

*Our walks are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month during Term. We suggest you wear good walking shoes and bring your own lunch, water, hat & sunscreen. We have lunch and a chat during the walk, however, we sometimes stop at places where neither lunch nor coffee is available to purchase, so be prepared to byo.*

*If we are driving to our destination and you need a lift, please ask around of other Ramblers or call the Day Leader who will try to arrange a lift for you.*

*When travelling by train (from Seaford station) to commence a walk, we always travel in the last carriage. Please carry a valid Myki card and a mask for public transport.*

*\*In the event the weather forecast for a Rambling day exceeds 34C, the ramble will be cancelled. In the event of heavy rain, we may be able to arrange an alternative outing.*

*\*\*All Rambling participants must have proof of double vaccination or be prepared to produce a medical exemption if requested.*

***Direct any walk queries to the relevant Day Leader, on the telephone number provided.***

**27 April**

**Sweetwater Creek, Frankston**

**Melway: 102 A4**

Often suggested, but never tried during our 8 years of Rambling. We will follow the Exton walk through the Nature Reserve, comprising well-trodden undulating grass and gravel paths, boardwalks, and a few steps of various types in good condition, generally with handrails. A little more testing than many of our walks, but perfectly “doable” for most regular walkers. Approx 4klm/70 min.

*(Please note: in the event of actual rain (happens sporadically!) a day or two prior to our Ramble, we may embark on an easy alternative walk of approx.. 6klm along Frankston Boardwalk, Long Island & Kananook Creek, commencing from the same location.)*

Bring lunch – or purchase something from Little Olly’s coffee van, The Cripps Family Fish & Chip van, Sophia’s by the Pier, Waves @ The Beach, Frankston Waterfront restaurant (SE Water precinct)...or McDonalds

**Meet at 10am. Travel independently or car share. Park adjacent to Oliver’s Hill Beach in the vicinity of the boat jetty/launch ramp and toilet block (opposite Liddesdale Ave)**

**Day Leaders: Joan, John & Alf Ph: 03 9789 1935**

**11 May Port Melbourne to St Kilda Meet at Seaford Station 9am**

Travelling by train to Southern Cross station, then a leisurely journey on the light rail (109) to Port Melbourne.

The walk along Beaconsfield Parade is easy, flat, with great views across the Bay on one side, and a marvellous array of heritage homes on the other. We will walk out on the historic St Kilda Pier, altogether a distance of 5kms. Return journey will be by tram to train.

Bring a picnic lunch to eat on the pier (weather permitting) or buy on the pier if the kiosk is open, or from nearby St Kilda.

**Day Leader: Carolyn 0418 329 746**

**25 May Cranbourne Botanic Gardens BUSHLAND Melway 133 K10**

We shall follow walking tracks through the bushland area south of the formal Australian Garden, amongst manna gums, heath and other native flora, keeping an eye out for protected fauna, large and small. The Trig Point lookout offers impressive views across to Western Port Bay and the Dandenongs. Easy walking, some gentle inclines, approx. 6.5klm.

Bring a picnic lunch, or visit the Boon Wurrung Café

Travel independently or arrange to car share.

**Meet in the Cranbourne Royal Botanic Gardens car park at 10 am.**

**Day Leaders: Joan, John (& Alf) 03 9789 1935**

**8 June      Dights Falls Abbotsford – Kew      Meet at Seaford Railway Station 9am**

Our Ramble will follow the Capital City Trail from Collingwood, past Abbotsford Convent and the Children's Farm, upstream to the Falls and on to Studley Park Boathouse. Bring a picnic lunch or sample the Boathouse cafe. Approximately 6km of footpaths, concrete and bush tracks.

**Day Leader Suzanne 0411 420919**

**22 June      Albert Park Lake      Meet at Seaford Railway Station at 9am**

Four hundred and hundred and twenty thousand Grand Prix fans agree: Albert Park Lake is worth a Ramble! Wurundjeri land for 40,000 plus years, this former lagoon (and sadly, a tip for early Melbourne settlers) was part of the Yarra River Delta with vast areas of wetlands, and one of many corroboree sites in Melbourne. Our 4.7km walk will provide splendid city views and a good workout. Amenities and lunch outlets available en-route. We will travel by train and light rail.

**Day Leader Margaret      0400 560 600**