

## **U3A HAWTHORN**

Shorter walks on Wednesdays

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### **PROGRAM FOR THE SECOND HALF OF 2018**

#### **WEDNESDAY JULY 11<sup>th</sup>. NEW DAREBIN BRIDGES**

An easy scenic 6km walk with lovely views of the Darebin Creek and Yarra valley. We will go over the three new bridges crossing the Darebin Creek and the new one over the Yarra which were opened as recently as last April. Picnic in Willsmere – Chandler Park. Return to start. Round trip 6km but there are several options for walking further for those who wish. Meet at the car park on the left where Separation Street ends at Darebin Parklands **(Melway 31 C9).**

**Leader: Frank Devlin 0421 008 838 or [frank@fpdevlin.me](mailto:frank@fpdevlin.me)**

#### **WEDNESDAY AUGUST 8<sup>th</sup>. LYSTERFIELD PARK**

This is an easy 7 km walk along a wide flat path with tall trees that provide shade and which attract birds and animals. The walk starts and ends at the Lysterfield Visitor Area, which is an expansive grassy and tree-filled area for picnics, BBQs and games, next to the carpark. There are also two large toilet blocks and a drinking water fountain. The café is also an information centre.

Meet at the carpark next to Lysterfield Visitor area. To get there, take the Monash Fwy, exit at Heatherton Rd, turn left onto Belgrave-Hallam Rd, then left onto Horswood Road **(Melways: 108 D2).**

**Leader: Garry Warne (0421699039 or [garry@warnefamily.net](mailto:garry@warnefamily.net))**

#### **SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>. MOUNT LOFTY CIRCUIT TRAIL IN WARRANDYTE STATE PARK**

Easy scenic walk of 5.5 - 6 km along the Yarra River on well marked paths, some gravel and some grassy. We start off alongside the river, then make a gradual ascent up Mount Lofty, which is more like a big hill than a mount. Up the top are lovely views over to Lilydale, Mount Dandenong and down to the Yarra River. There is a bench and little hillocks up there to sit and admire the view where we'll probably have a snack. For toilets, coffee and snacks we can head back through Warrandyte and stop at The Warrandyte Bakery. There are Public Toilets directly below and behind it. It's fine to eat your own lunch there and order a tea/ coffee or something extra. It's a wood-fired oven and their bread is especially nice.

Take the Yarra Street exit out of Warrandyte on the roundabout past the Warrandyte Bakery (last non-bush toilet) heading East towards Wonga Park. After passing the Warran Glen Nursery on the left take the next left at the roundabout, on to Jumping Creek Road. Then follow this along till you come to a T Junction, turn left into Homestead Road which becomes Reserve Road. Follow this to Wittons Reserve where we will park, there are about 20 car parks there and I have never seen it full. Best to wear long trousers as there are snakes there, though I have never seen one.

**(Melways Map P 24 K6)**

**Leader: Lily Adolphe, Phone 0405 435 480**

#### **WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 10<sup>th</sup> LAKE WENDOUREE, BALLARAT**

This is an easy 8 km walk around Lake Wendouree, along the Wendouree Parade walking track starting at the Botanical Gardens, then along Webster and Market Streets to the Historical Precinct in Ballarat.

Meet at Southern Cross Station to catch the 9.16 am V/Line Ballarat train to Wendouree Station (ETA 10.51 am). Trains return from Ballarat Station at 2.16, 3.16 and 3.39 pm.

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**WEDNESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER      CENTRAL PARK MALVERN / GLEN IRIS CIRCUIT**

Aprox 6-7km walk from Central Park to Glen Iris via Hedgeley Dene Gardens.

Meet Kingston Street near kids' playground.

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**Leader: Nicky Nixon, Phone 9855 8665**