Cone to Mt Magnificent

Well .. in fact 4 kms short of Mt Cone toMt Compass . It was decided that adding the unwalked part of day 4 to the ask for today to Mt Magnificent was just a little too much , so we decided to start the walk where we finished the previous day and finish the walk (short) at the **turnoff** to Mt Compass Caravan park (on the trail) and leave the next section (to the top of Mt Magnificent) to the next walk, next time. Again this resulted in a shorter day with a bit of time in the afternoon for a visit back to Victor Harbour (opp shops , walking to Granite island along the causeway and etc)

Again a pleasant walk along a lengthy stretch of elevated farmland road with lovely views back to Mt Compass . We passed Mt Cone and its closed campsite and journeyed on to a long stretch of road to our destination . That night we had a combined dinner (largely of leftovers) in our rooms in the caravan park . The bread and butter pudding wasn't too bad , also some leftover pizza from the previous evenings meal at Mt Compass pub.

On day 6 we journeyed back to Mildura , some of us via Mt magnificent which did give outstanding views to the south

Overall this was an enjoyable walk with lots of assistance from the car shuffle situation which obviated carrying heavy back packs ..we walked about 15 km per day at a relatively slow pace and had the luxury of a warm bed and hot shower each night (not to mention 5 nights of pub food and drink) All told it was about 73 KMs on easy to middling track ...the terrain was easier than the first leg from Cape Jervis to Victor Harbour and the weather very kind and only a little overcast on a few days. This was not for the genuine authentic “bushie” but it ticked a lot of boxes for me. Heysen 3 from Mt Compass to Hahndorf is scheduled for the end of October. It looks easier than this one ...but the one after that seems to be a gut buster (April 2020?)

Michael Jobe

Walk Organiser



Raak Plain and Ochre Pits Walk – Sunday, June 16, 2021

The Murray Sunset country is always a pleasure to visit. Big skies, open spaces and the special sensation that comes from being in wilderness. Although motor bikes can interrupt this pleasure!

Fourteen bushwalkers travelled to the Raak Plain and viewed the ancient aboriginal ochre pits on Sunday, June 16. The weather was overcast and cool but ideal for walking and talking. Seven members camped at the walk site on Saturday night, (Dick, Roger, Neil, Greg, Wendy, Meryl and Karl) and enjoyed perfect camping conditions and a gourmet meal prepared by Roger. Dick was fire manager. Maureen, Russell, Kate, Verna, Elaine, Jenny and Peter travelled down on Sunday morning and met the campers before the walk.



The group enjoyed a six km return walk along the edge of the Raak Plain. The three ochre pits are located on the northern edge of the plain and are worthy of a visit at any time. The main ochre colour is red/brown with some traces of yellow and green. It would be interesting to know something of the geology of the ochres and why they are found in this spot. Presumably the ochre seam that runs through this country was laid down at the time when this area was an inland sea and the ochres have been accessed at these points. The size of the pits indicates the mining of the ochres must have occurred over a long period

of time and/or by a large number of people. The ochres would have provided the raw materials for art works and ceremonies and perhaps for trading. Karl was certain it was good for wrinkles!

The morning was capped off with a welcome cuppa before heading for home.

Peter



Ski Club to Golf Club & Return

Even though it is winter Mildura manages to produce some glorious calm, warm days. The walk scheduled for the 22nd June encountered such a day and 7 members, Roger, Neil, Wayne, Russell, Elaine, Tina and Barb had an enjoyable walk from the Mildura Ski Club.

Our destination was the Riverside Golf course and of course we managed to pick up 6 golf balls. Verna on her return will be the lucky recipient of our haul. Items of interest were two active fox burrows plus the shell of a tortoise which had probably met its demise by the foxes.



There was quite a bit of discussion when we reached the old original bathing pool site, still with its concrete edging and tall reeds growing around the perimeter. The group certainly blended in well with the reeds! Still in evidence also was the old tin kiosk.

It was sad to see that there are still people who do not value our river surrounds as we came across a couple of areas that had been used as rubbish dumping sites.

On our return to the Ski Club, our leader, Roger, produced his home made fruit cake and welcome thermos for an enjoyable afternoon tea.



Report by Barb

Meeting Discussion

Mid Year Dinner

20-21 July at 'Warrananga' shearers quarters near Fort Courage. \$20 per person includes food and accommodation.

Bring sleeping bag, linen, drinks and breakfast.

Possible activities include kayaking, bike riding and bush walking and relaxing.

Dress code is "Australian Bush"

Bring song suggestions to the meeting for the singalong.



The Grampians Camp and Walk

planning is underway. Meryl is planning this walk. More details at the meeting.



What is Mildura Weir parkrun? It is a 5km run - it's you against the clock.

When is it? Every Saturday at 8:00am.

Where is it? The event takes place at Mildura Weir - Lock 11 (Opposite Rio Vista Park 200m east of Lock 11), Hugh King Drive, Mildura, Victoria 3550. See [Course page](#) for more details.

What does it cost to join in? Nothing - it's free! but

please [register](#) before your first run. Only ever register with parkrun once. Don't forget to bring a **printed** copy of your barcode ([request a reminder](#)). If you forget it, [you won't get a time](#).

How fast do I have to be? We all run for our own enjoyment. Please come along and join in whatever your pace! Mildura Weir parkrun needs you! It is entirely organised by volunteers - email milduraweirhelpers@parkrun.com to help.

We're friendly!

Every week we grab a post parkrun coffee in Cafe De Caravan - please come and join us!

OUR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN MEETING AT PARKRUN IN MILDURA. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING US LOOK OUT FOR US! NO NEED TO WALK OR RUN TOGETHER, GO AT YOUR PACE. WE MEET FOR COFFEE AFTERWARDS. IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN BEFORE BE SURE TO REGISTER AT THE WEBSITE. AS A COMMUNITY GROUP WE WILL BE VOLUNTEERING FOR AN EVENT IN THE FOLLOWING WEEKS. MORE DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING.



Some of our members participating in Parkrun on Saturday mornings.

GEELONG BUSHWALKING CLUB AND THE OTWAY RANGES WALKING TRACK ASSOCIATION PRESENT THE

2019 Federation Walks

19 & 20 October

The weekend will be based in Lorne with walks in the Otways and on the Surf Coast.



Bookings and details:
www.fedwalks.org.au
 Bookings Open: 1 July 2019
 Close: 1 September 2019

Bushwalking Victoria
 towards better bushwalks

Federation Walks 2019

Federation Walks 2019 will be held on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th October 2019, in the Lorne area, with spectacular walks drawn from Apollo Bay to Anglesea.

The Geelong Bushwalking Club and the Otway Ranges Walking Track Association are the hosts for the weekend. Websites at

<https://www.geelongbushwalking.asn.au>; <http://www.otwaywalks.com/front.html> .

Lorne is a seaside town on Louttit Bay in Victoria. It is situated next to the Erskine River and is a popular destination on the Great Ocean Road tourist route. The population is about 1,000, but increases in summer up to about 13,000, so there is abundant accommodation.

Lorne offers numerous walks from the lush Otway forests with its creeks and waterfalls, to the beautiful coastal walks and the more open forest walks towards Aireys Inlet. The highlights will be waterfalls, wildflowers and pristine beaches.

Bookings will open on 1st July 2019

Have a look at all the [walks on offer here](#), choose one, and [book](#), spaces are limited! The [social program is here](#).

Heading south in the next months? You might like to join the Wimmera Bushwalking club for a walk.
Be sure to contact the leader for further information.



Saturday 13 July	WHITE SWAN RESERVOIR to SEBASTOPOL (Ballarat)	Easy / Medium	Jenny Cray	5358 5417
Sunday 28 July	TOWER HILL (Warrnambool)	Easy / Medium	Marg Farrar	5352 2127
Tuesday 30 July	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - SES Hall, Sloane St, Stawell, 7:30pm	ALL WELCOME	Greg Dryburgh Secretary	5358 2777
Saturday 10 August	FERNTREE FALLS LOOP (Buangor State Park)	Medium / Hard	Alex Orszaczki	5352 2953
Sunday 25 August	BRIDLE TRACK to LAKE BELLFIELD (return) (Grampians)	Medium	Greg Dryburgh	5358 2777
Tuesday 27 August	GENERAL MEETING - SES Hall, Sloane St, Stawell, 7:30pm	ALL WELCOME	Greg Dryburgh Secretary	5358 2777
Saturday 14 September	GRAMPIANS BWC 25th ANNIVERSARY WALK - SUNDIAL (At Halls Gap Hotel if weather is inclement) Semi-formal attire – top half formal, lower half bushwalking attire	Easy / Medium	Greg Dryburgh	5358 2777

This is the best early season snow base we've had since 2000...

To celebrate we have a simple but generous offer for our previous guests.

- Book a minimum two night stay direct with us this winter season
- Receive a third night FREE!
- Must book before 17 June 2019
- Not available Jul 01-14...winter school holidays
- Offer available for bookings between 01/06/19-30/09/19

How?

- Book direct on our website via this [link](#) or find the booking page on our website and enter the promo code "MAGIC"
- Booking accommodation direct with us will always ensure you get the best rate available
- By not having to pay commission to the big online travel agents like Booking.com, Agoda, Wotif, Lastminute.com etc we can pass the savings on to you
- Feel free to share this with your friends



We appreciate your business, and look forward to seeing you again this winter.

ALL WINTER DIRECT BOOKING DISCOUNT

Any time you book direct with us on our [website](#) you will receive 5% off any other online rate. Other benefits for previous guests booking direct include:

- 10% discount on any charter bus transfer/or 4wd taxi bookings
see <http://www.snowlinehotel.com.au/attraction/charter-bus-4wd-taxi/> for more details
- 20% off ski/snowboard hire for our guests hiring chains through [Hoys Ski Hire](#)
- Free bike hire for guests wanting to hang out in the valley on bad weather days...subject to availability.

Bookings for the 2020 season of tramps and bike trips will open on Tuesday 18 June at 8am.

Join a trip this summer to take in the scenic beauty of the south of the South Island.

Tramp - Bike - Chat - Eat - Relax

Click on the link at the end of this email on Tuesday 18 June to take you to the Club website to find dates and prices for each trip, then make your booking. Information about each of the trips listed below can be viewed now on the website.

Lodge Based Tramping

Aspiring - Borland - Tautuku

Tramping Trips

Humpridge - Kepler - Milford and two Milford trips with the final night on the Milford Wanderer - Rakiura (Stewart Island) - Routeburn - Routeburn/Greenstone

Bike Trips

A2O - Clutha Gold/Roxburgh - Queenstown - Wanaka

<https://www.otagorotarytrusttramps.org.nz/>

Some trips book up quickly so please book as soon as you can to avoid disappointment. If a trip is full contact the coordinator to place your name on the waiting list as cancellations can happen.

from

The

The OYAT Milton Rotary Tramping Club

Team



Willis's Walkabouts Super Sale

As mentioned in the last newsletter, it's proving to be a strange year. July is our normal peak but, other than the second section of one of the trips below, we will have only one July departure. June, on the other hand, has six confirmed departures. Every trip has space available. Every space is on sale.

- **Magical Mystery Tour: Litchfield, Gregory or Kakadu: 9-15 June**

This was the second section of our Litchfield-Gregory Explorer.

There has been relatively little rain there this year so we may have to change the venue. We'll make a final decision after another trip reports back on 1 June.

I'm so keen to do this trip that I agreed to run it for two people. Now we'd like a few others.

Save \$500. Old price \$1495. New price \$995.

- **Kakadu Super Circle No. 2: Koolpin to Jim Jim: 9-20 June**

This is the first section of our longest dry season Kakadu expedition. The original section two will not run this year.

Save \$500. Old price \$2495. New price \$1995.

Guide: Rod Costigan

- [Kakadu Highlights No. 5: Twin to Jim Jim: 29 June - 6 July](#)

See the two biggest waterfalls in Kakadu.

Save \$500. Old price \$1895. New price \$1395.

Guide: Russell Willis

- [Prince Regent Nature Reserve: 23 June - 14 July](#)

Save \$1000. Old price \$7495. New price \$6495. It's expensive because you fly in and out with light aircraft and helicopters.

This walk is so spectacular and demand so high that we are offering two overlapping trips this year.

Guide 1: Cassie Newnes will bring her partner and children (all experienced walkers) on one of them. If you have children who are **EXPERIENCED** bushwalkers, this could be a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Guide 2: Annette Miller. No children on this walk. **Only two places left.**

- [New Trip. Kakadu Super Circle Special: 30 June - 21 July](#)

Our longest Kakadu expedition takes you further into the park than is possible on any other trip.

Save \$500. Old price \$3395. New price \$2895.

Section 1: Koolpin to Twin via Jim Jim: 30 June - 11 July/> **Save \$250. Old price \$1995. New price \$1745.**

Section 2: Twin to Gunlom: 11-21 July/> **Save \$250. Old price \$2195. New price \$1945.**

Guide: Sébastien Heritier.

No other trips are available before 28 July.

WW 28 July Onwards

Our [advance purchase discounts](#) remain available on all these trips.

Cassie's NVC Retreats

We gave [a description of these special trips in our February newsletter](#). Both are now definite departures. Both still have space available.

- [Kakadu Retreat: 28 July - 5 August](#)

Definite departure. This trip is already more than half full.

- [Kimberley Retreat: 11-20 August](#)

Special note. While we hope to be able to offer these again next year, we can't yet be sure that it will be possible. Get in this year if you want to make sure you can do one.

Other Trips With Bookings

Every trip listed in our regularly updated [PDF trip list](#) remains available. Here are the ones that have bookings but not yet enough to guarantee departure.

- [Mitchell Plateau No. 3: 11-24 August](#)

List price: \$3495. Driving in one or both directions makes this our least expensive Mitchell Plateau trip.

- [Kimberley Highlights No. 2: 22 August - 6 September](#)

List price: \$3695. We've got bookings, but not yet enough to guarantee departure.

- [Kakadu Highlights No. 10: 20 October - 2 November](#)

List price: \$2795. We changed the date and the order of the sections to fit in with both park requirements and the wishes of those who have already booked. Changing the order allowed us to drop the price by \$200.

Definite departure. The first two sections are already a definite departure.

Guide: Russell Willis

Aboriginal Cultural Festivals

Two of our easiest trips include time at local Aboriginal cultural festivals.

- [Kakadu Short Overnight No. 1: 25 August - 1 September](#)

List price: \$2095. This trip finishes with two nights at the you finish with two nights in Jabiru and a day at the [Mahbilil Festival](#).

Probable guide: Russell Willis

- [Kakadu Short Overnight No. 2: 1-8 September.](#)

List price: \$1995. This trip finishes with with two nights at the Kakadu Billabong Safari Camp and a day at the [Mayali Mulil Festival](#).

Probable guide: Russell Willis

On both short overnight trips, you carry packs for limited distances & have more than one night at each camp.

Special offer. Do both short overnight trips and you pay only \$3495 (less applicable [discounts](#)).



CALENDAR

2019

Month	Activity & Date	Activity	Coordinators	Comments
July	Wed 3 Saturday 20 and Sunday 21	Club meeting Apex Park Clubrooms 7.30 pm start Mid-year dinner		Warrananga
August	Wed 7 Saturday 3 and Sunday 4, or Sunday 4 Early August	Club meeting Apex Park Clubrooms 7.30 pm start Grampians Camp (perhaps Mt Stapleton, Briggs Bluff or Boroka Lookout) OR King's Billabong walk. Scotland: West Highland Way (Glasgow to Fort William)	Meryl Hale TBA Michael Jobe	Camp details and transport options TBA Meet in main car park adjacent to embankment at 9.00 am. Contact Michael for details
September	Wed 4 Saturday 14 or Sunday 15	Club meeting Apex Park Clubrooms 7.30 pm start Yarrara Flora Reserve (Millewa)	TBA	Wildflower walk and perhaps lunch at the Werrimull Hotel.
October	Wed 2 Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 Sunday 14 Dates TBA	Club meeting Apex Park Clubrooms 7.30 pm start Mopoke Hut to Mt Crozier hike OR Apex Park/ back of Native Nursery walk. Munda Biddi Bike Ride - WA	Meryl and Karl TBA Michael Jobe	Overnight camp and trek. Local walk, meet Apex Park Clubrooms. Contact Michael for details
November	Wed 6 Sunday 10	Club meeting Apex Park Clubrooms 7.30 pm start Paddle and/or walk Hattah Lakes.	Matt Jones and Peter Rhodes	Meet at Centro at 8.00 am prior to driving to Hattah. Bring lunch or snacks as

	Dates TBA	Bike Ride Tasmania - Devonport then Stanley/Deloraine	Michael Jobe	appropriate. Canoe sharing can be arranged. Contact Michael for details
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Note: All activities and dates are subject to change. Always contact the Leader to register your attendance.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

It is necessary for all participants to carry a whistle on all walks as per the BWV guidelines.
The following are the whistle signals

1 long blast acknowledging a distress signal

3 short blasts for distress

4 short blasts indicating an emergency and for walking party to regroup ASAP