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DANDENONG VALLEY BUSHWALKING CLUB INC.
ACTIVITIES FROM OCTOBER 2019 to APRIL 2020



George Bass Coastal Trail, Kilcunda - Day Walk 24 August 2019 – Photo Nick Taylor
Beehive Falls to Briggs Bluff, The Grampians – Base Camp 8 June 2019 – Photo Heather Walker

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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 daypack 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, sunscreen, 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.

PLEASE NOTE!!!

An Emergency Information Form needs to be carried at ALL times in your backpack / bicycle bag so we are aware of your condition, what medication you are taking and whom to contact in an emergency. Form can be downloaded from the DVBC website.

RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY:

This can be found on the DVBC website. All members and visitors are advised to have a read of this!

SPRING ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

October 2019 to April 2020

The first six months of this programme are confirmed. Beyond this time, suggestions for activities, 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 the Programme Co-ordinator **John Templer** 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 regardless.
- 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 a report form is completed. This form can be found on the DVBC website.
- Club activities may be cancelled or changed at the discretion of the Leader or Programme Coordinator for safety reasons: e.g. on days of Total Fire Ban, extreme weather conditions, Park closures or if the number of participants is less than 4 persons. Please contact leader prior to the walk for more up-to-date information.

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

Fri 27 - Sun 29 Sept 2019	Grand Final Long Weekend No Activity Planned		
Daylight Saving starts Sunday 6 October 2019 at 2am – clocks forward 1 hour			
Sun 6 Oct 2019 Day Walk	Mclvor Range and Pink Cliffs Geological Reserve 12km Medium A walk with spring wildflowers through Box forests taking in the historic old Powder Magazine, Devils Cave and Vewing Rock with views over the town of Heathcote. Then a short walk to view the unusual geology of The Pink Cliffs. Note Early 7.30 am start from the pre-school.		Heather Walker
<i>Thursday 10th Oct 2019; Club Meeting 8pm - suggestions for guest speaker or slide show welcome</i>			
Sun 13 Oct 2019 Bike Ride	Kororoit Creek to Caroline Springs and beyond Approx 40 km. Easy hopefully, but I am doing it cold so anything could happen ! Details of the meeting place and time will be provided closer to the date. Return by train to Flinders St.	<i>Own Transport or .Train</i>	John Templer
Sun 20 Oct 2019 Day Walk	Grampians in Spring We will stay at the Halls Gap Caravan Park. It's a busy time of year so bookings should be made ASAP. Contact the leader for details. We will do two day walks : Saturday (MacKenzies Falls/Zumstein 10km/medium) and Sunday (Chatauqua & Boronia Peaks 12km Easy/Medium).	<i>Transport Negotiable</i>	Heather Walker
Sun 27 Oct 2019 Bike Ride	A circuit ride around Casey. This is approx. 40km circuit starts at Berwick Village and winds its way to Banjo Patterson Park, Lynbrook. Return is via Hallam North Rd and the famous and wonderfully named Ernst Wanke Boulevard . Meet at the Pioneer Park in Berwick at 9:30am.	<i>Own Transport</i>	Gerry McKellar
Sat 2 to Tue 5 Nov 2019 Melbourne Cup Base Camp	Cahuna on the Murray River Staying at the Cahuna Holiday Park and doing bike rides/day walks in the area. Contact the leader for details.	<i>Transport Negotiable</i>	Anna Lee
Sat 2 to Tue 5 Nov 2019 Melbourne Cup Overnight Walk	Nadgee wilderness walk - Merrica River to Mallacoota. A spectacular 55km walk with coastal views. It's great for birdwatching, whale watching and camping. Contact Leader	<i>Transport Negotiable</i>	Nick Taylor
Sun 10 Nov 2019 Day Walk	Western Suburbs Wander 12-14 km, Easy An exploration of Melbourne's inner West starting in St Albans. This is a one way trip, not a circuit. Meet at the Sunshine train station at 9:30 am.	<i>Bring your MYKI</i>	Ron Nethercott
<i>Thursday 14th Nov 2016; Club Meeting 8pm - Slide Show: An Arnhem Land Adventure by Heather Walker</i>			

Sun 17 Nov 2019 Day Walk	The Little Forest, Bungal State Forest ~13km Medium Near Ballan, this circuit walk is in a small pocket of remnant bushland between Bungal Creek and the Moorabool River East Branch where the bush comes alive with wattle and orchids in the spring. Encompasses both tracks and some off-track walking through open bush. Meet at the pre-school at 8:00am		Claudia Barduhn
Sat 23 – Sun 24 Nov 2019 Weekend Bike Base Camp	Rutherglen and the wineries. A weekend of bike touring based in Rutherglen. Contact the Leader for details.	<i>Transport Negotiable</i>	Shirley Wallace & Ian Danne
1 Dec 2019 - Packchat deadline			
Sun 1 Dec 2019 Day Walk	Britannia Range circuit. 15 km, Medium/Hard This walk in the range between Warburton and Powelltown features beautiful, tall mountain ash forest, tree ferns, an apple orchard and views of the Little Yarra Valley with a challenging climb past large granite boulders. Meet at the Pre-school at 8am		Heather Walker
Sat 7 Dec 2019 Christmas BBQ	DVBC Christmas break-up BBQ and Kris Kringle Banjo Patterson Park, Patterson Drive, Lynbrook. 3:30 pm onwards. Melway ref 129 B2 or take train to Lynbrook station. Kris Kringle value \$15. BYO Meat, Drinks, Chair, Plates, Cutlery, Glasses etc and a plate of Nibbles, Salad or Dessert to share. Contact Leader	<i>Own Transport or Train (Lynbrook Station is next to the Park)</i>	Richard Dunstone
<i>Thursday 12th Dec 2019; Club Meeting 8pm - Slide Show: Iran and a Caravan along the Silk Road through the Stans</i>			
Sun 15 Dec 2019	No Activity – Too Close to Xmas. 10 shopping days to go.		
Sun 22 Dec 2019	No Activity – Too close to Xmas. Finish your shopping.		
Fri 27 Dec 2019 to Wed 1 Jan 2020 Extended Overnight Walk /Base Camp	Cowombat Flat. Medium Friday, drive via Omeo and Benambra to camp at Native Dog Flat. Saturday, walk 13 km into Cowombat Flat. Sun, Mon, Tues, explore the surrounding area including The Pilot and the source of the Murray River. Return to Native dog Flat on Wednesday morning.	<i>Transport Negotiable</i>	Julie Kidd
Sun 5 Jan 2020 Day Walk	Wrights Forest, Emerald - Cockatoo circuit 10 km, Medium A circuit walk through cool, moist Peppermint & Stringybark forest to the sounds of birds & Puffing Billy's whistle. Meet at the Pre-school at 8am		Claudia Barduhn
Thursday 9 th January 2020 - No Club Meeting in January.			
Sun 12 Jan 2020 Bike Ride	Melbourne Parks - 40 km Easy. East Malvern Station, Botanical Gardens, Albert Park and return Contact Leader	<i>Own Transport</i>	Shirley Wallace
Sun 19 Jan 2020 Day Walk	Fingal Beach to Bushrangers Bay via Cape Schank 13km Easy/Medium This one-way walk with a car shuffle starts at Bushrangers Bay car park following a track between woodland and farmland to explore Cape Schank. Then heads for a walk along Fingal Beach then takes a woodland track to the Fingal Picnic area (Low tide at 12:54 pm). Meet at the pre-school at 8:00am		Alan Dunstan
Australia Day Long Weekend Sat 25 - Mon 27 Jan 2020	Bogong High Plains Base Camp . Easy / Medium We will camp at one of the car camping areas near Falls Creek on the high plains. Day walks to Tawonga huts / Mt Fainter and to the Cope Hut area. Details to be determined by the leader.	<i>Transport Negotiable</i>	Leader Required
Sun 2 Feb 2020 Bike Ride	Tallarook to Yea 37km The trail winds along next to the heritage-classified Goulburn River at Tallarook and passes through the Trawool Valley. This section of the trail is quite up and down. The steep pass about 5 kilometres before arriving in Yea is the biggest climb. Contact leader for details of meeting place and time.	<i>Own Transport</i>	Claudia Barduhn
Sat 8 Feb 2020 ½ Day Walk / Social	City parks walk plus picnic dinner and Music by the MSO at the Sydney Myer Music Bowl A walk around Melbourne parks followed by a picnic and music. Meet at the Floral Clock on St Kilda Rd at noon. Note this is Saturday not Sunday.	<i>Own Transport or Train to city</i>	Ron Nethercott

Mon 10 - Sun 16 Feb 2020	Deal Island, Kent Island Group Trip. Boat trip to island and base camp with day walks. Trip closed to further participants.	<i>Boat Transport</i>	Tiz Savaris
<i>Thursday 13th Feb 2020; Club Meeting 8pm - Ideas for a presentation or guest speaker are welcome.</i>			
Sun 16 Feb 2020 Day Walk	O'Shannassy Aqueduct (west end) from Don Valley to Millgrove 14km Easy/Medium An easy one way bushwalk with a couple of steepish undulations along this historic aqueduct trail through lush tall eucalypt forest. Great views over the Yarra Ranges and Warburton & Don valleys. Meet at the pre-school at 8:00am		Heather Walker
Sun 23 Feb 2020 Bike Ride	Bittern to Coolart wetlands (BBQ Lunch) 35 - 40 km Easy Follows the Westernport Bay Trail past natural bushland to the wetlands teeming with birds. Contact Leader	<i>Own Transport</i>	Richard Dunstone
Sun 1 Mar 2020 Day Walk	Dandenong Tourist Track Sassafras to Emerald ~17 km Medium Involving a car shuffle, this one-way walk is through the Sherbrooke Forest tracks and over John's Hill with scenic views and along the Menzies Creek. Meet at the pre-school at 8:00am		Nick Taylor
Labour Day Long Weekend Sat 7 - Mon 9 Mar 2020	Baw Baw National Park to Walhalla Medium Hard, ~ 40 km A 3 day hike following the first leg of the Alpine Walking Track. Snow gums, fern gullies and mountain forests. Contact the leader for details of the meeting place and time.	<i>Transport Negotiable</i>	Julie Kidd
<i>Thursday 12th Mar 2020; Club Meeting 8pm - Slide Show: Walks on Deal Island, Kent Group by Tiz Savaris & Nick Taylor</i>			
Sun 15 Mar 2020 Bike Ride	Southbank, Port Melbourne, Yarra Punt to Altona 40 km easy. Return by Train to Flinders St.	<i>Own Transport</i>	Ian Danne
Sun 22 Mar 2020 Day Walk	Sassafras Creek from Monbulk to Belgrave through the Sherbrooke Forest about 12km or so, Easy/Medium A one-way walk in the tall moist Mountain Ash forests of the Dandenong Ranges following the Sassafras Creek then through forest tracks with some undulations. Meet at the pre-school at 8:00am		Allan Gillies & Ros Rogers
Sun 29 Mar 2020 Day Walk	Cathedral Range Southern Circuit 10.5km, Medium/Hard The track climbs approx 500 metres through dense messmate forest to Sugarloaf Saddle and then to Sugarloaf Peak, the highest peak on the range. We then follow the ridge North to the Farm Yard and then descend back to the cars. There are a number of rocky sections on the track so bring you boots. . Great views from the top. Meet at Pre-school at 7:30 am or at Buxton Recreation Reserve at 9:15am. Note Early Start		John Templer
<i>The following activities will be confirmed in the next programme-</i>			
Daylight Saving ends Sunday 5 April 2020 at 2am – clocks back 1 hour			
Sun 5 April 2020 Day Walk	Bundoora, Latrobe Uni and Darebin Creek 14 km, Easy An easy ramble around the parks in Bundoora and along the Darebin Creek. We visit Latrobe Uni along the way. Meet at the Pre-school at 8:00am		Richard Dunstone
<i>Thursday 9th Apr 2020; Club Meeting 8pm - Slide Show: Jatbula Trail, NT by John Templer and others</i>			
Easter Fri 10 - Mon 13 April 2020	Activity to be determined.		Leader Required
Sun 19 April 2020 Day Walk	Autumn in the Macedon Ranges - Mt Towrong Walking Trail ~17km, Medium This walk incorporates the three major peaks of Mt Towrong, Mt Macedon and The Camel's Hump. It has a couple of steep ascents but with spectacular views, abundant wildlife and a varied flora it will make the early rise worthwhile. Meet at the pre-school at 8:00am		Leader Required
Sun 26 April 2020 Bike Ride	Warburton Rail Trail - Seville to Warburton. 45 km Med. Breakfast at the Carriage Café.	<i>Own Transport</i>	Leader Required
Sun 3 May 2020 Day Walk	Mt Evelyn to Silvan Reservoir return 17km Medium This walk follows the Mt Evelyn Aqueduct on trails through the eucalyptus forests of the Dandenong Ranges to the reservoir park then returning on some different tracks. Meet at the pre-school at 8:00am		Heather Walker

Sat 9 May 2020 Social	40th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of DVBC To Be Confirmed		
Sun 10 th May 2020; Mother's Day			
<i>Thursday 14th May 2020; Club Meeting 8pm - suggestions for guest speaker or slide show welcome</i>			
Sun 17 May 2020 Bike Ride	Ashburton Station to Fairfield and return. 40 km easy. Lunch at the Fairfield Boathouse	<i>Own Transport</i>	Gerry McKellar
Sun 24 May 2020 Day Walk	East Tyers River 10-12kms, medium walk. Several crossings of the East Tyers river on log bridges (with rope guide), tall trees and remnants of saw mills. Meet at the pre school at 7.30am or toilet block next to the McDonald's at Moe at 9am		Allan Gillies & Ros Rogers
Sun 31 May 2020 Day Walk	Drouin Remnant & Planted Trees Walk ~ 8km easy walking, can be extended if time permit. Walk along footpaths, grassy verges, around wetlands etc to observe important heritage trees of Drouin whether eucalypt giants or exotics such as elms, oaks and planes. Copies of an informative booklet provided by the Friends of Drouin's Trees giving detailed description of the historic and significant points along the walk will be distributed. Meet at the pre-school at 8:00am		Julie Kidd
Queen's Birthday Long Weekend Sat 6 - Mon 8 Jun 2020	Activity to be Determined		Leader Required
<i>Thursday 11th June 2020; Club Meeting 8pm - suggestions for guest speaker or slide show welcome</i>			
Sun 14 June 2020 Day Walk	Great Southern Rail Trail - Leongatha to Koonwarra return 14km, Easy/Medium This walk follows a gentle gradient along a section of this historic old railway trail paralleling the West Branch of the Tarwin River 1 km to the east. We will walk through open farmland, Tea Tree swamp scrub and temporary & permanent wetlands. Meet at the pre-school at 8:00am		Leader Required
Sun 21 June 2020 Bike Ride	Safety Beach to Blairgowrie and return. 45 km Medium.	<i>Own Transport</i>	Leader Required
Sun 28 June 2020 Day Walk	Yarra Bend starting & finishing at Studley Park Boat House 10km Easy An easy circuit walk around the tracks along the Yarra River in the parks at Fairfield. Meet at the pre-school at 8:00am		Leader Required
<i>Thursday 9th July 2020; Club Annual Meeting 8pm</i>			
Sun 12 July 2020 Bike Ride	Dandenong to Mt Eliza Regional Park and to Frankston Return by Train.	<i>Own Transport</i>	Leader Required
Sun 19 July 2020 Day Walk	The Briars, Mt Martha to Snapper Point, Mornington 15km Medium This will involve a walk around the Kur-Bur-Rer & Woodland walks in The Briars historic property & homestead built in 1851. Then we will walk along the Balcombe Creek estuary to the Mt Martha foreshore and walk the coast to Snapper Point in Mornington. Meet at the pre-school at 8:00am		Leader Required

DANDENONG VALLEY BUSHWALKING CLUB INC.

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.
- Visitors are advised to read the club's Risk Management Policy on the club's website.
- 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)

Generally shorter walks 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: \$36.00 per annum. Family membership: \$72.00 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 Bushwalking Victoria.

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.*

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

CLUB MEETING NIGHT VENUE

Club night meetings are NOW (as of June 2019) held at the **James Cook Pre-School Building** in James Cook Drive, Endeavour Hills.

See location map and picture below. (Ref. Melway map-91-A5)

Meetings are at 8.00pm, usually on the second Thursday of each month (except January).

Tea and coffee are provided and everyone is welcome.

Usually there will be a video or slideshow of recent walks or adventures by club members.

WALK ASSEMBLY POINT

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

