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President's Tree-Stump

At the club's September committee meeting, several members thought it might be a nice idea to start a club newsletter. So - welcome to the first edition of Tracknotes.

We plan to publish four issues of Tracknotes each year, to keep you informed about bushwalking matters, to establish a forum to discuss any bushwalking item, to provide another link between members and to pass on information about forthcoming events.

The contents will probably consist of a president's column (here's the first one!), a profile of a member, an article about our most recent walk or walks and details of forthcoming walks.

Watch out - I will be picking a "volunteer" to write about our next walk for Tracknotes - it could be you!

No news is good news to everyone except an editor and Norma Hinshelwood - who has agreed to be our Tracknotes editor - would certainly echo that. Norma needs your help to make our newsletter a success.

If you have any news items - please pass them on to Norma during a walk or on 9836 3475.

Regards, and see you on the track.

David Ashton
President

Lal Lal Falls Walk

On Sunday 30th of August 32 members met at Lal Lal Falls in fairly overcast conditions.

Due to permission not being granted to walk alongside the water catchment area, an alternative walk had been devised by our experienced leader Richard Piesse. After a short drive to the Iron Stone mine, a 'more hilly' walk of approximately 11km commenced along undulating bush tracks.

The sun soon broke through and after the first of several hill climbs, most people had warmed up.

Following a lunch break at Mt. Doran, we visited the remains of a miner's hut at Champion Hill where we met a group of approaching horse riders. On our return to the cars, those with sufficient energy left walked the short distance to inspect the ruins of the Ironstone Mine and its associated buildings.

The day concluded with a most welcome afternoon tea at the Lavender Farm at Mt Egerton.

It's our 100th edition

Tracknotes has turned 100! Well, not exactly, but it is our 100th edition, since it started back in November 1998 with a single A4 sheet, printed both sides. Norma Hinshelwood was our first editor, and Norma is the interviewee for 'Ten questions', on page 2 of this edition.

Beginning on page 6 is the Tracknotes story - how it developed, what it has tried to do, and who has been involved in producing it since 1998. It's a bit self-indulgent, but after all, we have scored a century!

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The first edition of Tracknotes, dated November 1998



Ten questions – Norma Hinshelwood

As Norma was the first Editor of Tracknotes back in 1998, it's appropriate that she answers the ten questions in this, the 100th edition.

How long have you been a member of the bushwalking club?

About 25 years – I joined not long after the club was founded.

How did you find out about the club?

Working with Sue Stanley at a Scotch College Cadet Auxiliary sewing day.

What are your links with Scotch College?

Both our sons attended the School (Classes of 1994 and 1997).

What is your dream walk within Australia?

I enjoyed the Overland Track in Tasmania: maybe other walks in Tasmania or the Margaret River area in WA. However, living on the Mornington Peninsula I can enjoy dream walks every day!

What is your dream walk overseas?

I loved the Milford Track in NZ and also the Annapurna route in Nepal was special. But I have always wanted to walk the Coast to Coast in the UK.

What is your dream holiday in Australia or overseas?

I have been very fortunate to travel extensively. However, until recently I always wanted to travel on the Trans-Siberian railway.

What are your hobbies and interests, other than bushwalking?

Playing tennis and golf. I also play bridge and enjoy reading, music and live theatre.

What was your occupation?

I worked in the travel industry as a bilingual PA, and then part time in medical rooms.

What football team do you barrack for?

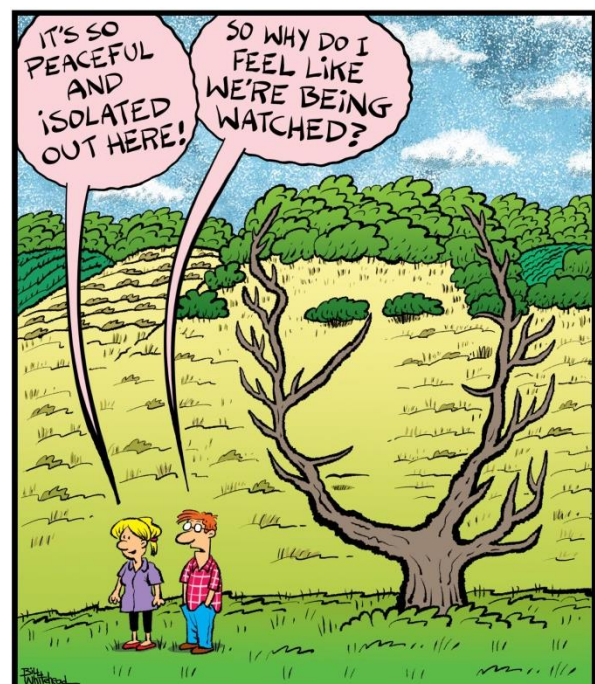
I have to say Carlton, as the whole of my family barracks for them.

What is your favourite Melbourne (or Mornington Peninsula) restaurant?

Merricks General Store, Foxeys Hangout, or any of the fabulous wineries on the Mornington Peninsula.



Norma walking on Mud Island during the club's visit in March 2021.





President's Tree-Stump



It really does not seem like three months since I sat down to write the March tree-stump.

This June edition is the 100th edition of *Tracknotes*. It would not have been possible without David Ashton, one of our founding members, and his support team at the OSCA office. Thank you, David.

The first edition of *Tracknotes* was in October 1998 (during a previous millennium) and consisted of one A4 double-sided sheet with no colour or photos. Our editor then was Norma Hinshelwood. Thanks very much, Norma, for starting our *Tracknotes* magazine, which is now published four times a year and has developed into a 12-page edition with plenty of colour, and photos supplied by Norrie McLeod. Norrie also spends many hours designing the layout of each edition to enable the inclusion of his photos. Thank you, Norrie.

I have discussed the evolution of *Tracknotes* with David Ashton, who estimates that he spends roughly 20 hours to prepare each edition. This includes writing some parts, editing all articles, proofreading, selecting photographs in conjunction with Norrie and arranging for the printing and distribution of each edition. That is on top of Norrie's time.

This 100th edition of *Tracknotes* has 16 pages and includes an article which outlines how the publication has developed over its 24 years of existence. *Tracknotes* is now one of OSCA's premier publications. One club member who does not actually join in the walks with us, says he remains a member just so that

he can read *Tracknotes* and keep up with the goings on within the club.

It is interesting looking back over the previous 99 editions, as they provide a comprehensive account of what our club has done, and the people who have been members; sadly, some of whom are no longer with us.

At the Phillip Island long weekend in March, we held the club's AGM. A new committee was elected, and I would again like to thank our previous management team for a job very well done. Since then we have had well attended walks in Brunswick, Mt Macedon, Fairfield, Warburton and Kew. Our Christmas 'walk and dine' team has already been discussing alternative venues for this year's function. Watch this space.

Finally I would like to raise a glass of ? tea or ? to David, Norrie and your committees for all of the effort and time they have devoted to our club and particularly the production and publishing of our magazine, *Tracknotes*.

Until next time or when we meet 'out on the track',

Neil Hart-Smith
President

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Save the date – Sunday 11 September

Boneo Park Rosebud Equestrian Centre wetlands walk and lunch at the centre's Arilla Restaurant

Plan a staycation, book your beach house on the Mornington Peninsula, or just come for a drive on the weekend of 10 and 11 September and join your bushwalking club friends for a wetlands walk and lunch on Sunday the 11th. We'll walk with a professional guide through the wetlands, then have a two-course lunch at Arilla Restaurant, which is on site. The restaurant has picture windows that overlook the Equestrian Centre's show jumping and gymkhana arenas.

Full details including a booking form will be emailed to you closer to the event.

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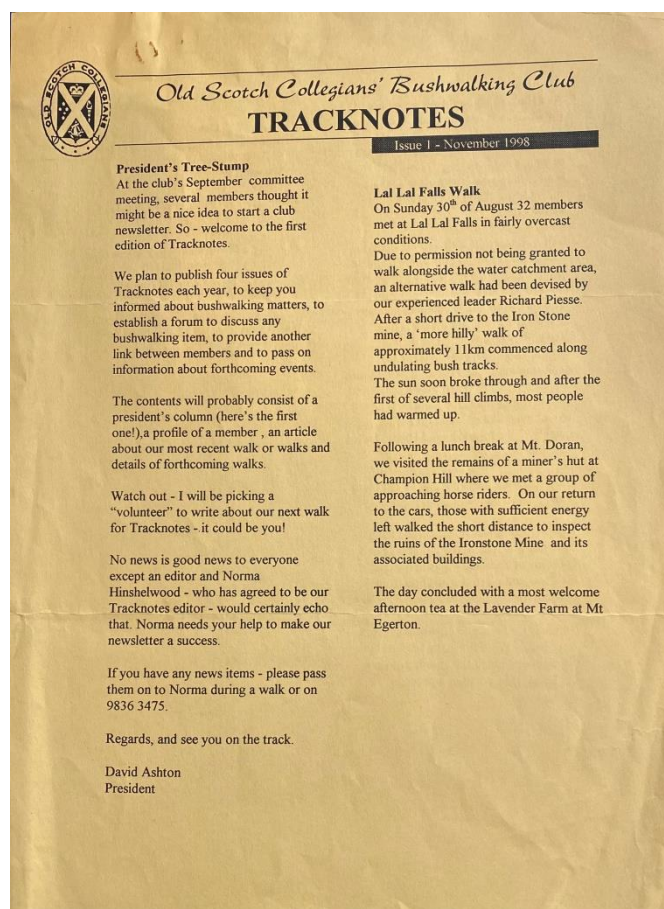
Tracknotes scores a century

DAVID ASHTON

Welcome to *Tracknotes*' 100th edition! The publication first saw the light of day back in November 1998, edited by long-serving club member, Norma Hinshelwood. Norma edited the first few editions before handing over the editorial reins to me. I have continued as editor since then, with graphic design at first very well performed by Robyn Hansen, and later by Norrie McLeod, who capably continues in that role.

Thinking back through the haze of time to 1998 when *Tracknotes* first appeared, some of the events which made the headlines during that year included *Titanic* becoming the first film to gross US\$1 billion; the Adelaide Crows winning back-to-back AFL premierships, defeating North Melbourne 15.15.105 to 8.22.70; and John Howard's Liberal/National Coalition being re-elected with a substantially reduced majority.

The early editions of *Tracknotes* did not contain photos or any colour, but by the 10th issue there was some colour in the form of small graphics, and photos were included for the first time in the 14th edition. Two editions appeared in each of *Tracknotes*' first two years (1998 and 1999); then there were three editions in 2000 and 2001, four in 2002, five from 2003-05, four in 2006, five again in 2007; and then the publication settled into the routine it still has – of four editions a year, published in March, June, September and December.

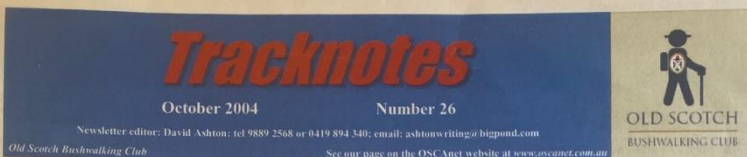


The first edition of *Tracknotes*, dated November 1998.



Libby Marshall, Anne Hart-Smith, Jan Ward and Wilma Marriott were 'cover girls' in the December 2002 issue of *Tracknotes* – issue 17.

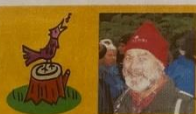
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Club reaches new heights in Sydney



Pictured during the Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb on 29 August are (left to right) Laurine Symington, Brian Symington, Judy Wilmot, David Wilmot, Hugh Morris, Micky Ashton and David Ashton. The climb was part of the club's successful weekend visit to the Harbour City. See the story on page 4.



President's Tree-Stump by Club President, Neil Hart-Smith

One of the secrets of any club's success is to keep on innovating, so that members are constantly presented with exciting new ideas and events to enjoy. Two recent innovations have been our new midweek walks, which have begun very well, and our Sydney visit in August. Our midweek walks have attracted large groups of retirees, and perhaps some workers who've taken a "sickie" to enjoy a walk in good early spring conditions. Congratulations to Geoff Stephens and Peter Williams for running the midweek walks for us. A second recent innovation was our visit to Sydney. I was unable to attend, unfortunately,

but I believe it was a great success, with some members attending the Sydney OSCA dinner on the Friday night, and a larger group walking from Manly to the Spit Bridge the next day, followed by the Harbour Bridge climb on the Sunday. Now an ambitious seven-day bushwalk in North Queensland is proposed. Now, that is an innovation! See you at the winery walk.

Neil Hart-Smith

Date change for winery walk—page 6



Walkers pictured during the 12km Saturday walk at Beechworth on 19 May. For more on our Beechworth weekend, see our double-page spread – pages 4 and 5.

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Club members at the top of Sydney Harbour Bridge in 2004. The bridge climb took place during a club visit to Sydney which also included participation in an OSCA Sydney branch dinner and a 10km walk from Manly to the Spit Bridge.

Among the early editions of *Tracknotes* was a report on a 'wine and food walk' in October 1998, attended by no fewer than 72 Old Scotch Bushwalking Club and Old Scotch Wine and Food Society members. Well organised by Graham and Sue Stanley and David and Pat Long of the Wine and Food Society, the walk began at Glen Erin Winery, Lancefield, went on to the Rochford Winery for tastings, and then returned to Glen Erin for lunch. The 'winery walk' was to become an annual event, frequently organised by Graham and Sue.

In June 2001, *Tracknotes* reported that the club had 'turned 50 – not quite 50 years but we have

Cover of the June 2007 edition – issue 38. Walkers pause during a 12km walk at Beechworth in May 2007.


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when Layton called one radio 'operator' to ask why he hadn't called in on the mandatory 15-minute interval, the response was: 'Sorry – I was too tired!'



And so *Tracknotes*' early days set the scene for a chronicling of the club's activities over the years, sometimes purely descriptive, sometimes whimsical, sometimes amusing. As far as the club knows, there are two complete sets of the 99 issues of *Tracknotes* up to this edition: one is held by Sue and Graham Stanley, and the other has been collected and maintained by Micky Ashton, the club's archivist.

Perhaps some future OSCA historian may be able to gain a full picture of the Old Scotch Bushwalking Club, and a bit of an insight into OSCA itself, by thumbing through the collected issues of *Tracknotes*.

The Editor thanks all those members who have contributed articles over the years. Particular thanks go to Norma Hinshelwood, the first *Tracknotes* Editor, and to Robyn Hansen and Norrie McLeod, whose publication design skills have been highly valued.




A whale of a time in autumn sunshine



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Walk leader Neil Hart-Smith sits contentedly with his flock of smiling walkers while on a break during the Torquay walk on Sunday 19 May.

As John Moore reports in his story on page 10, walkers were treated to sightings of whales, which enriched even further a beautiful walk in ideal late autumn conditions.

Blue sky and blue sea: Neil Hart-Smith and a group of smiling walkers at Torquay in May 2013



The Yarra at Fairfield – (See opposite)

Our midweek walks

Walking along the Yarra at Fairfield

SONIA GILDERDALE

Eleven walkers met at Alphington station on Thursday 21 April to explore tracks along both sides of the Yarra. Despite significant recent rainfall, apart from a short and sharp early morning shower, the weather stayed dry and cool.

We set off northwards into the Darebin Parklands, a 33 hectare bushland area containing many native birds and animals bordering the Darebin Creek. Prior to becoming a park, the area contained a bluestone quarry for 60 years from the 1890s, and then became the municipal tip until 1975.

We followed the bike track south alongside the creek until the confluence with the Yarra River, near the La Trobe golf club. A few hundred metres on, the bike



Margaret Inglis and Laurine Symington in front as the group approaches the Pipe Bridge

track joined the main Yarra Trail towards the city, and we soon headed off along the dirt track adjacent to the river. The riverbank is lined with mature trees and the path, although muddy, is very attractive.

bankrupt. In 1923 it was raised by 12 feet so as to avoid future floods. We ate our lunch at the picnic tables overlooking the river, watching boats and ducks.

After lunch we walked along the north bank of the river, with a view across the water to where we had been earlier. We had a not-so-attractive view of the development of the old APM site, which has a large number of dwellings being crammed into the area. After that we reached the now defunct Alphington swimming pool, where locals enjoyed a dip in the river from the 1920s to the 1960s. Apparently prior to 1920 the Yarra was considered too polluted for swimming, and also in those days the notion was considered indecent!

A few hundred metres further on, we left the riverbank, and headed uphill through Alphington Park, and enjoyed a well-earned coffee near the starting point. We had walked around 9 km, and everyone felt good after all the fresh air and exercise.



Laurine leads the walkers across the Pipe Bridge

We proceeded under the Chandler Highway bridge and continued following the dirt track until we reached the Pipe Bridge near the Fairfield Boathouse. There were a few kayakers and rowers battling upstream against the current, but they were rewarded when they turned round, as little effort was needed to return to their starting point.

The original Pipe Bridge was built in 1878 but was subsequently washed away by extreme floods in 1934 and rebuilt the following year. The boathouse was built in 1908 by John St Clair, a local piano tuner, but ownership was transferred to the local council seven years later when Mr St Clair became

Lunch, overlooking the river



Lunch, overlooking the river

Our midweek walks

Coburg to Brunswick: a food and architectural walk

CHRISTINE MOSS

On Monday 28 March, 12 walkers, including two new members – Elizabeth Douglas and Pat Brownlee – met at the Coburg railway station precinct to commence a walk underneath the elevated rail line to Moreland Station and beyond.

The station building here at Coburg was the first of four identical buildings to be constructed on the Coburg line in the late 1880s. The other three can be seen at Moreland, Brunswick and Jewell. This building, along with the Moreland one, was restored as part of project works and now includes a number of original features.

The former Coburg rail line, now the Upfield line, is one of the best surviving examples of a 19th century railway line in Victoria. Built between 1881 and 1884, it provided transport for many industries, including brickworks and potters.



Moreland station – alongside the original station buildings



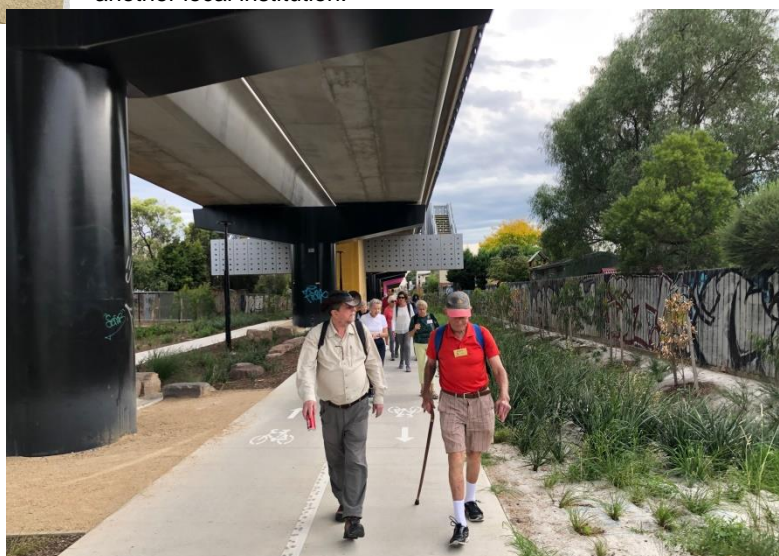
Christine Moss leads the walk along the pathway

Signals 35, 42 and 44 and the Munro Street signal hut are three of the 14 semaphore signals located along the line. These signals communicated with the driver: downturned signalled to proceed, horizontal signalled to stop. All along this route we passed new playgrounds, exercise centres, and even a large, enclosed dog yard where canines can rest, sniff, enjoy a drink and play.

In 1910 the Coburg community fought hard for the creation of a reserve next to Moreland station. By 1911 approximately 250 trees had been planted. In the 1970s the western part of the reserve was named Gandolfo Gardens after Salvatore Gandolfo, the first foreign-born Mayor of Coburg.

After inspecting the Moreland Road signal box, which was opened in 1892 to house levers and equipment required to safely manage trains along the former railway line, we made our way west along Moreland Road. Then, wending our way through some local streets, we passed an old rope factory (now converted into apartments), and then on to Anstey station which was apparently named after a very popular Labor Premier.

Here we stopped to view the sustainable, eco-friendly apartment complex called 'The Commons'. Designed by Breathe Architecture, its unique appeal has gained widespread attention, sweeping national awards including the country's top architecture award for multi-residential housing in 2014. From here it was only a short stroll to our lunch destination at A1 Bakery, another local institution.



Ian Hansen and Richard Piesse

Our midweek walks

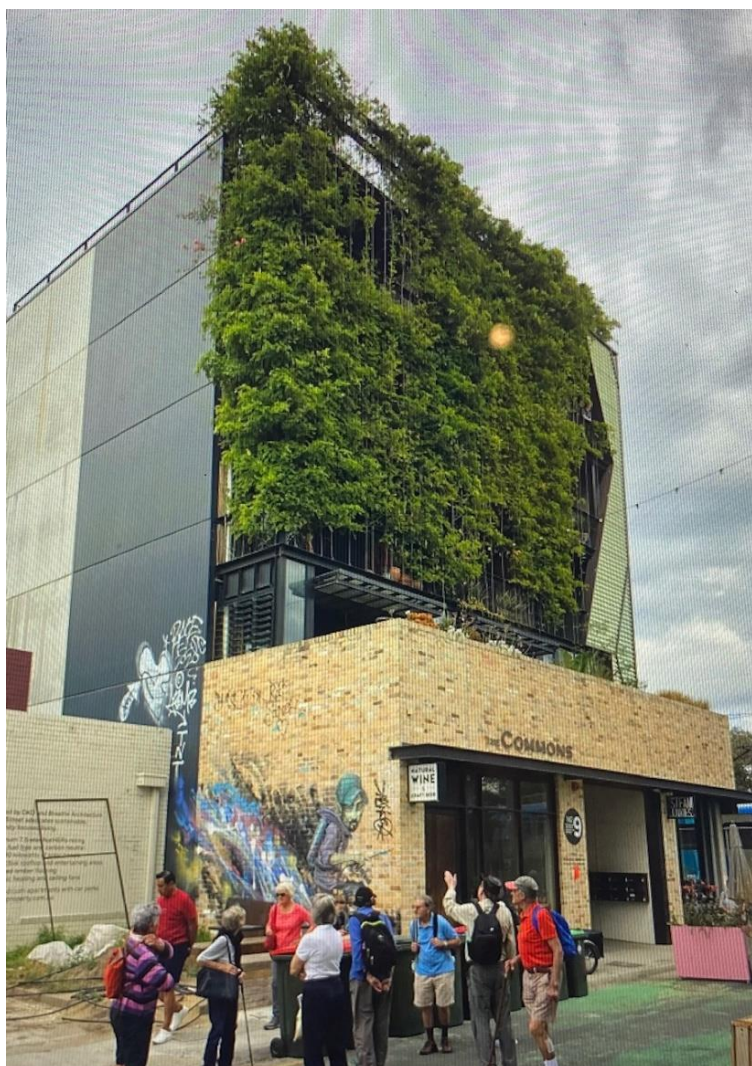
After lunch we window-shopped some of the very different businesses along Sydney Road, before stopping at the well-known Mediterranean Food Store to view their eclectic range of foodstuffs and enjoy some delicious coffee and cakes.

En route to our final shop we passed the former Brunswick Market, which is of architectural importance as the only known market building in Victoria constructed in the Spanish Mission style. It's also of historical importance for being the first Melbourne self-service grocery. Our last stop on this food and architectural walk was at an old spice shop, where many of the grocery lines are stored in large plastic bins ranging from various grains, delicious-smelling spices to tubs of liquorice allsorts and chocolate bullets! It was then an easy journey back to Southern Cross station by train or tram.

I do hope our two new members enjoyed their first walk as much as we did and will join us on many more.



A distinctively decorated cottage next to the pathway



The Commons, which has won many national architecture awards



Just add water

Brian Symington spotted this advertisement for 'freeze-dried water' – a lightweight way to carry water when bushwalking, and all that's required is 'just add water'. The advertisement was published on 1 April, for the benefit of April fools!

Our midweek walks

Kew and the Outer Circle Rail Trail

CELIA DYNON

On the cool morning of Wednesday 25 June, 14 walkers set out from Victoria Park in Kew for our May midweek walk. The first section of the walk took us along part of the Outer Circle Rail Trail. The Outer Circle railway was built in sections from 1890 to 1891 and aimed to link railway lines. By 1895 it was closed due to lack of patronage. It did reopen for passengers in the early 20th century and goods services continued, but passenger services ceased in 1926 and goods services closed in 1943. One section of the track does remain in service as the Alamein line, from Camberwell to Alamein.



Celia briefs the walkers at Victoria Park



Laurine chats as she walks

We crossed Burke Road and continued through parkland in Deepdene and Kew to reach our lunch spot close to the Yarra at Kew Billabong. The sun had appeared by this time so we were able to enjoy our lunch warmed by the sun.

The last section of the walk continued through parkland and then up some local streets before our final point of interest at the Kew Cemetery. Established as a garden cemetery in 1860, it was one of the earliest Melbourne cemeteries and contains the graves of many famous and infamous characters. There are several impressive monuments, including the Springthorpe Memorial, which is currently undergoing restoration.

From the cemetery there was just a short walk back to our starting point to complete our circuit.



A pause during the Outer Circle Rail Trail portion of the walk

Our weekend walks

A wonderful weekend of walks and companionship

NEIL HART-SMITH

The club's weekend at Phillip Island (18-20 March) was a great success, with **37** participants, beautiful weather, and great walks, fun and friendship.

The weekend did get off to a somewhat hesitant start. Micky and David Ashton arrived early at Phillip Island, and took a walk along Rhyll Jetty while waiting for the main group to arrive. Calamity! Tripping on a loose plank, Micky

watched in consternation as her car keys fell into Westernport Bay. Norrie and Pam McLeod came to the rescue, bringing another set of car keys, and next morning at low tide Micky retrieved her keys – still in working order!

Drama over, once all participants had arrived on Friday evening, most of the party set off for a delicious meal at the Phillip Island RSL Club at Cowes.

Walk one, Saturday

On Saturday, 24 walkers set off on a 9km walk along the Bass Coast Coastal Trail, led by our President.

The group met at the car park at the end of Punchbowl Road. Norrie worked out the car shuttle of vehicles to Kilcunda. It was a long wait, but the car shuttlers eventually reappeared, and the walk commenced.

The sun was out and the breeze was gentle as we set off, taking in some spectacular sea views. The track wandered up and down a few hills, mostly on the clifftop. Showing admirable foresight, some years ago the state

government acquired all of the land from the clifftop inland for about 100 metres to enable this walking track to be constructed.

Waves breaking very powerfully over rocky platforms, reminded us of the dangers of rock fishing. Signs warned of these dangers, and there was a memorial for one who tragically had apparently not heeded the warnings. After the walk, it was off for a coffee at Kilcunda for a welcome energy boost and time to put our boots up.



Neil briefs the walkers at the start of walk one



Neil in front, with Patrick Persaud and Richard Pugsley



Norrie McLeod and Neil Hart-Smith

Scenic clifftop views during walk one



Our weekend walks

Walk two, Saturday

LAURINE SYMINGTON

Walk two on Saturday was easy, starting with a stroll along the rail trail at Kilcunda to the trestle bridge, where there was a fantastic view of the surf beach. Then it was onto the sand to get a closer look at the original trestle bridge, opened in 1910 to carry coal from Wonthaggi.

After a coffee at the Kilcunda Store we drove to the rail trail at Lower Powlett Road, where the walkers started their stroll to the designated sit-upon site while the cars were taken to Wonthaggi.



Coffee at the Kilcunda Store



Lunch break

The drivers having returned, we strolled towards the pony club and passed the wind turbines (all turning!) and the ruins of the old coalmine. Next we walked along South Dudley Road to the northern entry to the Wonthaggi Wetlands Reserve and the boardwalks, arriving at a delightful lunch spot in the shade with a pleasant view of the wetland.

As we left the area we were greeted by the local CFA who had come to do some training in grass fire controlling. After that we returned to Wonthaggi, and then to Cowes, after an enjoyable 5km walk.

Annual general meeting and Saturday dinner

After the walkers had returned to the Tropicana Motel and freshened up, all paths led to the club's AGM, held in the Tropicana Motel's large dining room at 5.45pm. President Neil made sure the AGM concluded in time for drinks at 6pm out in the open on a balmy evening, which preceded our dinner appointment at 7pm.

At the AGM, Neil was re-elected for another term as President, Tom Morris was elected Vice President, Ian Hansen was elected Treasurer and Sonia Gilderdale, Secretary. Norrie McLeod and David Ashton were elected as general committee members.



AGM at the Tropicana Motel



Drinks on the Tropicana's lawns



At dinner – Micky and David Ashton, Wendy Bladon, Graham and Sue Stanley

Our weekend walks



Walkers on Sunday were treated to spectacular sea views

Sunday walk

Sunday 20 March dawned with a clear blue sky, and 28 walkers headed off to walk to the highest point on Phillip Island. Meeting at the Woolamai Surf Life Saving Club, the group walked along the beach towards the stairs leading to the cape's plateau. Fantastic views were had looking west towards the Nobbies. The surf turned on a good show, crashing onto the beach, and only a few hardy surfers ventured into it.

Once we had climbed the stairs the track was well formed and it was an easy walk to the Pinnacles. Here we had a rest and were supposed to return; however when tail-end charlie, Laurine, looked up, the walk leader and 15 other walkers had headed off towards the summit. A quick halt was called and eight of the walkers decided to return to the car park. The other walkers continued the walk, arriving at the highest point on the Island.

Again, there were great views west along the isthmus of Cape Woolamai. Looking east, one could see the



On the way to the Pinnacles

mainland coast along which we had walked the previous day, and also to the north, San Remo and the Phillip Island bridge.

The return walk passed through coast banksias and light scrub. Our eyes were peeled for snakes – and sure enough, a large copperhead snake was seen slithering off the track. The remainder of the walk passed uneventfully, and 16 walkers returned safely to the car park to meet up with the rest of the party.

So ended another wonderful weekend of walks and companionship. Many thanks to walk leader Neil Hart-Smith, and to Laurine and Sonia for practising the walks prior to the weekend.



Lunch on the clifftop during walk one

Our weekend walks

Mud and blood at Mount Macedon

ROSLYN MORRIS

On the warm autumn morning of 10 April, 20 keen walkers left the Melbourne sunshine only to find on arrival at Mount Macedon that they were surrounded by fog.

Many of the group did a quick assessment of their clothing, wondering whether they had made the right decision for the local weather conditions. However, once walking we gradually warmed up. But the damp conditions had made the track wet and slippery underfoot.

The dampness in the tree canopy overhead was a haven for leeches, which were delighted with the smorgasbord of flesh passing by. Many of us became victims of the small but voracious pests.

Gradually the fog lifted, allowing glimpses of the valley below. By the time we reached the tea rooms we looked like the walking wounded, with many a bloody mess after their encounters with the very attentive leeches. After



Walkers appear a little bemused, as they contemplate a foggy walk.

deleeching, Laurine was on hand with bandaids to stop the flow of blood.

We then regrouped and headed off to admire the view of the Memorial Cross. On the mountain the trees were in their full autumn splendour.

After a pleasant lunch in the Harbison Picnic Ground we made our way past the historic survey cairn, and then along the muddy Francis and Clyde tracks, noting the significant number of trees blown over by recent very strong winds.

We then crossed over C328 road and back onto the walking track, which we followed back to the McGregor car park to conclude our walk.

Many enjoyed a coffee or tea and more at the Post Office Tea Rooms before heading home to find Melbourne enjoying a balmy 28 degree day.

Approaching the Mount Macedon Memorial Cross, which commemorates all those who served in wars and conflicts.



The group at Mount Macedon

Our weekend walks

A perfect day for walking the Warburton Rail Trail

JAN WARD and CELIA DYNON

On Sunday 15 May, a select group of seven walkers, plus Layton Moss, who kept track of us on his bike, met at Warburton to commence part of the Warburton Rail Trail walk.



Layton Moss takes a snap

The trail runs from Lilydale to Warburton, following the railway line which was constructed in 1902 to carry produce from Wandin farmlands to Melbourne, and timber from Powelltown and Warburton.

The 1970s saw the end of the railway, and construction of the trail began in 1996, opening in 1998 as a 'shared use recreational trail'. It is obviously now a popular destination for cyclists, walkers and horses.

The walk began with a bus ride to Launching Place, from where we headed back to Warburton through Yarra Junction, Wesburn and Millgrove. We passed rich flood plain farmland, a commemorative gum tree Avenue of Honour, remembering the tragic loss of the local young



Boarding the bus to Launching Place

men during World War II, hobby farms, remnants of rail stations, and spectacular autumn trees, with the Yarra Ranges as a backdrop.

At Warburton we noted the original waiting room and station house, which have been restored. The walk ended at an excellent coffee shop, where we sat in the sun under a yellow canopy of leaves, agreeing how lucky we were to have had a perfect day for walking!



Lunch at a trackside shelter



Along the Warburton Rail Trail

The club's 2022 program

The dates for our 2022 walks are final, but the location of nominated walks may need to be changed.

2022	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Feature	Walk (Proposed)	Leader
Public Hol.										
New Year						1	2	New Year		
	Jan 3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
	Jan 10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
	Jan 17	18	19	20	21	22	23		Fitzroy Gardens	L Symington
Australia Day	Jan 24	25	26	27	28	29	30			
	Feb 31	1	2	3	4	5	6			
	Feb 7	8	9	10	11	12	13		Warburton	J Ward
	Feb 14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Valentine's Day		
	Feb 21	22	23	24	25	26	27		Annivers Rail Trail	J Walpole
	Mar 28	1	2	3	4	5	6			
	Mar 7	8	9	10	11	12	13			
Labour Day	Mar 14	15	16	17	18	19	20		Phillip Is	N Hart-Smith
	Mar 21	22	23	24	25	26	27			
	Mar 28	29	30	31	1	2	3	Day save ends	Brunswick	C Moss
	Apr 4	5	6	7	8	9	10		Mt Macedon	R&T Morris
Easter	Apr 11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Easter		
Easter	Apr 18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Easter	Fairfield	S Gilderdale
Anzac Day	Apr 25	26	27	28	29	30	1	Anzac Day		
	May 2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Mother's Day		
	May 9	10	11	12	13	14	15		Warburton	J Ward
	May 16	17	18	19	20	21	22			
	May 23	24	25	26	27	28	29		Kew	C Dynon
	May 30	31	1	2	3	4	5			
Queen's B'day	Jun 6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
	Jun 13	14	15	16	17	18	19		Docklands	I Hansen
	Jun 20	21	22	23	24	25	26		Creswick	P&N McLeod
	Jun 27	28	29	30	1	2	3			
	Jul 4	5	6	7	8	9	10		Chewton	R Piesse
	Jul 11	12	13	14	15	16	17			
	Jul 18	19	20	21	22	23	24		Emerald	R Pugsley
	Jul 25	26	27	28	29	30	31			
	Aug 1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
	Aug 8	9	10	11	12	13	14		Anglsea	M&D Hooper
	Aug 15	16	17	18	19	20	21			
	Aug 22	23	24	25	26	27	28		Thomastown	R Piesse
	Aug 29	30	31	1	2	3	4	Father's Day		
	Sep 5	6	7	8	9	10	11		Boneo Park	M Ashton
	Sep 12	13	14	15	16	17	18			
	Sep 19	20	21	22	23	24	25		Rosstown Rail	J Stewardson
	Sep 26	27	28	29	30	1	2	Day save start		
	Oct 3	4	5	6	7	8	9		Kyneton	E Kaye
	Oct 10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
	Oct 17	18	19	20	21	22	23		***	W LeGet
	Oct 24	25	26	27	28	29	30			
Cup Day	Nov 31	1	2	3	4	5	6		Rawson	T Morris
	Nov 7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Rememb Day		
	Nov 14	15	16	17	18	19	20		Cranbourne	J Ward
	Nov 21	22	23	24	25	26	27			
	Nov 28	29	30	1	2	3	4			
	Dec 5	6	7	8	9	10	11		Beaumaris	C Moss
	Dec 12	13	14	15	16	17	18			
	Dec 19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Christmas		
Christmas	Dec 26	27	28	29	30	31	1	New Year		

31 = School Holidays = Bushwalks

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