

# WALKLINES

**Newsletter of the  
Waverley Bushwalking Club Inc  
December 2024**



**NEXT MEETING: December 9, End of Year Event**

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT – DECEMBER 2024

Once again we've arrived at year's end, and you are currently reading the last Walkines for 2024! The year has gone so fast. It's been a mixed year for the club. We continue to run many wonderful walks to beautiful places which we enjoy in the company of a great bunch of fellow walkers. Our numbers at the monthly club meetings are holding up and we've had some well supported presentations this year. We have a revamped end-of-year celebration event planned for early December which should be a lot of fun, and we have plans for more social events next year too. Our membership has held up, with about as many signed up members as we had at this time last year. Each year we see some older members retire or fade away, but they are replaced by younger members bringing energy and enthusiasm back into the club.

But we aren't doing so well in terms of the numbers of events we offer. Compared to 2023, this year we ran 22 % fewer events, with half-day walks dropping by 50%, day walks by 11%, and pack-carry walks by 33%. Across all categories of activities, only base camps have increased, going from 10 camps in 2023 to 12 this year. Why is this? Our events are well attended and the number of interesting walks to do in our beautiful state hasn't changed. I think the reason is that we have a shrinking pool of leaders, a small group who each lead up to 10 walks each year and don't have the capacity to add even more walks to their repertoire. We need more leaders! I know that's the lament of most bushwalking clubs, but the truth is that we are over-reliant on our current leaders, and are not seeing sufficiently many new leaders emerge. Please consider whether you can lead a walk, to somewhere that you are familiar with, perhaps as a joint activity with an experienced leader. Our club will be very grateful!

In terms of membership, we are looking to grow a bit, and have a number of initiatives in the pipeline. Bushwalking Victoria's Try Bushwalking Month has introduced some new visitors to the club and we continue to welcome visitors to our walks at any time. We are seeking to streamline both the membership application and membership approval processes, and we recently halved the joining fee. We are continuing to work on promoting the club to the public.

With summer fast approaching, we need to be mindful of the dangers that come with being in the bush at this time of year, including bushfires, heat exhaustion and more snakes. Enjoy the outdoor life that summer brings, but stay safe in the bush!

Wishing you all the best for the festive season, and looking forward to a great 2025 with you all! I would especially like to thank everyone who has contributed to the club in the last year, including walk leaders and drivers, committee members, our Walklines editors and contributors, those helping with Walklines or at club meetings, or anyone else helping out. We are a club of volunteers!

**Rolf Exner**  
**President Waverley Bushwalking Club**

The Waverley Bushwalking Club

warmly welcomes

**Tania Bourke**  
**Bhawana Bhatta**

May you experience many happy hours  
with the Club, both on and off the track.

**Cover photo:** View from the Pinnacle at the Grampians. Photo Heather Lucas. See report p.4

Don't miss out on our

## **End of Year Celebration**



**If you haven't booked, hop to it!**

**Date:** Monday 9th December  
(In lieu of normal WBC Club meeting night).

**Location:** "Springwoods", at the Burvale Hotel.  
Corner of Burwood Highway and Springvale Road, Nunawading.

**Time:** 6 to 10pm (Arrive 5.45 pm, leave at any time).

**Join our photo competition on the night : Bring an A4 paper printout of  
your best bushwalking photo from 2024**

**PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL BY 4PM FRIDAY 29TH NOV**  
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# GRAMPIANS BASE CAMP

23 - 27 OCTOBER 2024

WBC has held many base camps at the Grampians. This year Anne and Murray Winstanley's careful and thorough preparation saw a great program of walks, familiar and new, harder, easier and in between for 30 participants. With the aid of a team of walk leaders we had a most enjoyable, varied and successful base camp. Thank you Anne and Murray.

**DAY 1:** A local stroll to Venus Baths, Botanic Gardens and Clematis Falls or a drive, particularly for those who had not been here before, to see McKenzie Falls, Reeds Lookout, Boroka Lookout.

## **DAY 2: GAR WATERFALLS & HEATHERLIE QUARRY WALK.**

Leaders: Ron and Denese Jowett

Report: Lois Cain

12 walkers drove to Troopers Creek Trailhead car park to commence our walk featuring waterfalls & wildflowers. There were 3 waterfalls all with just a small amount of water, but nonetheless interesting rock structure.

The variety of wildflowers kept the "photographers" happily occupied.

After lunch we visited Heatherlie aka Mt Difficult Quarry for a touch of history. The Quarry was established in the 1860's for its Freestone (a type of sandstone). This was used in the construction of Parliament House, the Town Hall & State Library in Melbourne.

Thanks Ron & Denese for this interesting walk.

## **Day 2: HALLS GAP TO THE PINNACLE AND BACK**

Leaders: Heather and Russell Lucas

Report: Elaine Fasken

This great walk left from the caravan park, initially gently through the Venus Baths and then up and up, and up, to the Wonderland carpark, in some parts making our way through what seemed like avenues of beautiful and abundant wildflowers. From there we climbed through and up the Grand Canyon, recently reopened with a series of steel steps replacing the ladders some of us remembered. The views from the Pinnacle looking down to Halls Gap and Lake Bellfield were a magnificent reward although we retreated to more sheltered spots for our lunch.

Our return followed the Grampians Trail, shorter and steeper, with the challenge of flights of oval shaped metal steps with no rails. There were a few sections of sandy tracks for relief but poles were packed away as more hindrance than help. Quite a balance challenge until we emerged close to where we started. Thank you Heather and Russell for providing the opportunity to enjoy this wonderful 'iconic' walk, but particularly for your quiet and encouraging acceptance of the slower pace which some of us needed to be able to achieve this walk in such a satisfying way.



## Day 2: MOUNT ROSEA AND BURMA TRACK LOOP.

Walk Leaders: Anne and Murray Winstanley

Report and photos: Simon Johnson

Well we've walked to the Pinnacles already so let's do Mt Rosea – it's on the Grampians Peaks Trail. So we started off with a gradual climb up a good track through lots of wild flowers and forest. Hey this is not so hard, I thought. But after a while we emerged from the forest and started a more serious ascent up towards Mt Rosea. Now this is what is known as a 'technical' walk and that means you have to concentrate every step of the way - we squeezed through many tight spaces, climbed up massive ancient sea beds, over giant boulders and down into enchanting valleys. But the rewards were many - dramatic views across the sandstone landscape with towering cliffs in the distance - one outcrop with 'the tower' on top, glorious and prolific wild flowers - including a wonderful display of TWELVE Pink Lady Finger orchids grouped together at morning tea.



The weather closed in a bit and we rugged up against the wind and rain. So up and up we went finally reaching the Gate of the East Wind to see the view across Lake Bellfield - what a panorama! The weather had improved as we crossed a bridge and up (again) towards the top of Mt Rosea. More giant rocky outcrops, sculptural rocks, flowers and challenges under-foot.



Arriving at the top we again get a magnificent view - this time a 360 degrees view.

After absorbing the surrounds we started our descent - again being careful where we trod. Soon we came back below the rocky terrain and onto a softer, easier, forest path. With some relief we walked on to a lunch break at the junction of Grampians Peaks Trail and Borneo track. After lunch it was a pretty walk through a rather 'messy' forest with lots of trees to clamber over or under. We found the road and made our way back to the cars. It had been a walk of two parts - reasonably gentle forest walking and tough, physical rock clambering. But those views! Those sandstone boulders! Those wild flowers!

Back to Adventure Cafe for a well earned rest and snack.

A great walk and huge thanks to Anne and Murray for leading us.

### DAY 3: BORONIA PEAK

Leaders: Lois Cain and Pauline McGuire

Report and photos: Jane Taylor

Leaders Lois and Pauline led a keen group, who commenced from the car park of the Brambuk Cultural Centre just south of Halls Gap. This walk was listed as the day's 'easy' walk. The first section lulled us into a sense of security as we followed the Fyans Creek track on green flats where we spotted a mob of emus.

We then picked up the track to Boronia Peak, labelled as only 3.1 km. The track was a relentless climb on a narrow stony pathway strewn with boulders and tree roots. We made our way upwards through tall timbers and light bush mixed with wildflowers.



We paused at a beautiful spot on the ridge overlooking the valley to the east. Here we abandoned poles and back packs for the last scramble, risking fingernails to grab at rock ledges, to haul ourselves up and triumphantly stand on the peak to see that spectacular 360-degree view.



It took us one and a half hours to descend, and the day had taken longer than we anticipated. Instead of eating at the car park, we paused for lunch at a clearing where Paul spied a grass tree with a splendid up-

right flower covered in bees. This walk was a level of challenge above "Easy" and I want to pay tribute to our three octogenarians, the two older ones making it right to the peak. The final milkshakes were welcome at the cafe. Thanks go to Pauline and Lois for leading us on a truly spectacular walk.



### DAY 3: SHEEP HILLS

Leader: Anne Winstanley

Report and photo: Simon Johnson (as in Facebook)

We took the Mt Williams track to the carpark and back for this 12.4km walk passing the majestic Cathedral Rock and a million flowers. Glorious view and a good physical workout. Thanks Anne.

### DAY 3: SHEEP HILLS, MOUNT WILLIAM RANGES, REDMANS BLUFF, SEVEN DIALS

Leader: Murray Winstanley

Report and photos: Eddy Maini

A 20km circuit from Sheep Hills Carpark taking in the Mt William Ranges, Redmans Bluff and The Seven Dials. This was a hard walk through some magnificent but at times difficult terrain. The challenge for the group of 7 led by Murray was to be back at the base camp happy hour by 5:00pm ..... and a challenge it proved to be! Following a delayed start, the group set off from the Sheep Hills carpark with Murray setting a solid pace to make up the lost time. The 6.1km track to the Mt William carpark climbed at a steady gradient, allowing the group to stride it out without blowing up. With an abundance of wild flowers in bloom and stunning views of Cathedral Rock and the Serra Ranges, the photo opportunities were plentiful notwithstanding the time constraints.



An un-named lookout provided a glorious perspective of the Cathedrals which at this time was basked in warm sunlight. When pressed as to the name of the lookout (one of Murray's favourites), Murray suggested Muzza's Lookout, and so it was decreed, at least by the group. We made the Mt William carpark in good time and continued our climb northwards along the range to Redman's Bluff. The trail was rough with some rock scrambling as well as loose rocky segments requiring walkers to keep their eyes on the track. A quick morning tea break at the Duwul Hike-In campground and then onwards to the summit of Redmans Bluff where we enjoyed a short but well-earned break for lunch. The summit is marked by a large rock cairn and offers incredible panoramic views including Mount Abrupt to the south and Mount Difficult and the Seven Dials to the north. Lake Bellfield and Halls Gap are clearly visible as well as views of Mount William and the Serra Range. There is a sense of height when looking at the farmland below as this peak tops 1000m. Time was pressing on and we still had the Seven Dials to contend with before our final descent to the Sheep Hills carpark. The rocky conditions persisted as we traversed the slopes towards the Dials. After attaining the crest of Dial #6, things got fairly rough indeed as we followed a rather torturous route across the tops of

Dials 5 and 4, and the walking got fairly slow and sometimes technical. While this proved to be the most difficult part of the walk, the views were again spectacular. The final section of the walk was a long 6km descent mostly over rocky slabs and loose rocky sections with a little bushland at the end.

The trail takes in the historic Stawell water supply scheme constructed between 1875 and 1881 along the slopes of the Mount William Range. The system included a pipeline from Stawell to the eastern side of the Grampians, a 1 kilometre long tunnel through the Mount William Range and about 12 kilometres of flume to a weir on Fyans Creek which was at the time the most reliable water source. It was with tired legs and a great sense of achievement that we finally reached our cars at the Sheep Hill carpark in time (albeit a little late) to make happy hour back at the base camp. A huge shout-out to Murray for the effort he put into planning and leading this walk; it was without doubt one of the most scenic walks in the Grampians.



#### DAY 4: SUNDIAL PEAK, LAKEVIEW LOOKOUT & SILVERBAND FALLS

Leaders: Ron & Denese Jowett

Report and photos: Jane Taylor

Ron & Denese led 13 walkers on a 3-part walk, driving to 2 different starting points, the first the car park for the walk to Sundial Peak. From there we walked on sandy tracks and rocky paths in single file through dry bush with sparse wildflowers. As we climbed higher we had good views of the huge escarpment opposite which is called the 'Great Wall of China'. The sundial which gives its name to the peak, was put up by Stawell Technical College students in 1968. Returning from Sundial Peak we met a small group of young people carrying strange packs looking like large, folded mattresses. They were heading for a bouldering site, which included pillars of very weathered sandstone which we had noticed on our way.

Almost back to the car park we turned to take the track to the Lakeview Lookout with its spectacular view of three lakes, Lake Bellfield, and further away, Lakes Lonsdale and Fyans.

We returned to the car park for lunch before driving to see the Silverband Falls. This third walk was an easy 800 metres to the waterfall, a tall narrow drop with the water disappearing underground.



Having discovered the best apple pie in Victoria, Ron was keen to get to the café where his order of apple pie was waiting. He was not disappointed.



Thank you, Ron & Denese, for designing a varied and interesting three-in-one walk.

#### DAY 4: WARTOOK LOOKOUT AND GRAMP-ANS PEAK TRAIL

Leaders: Anne and Murray Winstanley

Report: Simon Johnson (as in Facebook)

A bit easier today but even at 12.2km it is pretty strenuous up in these mountains. Again fabulous views and flowers and again wonderful rocks. Thanks Anne and Murray.

#### DAY 4: GROUP DINNER AT HALLS GAP HOTEL

Thank you Anne and Murray for the preparation and effort you put into conducting this great base camp.





# DAY WALK

## SOUTH MELBOURNE HISTORICAL WALKS

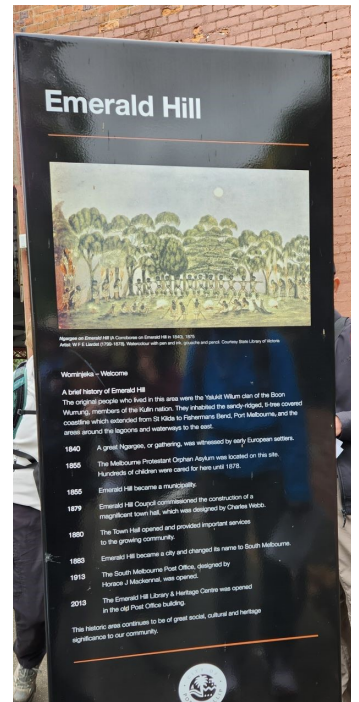
Wednesdays October 30<sup>th</sup> and November 20<sup>th</sup>

Leaders: Graeme Brownfield and Kerry Powell

Report: based on Adem Buyukcinar's report for October

On both days fifteen keen walkers commenced the journey by train to Flinders Street Station and then by tram to South Melbourne. Both days' weather was perfect for a walk, and we were all glad to learn history of Emerald Hill from leaders Kerry and Graeme. We were pleasantly surprised by the preparation and efforts put into this walk. Each of us received information sheets at various points of the walk explaining the history of the place to such detail that one could repeat the walk by following the instructions in the notes.

In the early days of Melbourne, the small green rise beyond the flat swampy land to the south was known as "Emerald Hill." When the area was subdivided in 1852 the hill was set aside for an orphanage which remained there until 1878. The Town Hall was built and the remainder became a commercial and residential centre which is largely intact. Emerald Hill became a city in 1883 and the name was changed a few days later to South Melbourne, chosen to attract investments from London bankers, as London financiers were familiar with the name Melbourne, but did not know anything about Emerald Hill.



The walk takes you back to the Victorian era with vivid details of housing styles, business activities, churches, pubs, meeting places, and the civic centre. One of the highlights of the walk is the old-time shopping strip with verandas and tiled facades, including the Federal Buildings terrace shops.



We saw the Emerald Hill Town Hall, the Police Station and Courthouse, Moreton's Cycles window still intact, 'The Record' newspaper office, and Patrick McCauley's 1884 furniture store. The See Yup Chinese temple has continued as a Chinese religious and cultural centre since the 1860s.



Pawn shop sign

We looked at some Albert Road mansions and had morning tea in Albert Park . After admiring several streetscapes of gracious Victorian terrace houses, we arrived at an example of nineteenth century residential development with terrace houses opening to front a park, St. Vincent Gardens, where we ate lunch.



Photos by Beth Alcorn, Sheilana Macaulay and Elaine Fasken

Later we visited an example of the “Iron Houses”, many of which were made in Manchester and transported in kit form to Australia to relieve the housing shortage during the “gold rush” period.



The rich history of South Melbourne is fascinating and certainly it is very worthy of a walk to learn glimpses of bygone era life in this part of the world.

Huge thanks to Graeme and Kerry for leading this fantastic walk.

# DAY WALK

## NANGARA RESERVE AND BUNYIP STATE FOREST

Wednesday November 6

Leader: Lois Cain

Report: Elaine Fasken

With hot weather forecast we made an early start, and after a rendezvous in Jindivick moved off quickly to the forest. The 2009 Black Saturday bushfires ravaged much of this area but it is amazing what 15 years of recovery achieves. There are historical memorials and reminders in the Nangara Reserve which we moved through quickly at the beginning, but then explored as part of our return hike from up and down the forest roads.

This is a popular horse riding area, 2 horse floats in the parking area, but only one group of riders were seen while we were walking.



The rapidly rising temperature and humidity made this a much more demanding walk than that experienced by members who have walked here previously. It was an early season reminder about the effect that hot weather can have. Fortunately the forecast possible thunderstorm moved through very quickly, noisily but with no rain, although I doubt if anyone would have put on a coat if it had rained!

A highlight for Lois was to see a huge lace monitor, at least a metre long, on a tree but disappointingly its camouflage was so effective that it couldn't be seen when photographed.



Wombats (red gum variety) in Nangara Reserve



A Longwarry café provided excellent restorative refreshments which were served so quickly and efficiently that they will surely see future visits from WBC members.

Thank you Lois for leading this walk for us.

Photos: Julian Thomson and Elaine Fasken

# GRAMPIANS HARD BASE CAMP NOVEMBER 13th—17th

**Leaders: Rolf Exner and Gary Dubsky**

**Report: Rolf Exner**

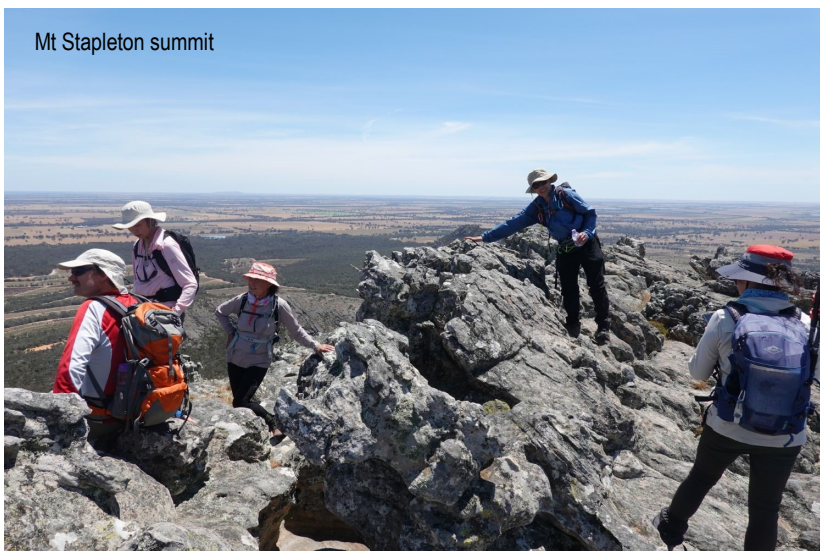
This was the first year for the Grampians Hard Base Camp. The regular Grampians base camp in October was not planning to run any medium-hard walks this year, and with a sizeable group in the club now enjoying regular medium-hard walks (of which the Grampians offers plenty), and the regular base camp always over-subscribed, the time felt right to add a new one.

There were 15 walkers who came along, mostly staying in cabins at the usual caravan park, though one walker chose to reside in her tent throughout. Fortunately we had great weather every day. A couple of walkers had never been to the Grampians before. Our first day, Wednesday, began with driving to Halls Gap, so we only had time for an afternoon walk. We headed to Mt Rosea, going there via the Grand Staircase (the old route) and returning along the new one. It was a great introduction to the challenges of the next few days.



On the second day, we drove to Troopers Creek campground for an ascent of the aptly named Mt Difficult, returning via Beehive Falls where we had left most of our cars. The summit provided wonderful views in every direction. It was a long walk of nearly 8 hours duration, with few easy sections. Alas, the whole of the Grampians was very dry, with the Gar waterfalls and Beehive Falls reduced to mere trickles.

Our third day was shorter and easier but still proved tiring. We started with a quick ascent of Mt Zero, then crossed over the road to climb Mt Stapleton. As many as 10 of the 14 starters made it all the way to the summit, successfully managing the last section with its vertical rock climb of 2 metres and a 15 metre exposed traverse above a perilous drop.



Mt Stapleton Ampitheatre



We had grand plans after that to continue in a loop to Hollow Mountain, crossing a 1-metre ravine on the way to the famous 3-level cave that gives the mountain its name. Unfortunately we were unable to find a safe way to get down from Mt Stapleton into the gully between it and Hollow Mountain, despite searching for an hour, so we had to give up and go back way we had climbed up. On the plus side, we at least got back to Halls Gap in time to buy well earned ice creams!

The next day, with temperatures headed for the 30s, we made an early start and drove south from Halls Gap to climb steeply up Signal Peak (along the new Grampians Peaks Trail) and the adjacent Mt Abrupt, our fifth summit in 4 days. The views south and east over Dunkeld and the William Range were spectacular.

Signal Peak



Our final day ended a bit disappointingly. Several of the group headed back to Melbourne after breakfast, and a total fire ban in the district meant that no club walk could take place (which was ironic, as a cold change with rain had arrived!). A couple of private groups formed for a quick walk to the Pinnacle, but at least one was deterred by the rain and also ended up going home early. Nevertheless we all had had a great time in the mountains, and the company of a wonderful group of fellow walkers!

Photos by Rolf Exner and Tamsin Davidson



## Participants' Responsibilities

### Before the Walk

- Check the grading of the activity and read the grading definition in *Walk Notes*, which is a guide only. If in doubt check with the leader before you decide to participate.
- Inform the leader, with as much notice as possible, if unavoidable circumstances prevent you from attending the event.
- Bring all the correct clothing, equipment, food, and water with you, see *Clothing and Equipment for Day Bushwalks*. Don't rely on others to lend you items or carry them for you. If in doubt about what to bring ask the leader at booking time or before departure. Some equipment may be hired from bushwalking shops or WBC.
- Complete the *Personal Health Details – Emergency Information form* or "Vial of Life" and place it in an outside pocket of your backpack.
- If you suffer any medical condition that may require special action, please ensure that you carry the appropriate instructions in a sealed envelope, or they are with a friend at the activity. If necessary, carry the required medication.
- Carry a personal First Aid Kit comprising:  
A minimum of: Variety of bandaids including extra large, Alcohol swabs for wound cleaning, 1 conforming bandage 7.5cm, 1 heavy weight crepe bandage 7.5cm, 1 triangular bandage, Safety pins, Gauze swabs (ie. 3 swabs 7.5cm x 7.5cm pack), Moleskin or adhesive tape or similar for covering hotspots on the feet, Thermal accident blanket, Personal medication ie. own pain killer tablets, antihistamine tablets - these will fit in a plastic ziplock bag.  
Plus: Alcohol hand wash, Sunscreen, Roll on RID (or similar) for insects and leeches, Small plastic bag for rubbish.  
Optional extras: Betadine, Gastrolyte tablets and glucose for hot weather, Instant cold pack, Duct tape, Pointy tweezers for ticks and splinters, Scissors, Snake bite bandage.
- Carry with you the mobile phone number of the Event Leader so that if your car breaks down en route to or from the activity or you become separated from the group you can advise details as soon as possible. This may also help the Leader to render assistance.
- Ensure you leave details of the activity, the Event Leader's name and phone number and Emergency Contact numbers (see Walklines P2) with your family or friends and make them aware of the emergency procedures in *Walk Notes*.
- It is wise to insure yourself for ambulance and medical treatment – WBC does not cover you for these expenses.

### During the Walk

- Arrive at the meeting place in time to depart on the activity at the time stated
- Obey all reasonable instructions given by the leader.
- Advise the leader if you feel unwell or cannot cope with the activity
- If you are at the front of the group and the leader is not with you stop at all track/road junctions, signs, or whenever there is doubt about the correct route and wait for instructions from the Leader.
- Irrespective of where you are in the group, ensure that you can see the person behind you [and vice versa]. If not slow down and wait.
- The Whip is there to assist slower group members and to ensure that nobody is left behind. If you need to leave the track, for any reason, please inform the leader or Whip and leave your pack on the track.
- Carry a whistle at all times and remember the code:  

Three short blasts regularly spaced	Emergency signal from person/s in distress
One long blast	Acknowledge a distress signal
Four short blasts regularly spaced	Emergency, regroup with leader immediately.
- Provide assistance and support to others on the activity. Club events are generally not competitive and success of the activity is dependent on members providing mutual support and encouragement.

**Remember, you have a responsibility for your own safety.**

**By following these few simple procedures, you will contribute to the safety and enjoyment of the whole group.**



## Walk Notes

### Grading of Walks

The gradings shown in the Club Events List are advisory only. If in doubt, please check with the walk Leader. The gradings below apply to day walks and base camps only. For pack carries and other types of events consult the Leader prior to booking.

**SHORT:** Level terrain, on formed tracks. Distance up to 5km.

**EASY:** Gently undulating terrain on formed tracks. Distance up to approx. 12km.

**MEDIUM:** Sustained climbs and descents. Some of the Walk may be off formed tracks. Distance approx. 15-18km.

**HARD:** Consistent walking with moderate to hard climbing in scrub and forest, on and off tracks. Distance depends on terrain.

**EXPERIENCED:** Walking in difficult terrain that may require special knowledge such as unscheduled camping, rock scrambling, survival techniques, first aid or navigation.

Some walks will indicate a grade of walk between these main types, e.g. Medium-Hard, this signifies that the walk will be more challenging than the first grade nominated but not as challenging as the second grade nominated.

Leaders have final say on participant acceptability, fitness etc. Members and temporary members may be asked to prove experience.

### Group Sizes

At the discretion of the Leader and dependent on the logistics of the walk (difficulty of the terrain, car parking limitations etc). Typical maxima: Day – 24; Overnight – 12.

### Temporary and Associate Member Fees

\$5 per person per event. The fee will be collected by the Leader before the Event.

### Bookings

Day Walks are open for registration in the online booking system known as Ontrax up to two months prior to the event. A longer period applies to Base Camps and Pack Carries. Bookings for walks are typically made in Ontrax by members of the Club. Visitors would normally ask the WBC Membership Secretary to put their name on a walk. Alternatively, the Walk Leader can be contacted.

### Cancellations

Cancellation from a walk is done via Ontrax and is normally done by the club member. You will be prompted to provide a reason for the cancellation. Visitors should contact the walk Leader who can then cancel them off the walk.

Please process cancellations as soon as practicable. There are usually people on the waiting list who can then be transferred on to the walk.

### Transport

When registering for a walk in Ontrax you must nominate whether you will be a driver or a passenger to get to the walk's start.

The amount that passengers are to contribute to the driver's petrol and car running expenses is determined by a formula in Ontrax based on the distance to be travelled. This formula is modified from time to time according to fluctuating petrol prices. The walk Leader will let drivers know what the passenger cost for that particular walk will be.

A share of E-tag and/or car park/entry fee costs may need to be added. Leaders will ensure that passenger numbers are evenly allocated.

Members attending a walk should not turn up at the meeting place and automatically assume that they will be passengers. They should arrive in time and be prepared to drive their car if so requested by the Event Leader. Their car should be 'fuelled' and ready in case of such a request. A Member, who for any particular reason cannot, or would not be prepared to act as a driver if requested, should have notified the Event leader of this in advance.

### Meeting place

The meeting place for the walk is nominated in Ontrax and the Leader (or deputy) will be at the meeting place before the departure time given in Ontrax. You should aim to be at the meeting place ten minutes before the departure time to allow the Leader time to organise the car sharing arrangements. Leaders will not wait for you if you are not there by the departure time.

### Club Emergency Contacts

All inquiries about late return of members must first be directed to the Leader's telephone number, then to the Club Emergency Contacts. Do not contact the police as they will not know of the club activity. The police will be advised if the Club Emergency Contact believes that the party is in danger. Premature contact with police could waste their time and may cause later difficulties for the club.

The Emergency Contacts details are in Ontrax under the WBC Club tab, on the Contacts page of the WBC website, and in our Walklines newsletter.



## Clothing and Equipment for Day Bushwalks

<b>Footwear:</b>	Comfortable boots or walking shoes with good tread.
<b>Socks:</b>	Wool or wool blend.
<b>Trousers:</b>	Quick drying trousers or shorts. Avoid jeans.
<b>Shirt:</b>	Quick drying short/long sleeve shirt or top.
<b>Day pack:</b>	Comfortable and able to store all listed items inside. Line with large plastic bag or carry pack cover to keep contents dry.
<b>Hat:</b>	Broad brim sunhat or beanie for cold weather.
<b>Gloves:</b>	Synthetic or woollen gloves for cold weather.
<b>Jacket/jumper:</b>	Polar fleece or woollen jumper.
<b>Rainproof jacket:</b>	Good quality water and windproof jacket with hood.
<b>Water bottle:</b>	One litre minimum in winter. Two litres in summer.
<b>Lunch/snacks:</b>	Allow extra for emergency food.
<b>Sun protection:</b>	Sunscreen and sunglasses.
<b>First aid kit:</b>	As per <i>Participants' Responsibilities</i> .
<b>Toilet kit:</b>	Trowel, toilet paper & hand sanitiser.
<b>Whistle:</b>	See <i>Participants' Responsibilities</i> for signal code.
<b>Phone:</b>	Mobile phone.
<b>Optional extras:</b>	Gaiters give protection from grass seeds, leeches, etc. Walking poles may assist over rough/slippery terrain. Waterproof over pants. Thermal underwear. Insect repellent. Umbrella. Mat/plastic sheet for rest stops. Small torch in case of delay.