

# WALKLINES

## **Newsletter of the Waverley Bushwalking Club Inc OCTOBER 2025**

**Our Mission:** To build a supportive and inclusive walking community that encourages people to discover and enjoy our natural environment through responsible bushwalking.



**NEXT MEETING:** Monday October 13 at the Mount Waverley Community Centre  
Waverley Bushwalking Club wishes to acknowledge receipt of an in-kind grant from the City of Monash

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT – OCTOBER 2025

Welcome to another Walklines. We have been pushing for more walks to be put on, and I can report we are starting to see exactly that. At time of writing, there are already 11 walks in September completed or scheduled, and for October we have 9 walks. We are still a bit short of medium-hard walks which seem to be the key to attracting new members. Our additional walks are currently being achieved by existing leaders working harder to put on more walks, but what we really need is for new or inactive leaders get involved, so if you are not currently an active leader and can lead a walk or two, that would be wonderful.

Last month's club meeting featured an enjoyable presentation by **Davita Coronel**, president of Friends of Bats and Bushcare in Melbourne, on the challenge posted by flying foxes in Melbourne, where they are often shunned as pests – including by me, noisy and smelly as they can be in their large colonies in Yarra Bend Park, but the talk has changed my opinion about these fascinating native animals that are also critical pollinators.

At our October meeting, past president **David Lumb** will be speaking about conservation efforts along Dandenong Creek. This important creek is known to many of us from walks alongside it on Mt Dandenong and from flatter walks lower down. Come along and find out about the threats to the creek's environment and what's being done to improve it.

Our membership secretary **Valsa Koshy** has returned to the committee after a brief time out. Welcome back Valsa and a big thank you to **Heather Lucas** for stepping in to cover the vacancy over the past few months and doing such a good job in the role.

Valsa will need to see in changes to the visitor sign-up process which have been progressing behind the scenes over the past couple of months and will be launched soon. First up, and effective immediately, is that we have dropped the \$5 visitor fee which leaders have had to collect and pass on to the treasurer whenever a visitor joined their walk. Managing the fee was more trouble than it was worth. Potential visitors still need to start by making contact with the membership secretary, but coming soon will be an online sign-up procedure allowing visitors to request the walk(s) they'd like to join, and automated OnTrax emails that will make the membership secretary's job easier. Visitors will also provide health and contact information, and will acknowledge risks in participating in our activities, in the signup process, so leaders will no longer need to collect manually completed forms from visitors. These changes have required considerable work by **Russell Lucas** to implement within OnTrax. Many thanks Russell!

Finally please note that we are still looking for volunteers to fill three vacancies: a **secretary in training**, a **welfare coordinator**, and a **roster coordinator**.

**Rolf Exner**

### CLUB MEETING MONDAY OCTOBER 13

**Friends groups all over Victoria collectively do an enormous amount of environmental work. October's presentation is about just one group, the Friends of Dandenong Valley Parklands who assist Parks Victoria in a string of parks along Dandenong Creek between Boronia Rd and Welington Rd.**

**Our speaker will be David Lumb speaking about the environmental work being done around Dandenong Creek.**

**Cover photo:** Mallacoota—Merrica 5 day pack carry. See report P9.

## MT FEATHERTOP SNOW PACK CARRY

21 – 24 August 2025

Leader: Selwyn Chan

Photos: Selwyn Chan

Report: Mani Andreetta

Selwyn (ain't no mountain high enough) Chan promoted this trip as: 'Experience Victoria's second highest mountain in winter... snowshoeing on steep terrain and two nights camping in snow'. Loving a challenge, of course I signed up.

Day 1 was easy enough. A leisurely drive to Freeburch for a comfortable night's stay in a warm, cosy cabin.

Day 2 the challenge began. Heavily laden (Selwyn mainly) with snowshoes, crampons, spikes and ice axes in addition to alpine-grade over-night gear we set off up pretty Bungalow Spur. True to his promise the ascent was long and steep, 'like walking up a 4-storied office building every 100m'. We made good time and 10km later arrived at Federation Hut - our snow camp for the next two nights. After a late lunch and with tents pitched, we set off towards Little Mt Feathertop to practice using our snowshoes, crampons and ice axes. Rolf and I were delighted when Selwyn gave us a lesson in self-arrest – an invaluable mountaineering technique to stop sliding on steep snow. After an early dinner in the Hut, we retired early to our tents.

Day 3 dawned cold, calm and sunny. Perfect for summiting Mt Feathertop. The snow was quite soft with some icy sections as we snowshoed up to the top in just over an hour taking care to stay clear of the infamous cornices. Alone on the summit, we were rewarded with magnificent 360° views of the surrounding alpine country. From Mt Bogong to the northeast, Mt Cope to the southeast and Mt Buller, Mt Speculation and Mt Buffalo to the northwest. Bliss. After lunch we attempted to snowshoe to the MUMC Hut but returned early when contouring across the Tom Kneen Track became too risky. By the time we returned to our camp at Federation Hut, there were about a dozen or so tents with more hikers arriving. I felt so grateful to have had the mountain and hut largely to ourselves up to then.

We awoke on Day 4 to gale-force winds and hard packed ice all around. Rolf recorded -2° in his tent and a -6° feels like temperature outside. We packed up, had breakfast and headed down the way we came on Bungalow Spur. We celebrated our incredible pack carry with lunch at Harrietville before returning to Melbourne later that afternoon. I reflected that this had been the best snow camp I had done to date. We were so lucky to have had near perfect weather and snow, amazing views at the summit and opportunities to practice some technical alpine skills. Thank you, Selwyn, for your meticulous planning and delivery of such a challenging and rewarding trip.



## SUGARLOAF RESERVOIR WALK

24<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Leaders: Mei Yang and Dennis Cheung

Report and photos: Chris McLennan

It didn't look promising at the start of the walk with the leader forgetting his navigation unit but we were not sure if this was intentional with the aim to identify potential leaders in the group. Julian was the first of many to fire up his navigational app and point us in the right direction. This was soon confirmed by the sighting of the orange pole marking the track. No worries after that, just keep the lake to the right and look for the orange poles and we should find our way back to the cars.

A few things had changed since my last walk there with the new solar farm occupying a large section of the shoreline and behind the yacht club. The reservoirs water level was very low and there were a few short cuts across dry inlets. Our lunch spot gave us good views of the city and we relaxed in the sunshine enjoying a short break.



We finished with coffee in the sun and a good joke on the café's menu board which was, "I long for the day when the chicken can cross the road without everyone questioning his motives."

Thanks Mei and Dennis for putting on a very enjoyable walk.



## CARLTON HISTORICAL WALK

Wednesday August 27<sup>th</sup>

Leaders: Graeme Brownfield and Kerry Powell

Report and photos: Tricia Heidmann

Did you know that historically you could see the War Memorial from Carlton United Brewery or that “United” signifies the union of seven brewing companies? Did you know there is a house in Carlton with kangaroo finials on the roof, a fountain featuring platypus gargoyles and that Carlton has a three tier water fountain for adults, children and dogs? Even more interesting, did you know that Squizzy Taylor caught a taxi to St Vincents hospital after he was shot and where he later died?

Twelve keen historians enjoyed this 9km (almost) walk with Graeme and Kerry. We



saw how heritage listed bluestone buildings have been incorporated into modern builds. There is no need to travel to Europe if you like buildings with grand columns - the Trades Hall features such grand architecture.



The Carlton suburb has changed significantly in its relatively short history - from factories and humble dwellings to today's much sought after terrace houses with balconies and elaborate cast iron decorations. The wealth from the gold rush financed some of the grander buildings. The Exhibition Building has been a significant icon in not just Carlton's History but Australian history. Just grateful that parks and green spaces have been a priority with development.

At last, significant women in history are being acknowledged with statues. Thank-you Zelda D'Aprano for making the working lives of women so much better.

I'm not going to give away any more spoilers in this write up. If you enjoy a leisurely walk with local history thrown in make sure you sign up for an Historical Walk.

Thanks Graeme and Kerri for an interesting historical walk.



## MT DANDENONG NORTH CIRCUIT WALK

Saturday August 30, 2025

Leaders: Mani Andreetta, Selwyn Chan,  
Claire Xia

Reporters: Claire Xia, Clyde Cook

Photos: Claire and Tracey Gao

On 30 August 2025, nine members from WBC were joined by one member from Boroondara Bushwalkers for a day walk in the Northern Dandenong Ranges. The group was fortunate to enjoy clear and pleasant weather following several days of rain.

The walk followed several tracks through eucalypt forest and stopped at Olinda Falls for lunch. We crossed open parklands near the summit of Mt Dandenong where daffodils and pink magnolias were in bloom.



Participants also enjoyed fine views of the Silvan Reservoir and the Yarra Valley. As always, the Dandenong Ranges offered a rich variety of scenery and natural beauty. We saw a new art installation consisting of several laminations of glass sheets. Engravings on the glass produced the effect of a 3D artwork. It's definitely worth a moment to look if you are passing. The work is surrounded by a plantation of native grasses, although it looks a bit like a plastic bag farm at the moment.



Some sections of the track were muddy and slippery in places, especially the Mechanics Track, but the group completed the walk on schedule and without incident. The outing concluded with brewed coffee and home-made cake, enjoyed in good company under the afternoon sun.

This walk also marked the first occasion on which Claire served as co-leader. Sincere thanks are extended to Selwyn and Mani for their excellent guidance and support in this role.



## ALPHINGTON TO BUNDOORA VIA DAREBIN CREEK TRAIL

Sunday 31 August 2025

Leader: Richard Watson

Report and photos: Richard Watson

I led a group of four walkers on this 15km easy-medium walk along the Darebin Creek Trail, in the Cities of Darebin and Banyule. We drove from Capital Reserve to the starting point, the bridge over Darebin Creek on Heidelberg Road Alphington. A car had been left at the finishing point, on A.H. Capp Scenic Drive near the Mount Cooper lookout in Bundoora Park.



Like many river valleys in Melbourne, the Darebin Creek is surrounded by a bushland reserve, and the Darebin Creek Trail traverses natural woodlands for much of its course through the northern suburbs, with an abundance of bird life. The trail is flat and mostly concrete, making it popular with cyclists as well as walkers. The weather was kind as threatened rain did not occur. Industries of various kinds can be seen across the creek from the trail, we saw possibly the world's largest painting of a fish on one factory wall. The northern end of the trail enters Bundoora Park. This has a Heritage Village that appeared to have closed. However the farm café was open and we enjoyed well-earned coffees after the walk.

## RED HILL TO MERRICKS WALK

Wednesday September 3rd

Leaders: Vara Turner and Heather Lucas

Report and photos: Lee Taylor

Starting at the Red Hill Bushland Reserve, we had a very pleasant walk along the Red Hill Rail Trail to Merricks. Our leaders varied the trail from a straight out and back by taking us along some side roads before joining the Rail Trail. We enjoyed the wattles in flower and the sunshine at lunch at Merricks Station Reserve and Pony Club. Russell contemplated extra exercise on the new equipment during lunch. Returning past the Pony Club jumps and the old Red Hill Station with historical photo and information boards, we finished with good coffee at the Epicurean.

Thanks Vara and Heather for a great day's outing.



## MALLACOOTA – MERRICA RIVER 5-DAY PACK CARRY

September 1-5, 2025

Leader: Gary McDonald

Report: Mani Andreetta and Chris McLennan

Photos: from the group

### Day 1: Mallacoota Jetty to Lake Barracoota 9km

After a 6-hour drive, seven intrepid adventurers met Dale, our captain, and boarded the *MV Loch Ard* for a picturesque cruise across the Mallacoota Inlet to Lake View, the starting point for our walk. Along the way, Dale informed us of the many species of birds and animals we could encounter on our trip. He also highlighted the threats to the ecology of the bay from the invasion of sea urchins particularly to the abalone industry, reefs and marine life. At 2pm, we farewelled Dale who promised to pick us up at the end of our walk to transport us back to Mallacoota.



Leaving Mallacoota on the boat

Having done this walk three times before, Gary had warned us we would get wet feet. At first the walking was easy along coastal forest typical of the Croajingolong. Soon we had to wade knee-deep wetlands for about an hour before reaching the beach. We walked along soft sand for about an hour then turning inland and climbing over a few large sand dunes before arriving just before dusk at our destination for the night on the banks of Lake Barracoota. We quickly pitched our tents on the sandy edge of the lake, collected water and ate dinner before heading to bed under cold, clear skies.

Mani wading along the swampy track

Sunrise at Lake Barracoota



## Day 2 Lake Barracoota to Bunyip Waterhole campsite. 14.8 km

We retraced our steps climbing back over the sand dunes to the beach to continue our walk. We identified many animal tracks in the sand suggesting much activity during the night from emus, kangaroos, birds and probably a dingo. We passed the wreck of SS Riverina which washed up onto the rocks in 1927 west of Gabo Island; the 142 passengers were ferried safely to shore in lifeboats. Gabo Island and its pink granite lighthouse could be seen in the distance.

We walked most of the day on the beach and headed to Cape Howe which marked the NSW



border and where we collected water for the night from the soaks using Gary's water pump, which also filtered the water. (See photo below.)

We were going to camp at Bunyip Waterhole but the campsite was flooded and so we retreated to the campsite closer to the beach. We had a good day even spotting some whales breaching in the distance.



At NSW border, Cape Howe.

## Day 3: Bunyip Waterhole – Harry's Hut 11.6km

After a wonderful night's sleep to the sound of the roaring Tasman Sea, we bush-bashed inland struggling at times to find the footpad. Gary remarked how much the Bunyip Waterhole had deteriorated in the 10 years since he had last camped by its shore. Now the water was dark and undrinkable and the shore buried under hundreds of storm-damaged fallen trees.

Soon we were out of the forest and surrounded by masses of wildflowers – banksias, pink and white heath, woolly grevilleas, pimelea, mint bush, Victorian Christmas bush, bush peas, porantheras and more. A riot of pinks, orange, yellows, purple and white. Returning to the sea, we spotted large flocks of gannets, some endangered hooded plovers and some more whales further out to sea. Day 3 ended at the comfortable Harry's Hut complete with a water tank and an alfresco toilet (ie no roof or walls!) – the only tank water and loo for the trip.



#### Day 4 Harrys Hut to Newtons Beach 13kms

Our first challenge for the day was to cross the Nadgee River near camp and it was decided to wade across the river rather than cross on the fallen tree that provided a bridge and a degree of challenge on dismounting. All across safely, we headed to Little Creek to walk across the sand bank then jump across the creek or rock hop to the narrow track under the cliff face on the other side where we had morning tea. We followed the track along the coast through dense scrub often losing the trail. We eventually arrived at Newtons Beach campsite near Wirra Birra Creek and settled in for the night, everyone having a flat spot to pitch their tents, so no rolling out of bed to-night. The wind picked up, which tested the stability of our tents, as we settled in for our last dehydrated meal.

#### Day 5: Newtons Beach - Merrica River Ranger station 7km

Day 5 commenced with a steep climb around the Tumbledown Mountain. We detoured to the sea to attempt to rock hop to Sea Cave but could only manage to get part of the way due to the tide being too high. Returning to the Nadgee Wilderness Track, Gary valiantly continued to bush bash a safe path for us by pushing aside overgrown tracks and fallen branches and helping walkers to climb down and up the steep edges of a deep ditch. We arrived at midday to meet Dale with his minibus to take us back to our cars at Mallacoota. Happily showered and fed, Gary and Dennis drove us home later that night.

Many thanks to Gary for planning and leading a remarkable wilderness adventure, the diversity of terrain, wildlife and seascapes was breathtaking. The planning required quite a bit of logistics to arrange boat and bus transport, post-walk showers and identifying safe sources of drinking water. In addition, navigating the correct path was often challenging as the track was heavily overgrown or missing and he went to great efforts to bush bash a path for us. The camaraderie amongst the magnificent seven was a key feature too. As Gary advised: 'This walk offers the experience of a true wilderness... you will see places that very few people have seen.'



## **BRAESIDE PARK**

**Tuesday 2nd September**

**Leader: Margaret Keir**

**Report and photo: Margaret Keir**

8 walkers met to enjoy a circular walk at Braeside Park. We welcomed June as a first time walker with our Club. Our first stop was to see a tree carving of Phar Lap, who was trained at Braeside by Harry Telford in 1930 - 31.

The Park covers 312 hectares and was opened to the public in 1989, it protects significant environmental and cultural heritage. It is also a haven for native plants and over 160 bird species have been recorded. The Park has been used for grazing, a market garden, a sewage treatment plant, a horse training complex, and a farm.

We enjoyed morning tea in the sunshine and then started on our way again, this time walking on part of Phar Lap's training track, then through the Heathland trail back to enjoy our lunch a short walk from our cars. Walking back to our cars a sharp eyed walker alerted us to a Tawny Frogmouth sitting in a tree above the path. A special end to our walk in this interesting park.



## **ARTHURS SEAT WALK**

**Saturday September 20**

**Leader: Mani Andreeta**

**Report: Sharon Higgins**

**Photo: Tracey Gao**

15 walkers, 4 from Boroondara Bushwalkers, met at the McCrae Lighthouse which was built in the 1800's. Mani did the usual introduction and procedures. With a threat of rain, we set off along the beach but weather gods were on our side. Before long we were heading up the first incline along a woodland track heading towards the famous Seawind gardens for morning tea. The William Ricketts sculptures were a must to inspect.

We continued along the loop walk, through rainforest, tramping over well formed tracks, some gravel, undulating at times, crossing busy roads and checking out the lookout over Port Phillip Bay. Lunch was held at the Kings Waterfall, unfortunately no flow today.



After lunch we continued along the forest listening to the wind and birds, spotting small mobs of kangaroos with joeys. This 15km loop finished right next to the cafe whereupon refreshments were served.

Many thanks to Mani for your diligent organisation such a fabulous and well informed walk.

## CATHEDRAL RANGE SOUTH RIDGE WALK

Sunday 17 August 2025

Leaders: Rolf Exner and Bhawana Bhatta

Report: Rolf Exner

Photos: Bhawana Bhatta

Photos:

1. Climbing near Wells Cave
2. Entering the cave
3. The Cathedral Range Climbers

Ten of us went on this walk, chosen to test and develop skills in rock scrambling and coping with vertical exposure. We wanted to take the Wells Cave route and for safety wanted a dry day. The original date for the walk was forecast to be wet, so we postponed it, only to see a sunny day unfold with no rain. The rescheduled walk two weeks later had a dry forecast, but with light drizzle making everything slippery!

The slippery conditions meant that we made good use of the 20m / 7mm safety line I brought, using it to keep us safe on three occasions. The extra time that this took meant that we didn't have enough time to reach the Farmyard, but we still made it over the most difficult obstacles before turning back and retracing our steps. We returned via the Canyon route. Despite the challenging conditions everyone coped well and enjoyed the adventure, no doubt having sharpened their rock scrambling skills along the way! Coffee afterwards was at the Beechworth Bakery at Healesville.



## **WALK ALONG THE FORMER HEALESVILLE FREEWAY RESERVE**

**Wednesday 24 Sep 2025**

**Leader: Rod Jones**

**Report and photos: Jan Copland**

Today's club walk was enjoyed by 17 participants on a pleasant and rewarding route that started at Terrara Park and passed through Bellbird Dell, Campbells Croft, Bateman Street Bushland and the Winton Wetlands.

The group appreciated the varied landscapes and natural beauty along the way, highlights being the discovery of delicate lady finger orchids and the striking tall greenhood orchid in bloom. It was an enjoyable outing filled with good company, fresh air, and wonderful sightings of native flora.

Thanks to Rod.





## 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.

### 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. <b>Small torch in case of delay.</b>