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31 January 0830	Lorraine Callister	Castlemaine	7 kms	2 hrs walking plus a coffee stop along the way.	2	<p>Welcome Walk and Welcome Back Walk</p> <p>The first walk for the year is the Mt Alexander Shire walk to the Botanic Gardens via Kalimna Park. We begin at the Octopus heading for Happy Valley Road, walking the back way on gravel roads to the Burke and Wills monument. Continue to the band rotunda in Kalmina Park on a short bush track. Follow park's ridge gravel road to the crest at 360 metres above sea level. Descend using a bush track that winds its way to the Castlemaine Secondary College. Use bitumen roads to north end of the Botanic gardens. We walk to Das Kaffehouse for morning tea. This part of the walk should take about 1.5 hours, and cover approximately 5.3 kilometres. After about an hour, return to the Optopus via Gingell Street and Forest Street. We plan to finish before 1:00 pm. The first part being the steepest, but it's worth the view.</p>	
14 February 0830	Keith Vallence	Campbells Creek	9 kms	3.5 hrs	3	<p>Circuit from Octopus via walking path to Campbells Creek; streets to Broad St; uneven uphill track (800m) to Poverty Gully water race; Great Dividing Track to Octopus. Three street sections (2 km) are exposed, the rest is thru' bush.</p>	<p>Map: Castlemaine Visitor map and The Monk Walking Tracks map from Visitor Centre.</p>

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<p>28 February 0830</p>	<p>Keith Neaves</p>	<p>Kalimna Park</p>	<p>7 kms</p>	<p>2.5hrs</p>	<p>3/4</p>	<p>For this walk only - meet at the Mt Alexander Golf Club car park, access via Wimble St which is off Barker St, at the Shell service station.</p> <p>This is a circuit walk starting & finishing at the golf club car park. There are a couple of relatively steep sections with some rocky uneven track. Suggest walking sticks for those who use." There are some steep sections of rocky uneven track. Suggest walking sticks for those who use.</p>	<p>http://cartography.id.au/cdnhp_index.htm</p>
<p>14 March 0830</p>	<p>Alan Roberts</p>	<p>Domino Trail Lyonville - Trentham</p>	<p>7.5 kms</p>	<p>Walking time less than 3 hrs.</p> <p>Allow 4 hrs for car shuffle and coffee/tea in Trentham.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>A easy walk starting Radio Springs Hotel at Lyonville, along the old Domino rail trail and forest tracks to Trentham. The track crosses the Coliban River and passes historic sites along the way, eventually rejoining the rail trail just short of Trentham. We pass the weird Trentham fibreglass "zoo" and make our way to the disused Trentham Railway Station, before walking down High Street to the rotunda at Trentham Lake. Coffee at Trentham to be arranged on the day.</p> <p>We will car pool members to the start and a car shuffle will be required.</p>	<p>Reference: the Domino trail map is available at http://www.fedwalks.org.au/files/2015_walk_sheets/Fedwalks_2015_WS_16.pdf</p> <p>Please note we are only walking one leg of the journey.</p>

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28 March 0830	Tricia Balmer	Whipstick Loop Blackwood	5.5 kms	2 hrs walking Travel to the start 1 hour Return to the Octopus by 3.30pm	3	<p>An easy walk followed by lunch at the Blackwood Pub. Partners of members may wish to join us for lunch at the Hotel at approximately 12.45</p> <p>Car pool to the start. Commencing at the Jack Cann Reserve nearby The Garden of Erth.</p> <p>Sections of the walk is through dense and very tall eucalypts and tree ferns. Other sections are much drier and more open forest. There are short steep hills on a formed track. View old mine shafts and walk along the remnants of a water-race.</p> <p>Please email Tricia to book your lunch at the Blackwood Pub.</p>	<p>https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0020/21476/FS0112_-_Whipstick_Loop_Walk.pdf</p> <p>For a copy of the menu visit https://www.blackwoodpub.com/</p>
11 April 0900	Frances Knight	Apple Tree walk south of Daylesford	7.5 kms	On the walk 2.5 hours and travel to the location 35 mins.	3	<p>We start and finish at Jubilee Lake. The Lake was constructed in 1860 to supply water for the goldfields and for domestic purposes. It is now a popular spot for boating, picnicking and swimming.</p> <p>The walk follows the Great Dividing Trail, The Three Lost Children Walk and local tracks. I plan to avoid the steep up and down sections of the walk that was followed last year.</p> <p>Members might like to continue the walk around the lake before having coffee at the Coffee shop within the park.</p>	<p>For more information about the The Lost Children watch this 4.5min youtube clip https://youtu.be/gmjfySCfDrc</p>
25 April 0900 ANZAC DAY	Peter Turner (Kevin Vallence)	Muckleford to Castlemaine on the Rail trail.	About 7 km.	2 hours	3	<p>Leave cars for shuffle at cnr Nolan St and Chapmans Rd, drive on to Muckleford Station and walk back. Track should be well graded. Return to The Gov or other cafe for those needing coffee.</p>	<p>ANZAC Day Castlemaine-Maldon Trail brochure available at Information Centre.</p>

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9 May 0900	Cheryl Taylor & Ron Wescott	Maldon Historic Area	9.4 km	3 hours	3/4	<p>The walk starts and finishes at the southern end of Parkins Reef Road just past the historic Carman's Tunnel and North British mines. This easy walk passes through lovely Box-Ironbark forest at the base of Mt. Tarrengower. Features include granite outcrops, glimpses of Mt. Tarrengower and views over pastoral land to the west. The walk is all on bush tracks and an infrequently used rural road, except for a short crosscountry ramble through granite outcrops. There is one relatively steep, rocky uphill section (150 metres long). Walkers who regularly carry walking poles would find them helpful.</p> <p>No car shuttle required. A 15-minute drive from the Octopus.</p>	
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08 February 0830	Kevin Vallenge	Happy Valley to Chewton & back North Central Fire District	9kms	3 hrs	AWTGS 2/Easy	Commences at Octopus (Duke St.); follows Happy Valley Track along Forest Creek to Chewton (Store) with a side visit to the Pennyweight Children's Cemetery; returns on same track. The track is exposed so sun protection is essential.	Google: Pennyweight Children's Cemetery Chewton'; for Happy Valley/ Forest Creek, see http://connectingcountry.org.au/
22 February 0830	Margaret Cromb	Junction Walking Track (Chewton)	4kms	2 hrs	AWTGS 3/ Medium	Terrain rocky and uneven. Some steep ups and downs. The circuit can be shortened to 2.5km on the day according to the weather and the group.	TOTAL FIRE BAN
1 March 0830	Keith Neaves	Junction Walking Track (Chewton) North Central Fire District	4kms	2 hrs	AWTGS 3/ Medium	Terrain rocky and uneven. Some steep ups and downs. <i>A short section, approx 400m, of cross country with no defined track.</i> The circuit can be shortened to 2.5km on the day according to the weather and the group.	

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08 March 0830	Alan Roberts	Anderson's tramway (Mollongghip to Korweinguboorra) Central Fire District	10.8kms	4 hrs	AWTGS 3	This is a point to point walk requiring a car shuffle. Anderson's tramway was used to carry logs felled in the Wombat Forest to a sawmill in Barkstead. While most timber tramways were crude affairs with wooden rails, the five Anderson brothers constructed cuttings and trestle bridges with iron rails, wide enough for capacious wagons pulled by two horses abreast, and later by steam trains.	Goldfields Track Walking Guide by Gibb Wettenhall. Pp58-61 Em PRESS Publishing ISBN 978-0-9757778-5-5
22 Mar	NO WALK						
29 March 0830	John Butselaar	Part of The Tipperary Walk. Daylesford Central Fire District	8.6kms		AWTGS 3	<p>Start at the beginning of The Tipperary Walk, the car park adjacent to the Boat House Cafe on Lake Daylesford. From there walk 8.6kms to The Blowhole, where there is parking for shuffle vehicles to be left.</p> <p>The walk is quite attractive, initially following the Lake flow out creek to the Midland Highway, crossing to Twin Bridges (1.7km), then following and at times rising above Sailor's Creek.</p> <p>We pass Tipperary Springs (4.0km), followed by Bryces Flat (6.9km), across the Creek.</p> <p>From there we walk along a dirt road for 50 meters before rejoining the forest and following a water race to above the Blowhole.</p> <p>The walk is undulating, with some short climbs. Generally we are on a single file track and from start to finish we drop 120 metres in elevation. I rate this easy/moderate walking, although given the distance, 8.6kms, we may grade it moderate.</p>	Reference: Victoria's Goldfield Walks by Glenn Tempest. Walk 3. ISBN 978-0-9752333-9-9

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12 April 0900	Tricia Balmer	Daylesford Central Fire District	7.5 kms	On the walk 2.5 hours and travel to the location 35 mins.	AWGTS Grade 3.	<p>A short section (max 1 km) that is very steep up and down. Walking poles could assist. If it is wet there will be a few muddy crossings.</p> <p>We start and finish at Jubilee Lake. The Lake was constructed in 1860 to supply water for the goldfields and for domestic purposes. It is now a popular spot for boating, picnicking and swimming.</p> <p>The walk follows the Great Dividing Trail, The Three Lost Children Walk and local tracks.</p> <p>I would like to continue the walk around the lake before having coffee at the Coffee shop within the park.</p>	For more information about the The Lost Children watch this 4.5min youtube clip https://youtu.be/gmjfySCfDrc
26 April 0900	Keith Neaves	Macedon Central Fire District	9.7 kms	3.5 hrs	4+/ medium - hard	<p>Drive time - 50mins. The trees and ferns are great and worth the drive. This is part of a longer 18.3km walk which starts and finishes at the Mt Macedon village. We will have a coffee / lunch break at the Trading Post in the village.</p> <p>Start walk at Camels Hump car park, walk up the 'Hump', at 1010m is the highest point on the mountain – great views. Then walk via Sanatorium Lake & Mt Towrong, finish at Mt Macedon village.</p> <p>Coming down from Mt Towrong there are great views of Melbourne and there is a 150m section which is very steep on a rocky 'billy goat track', no constructed steps. Walking sticks, if used, definitely required.</p> <p>Car shuffle required.</p>	Reference: Victoria's Goldfield Walks by Glenn Tempest. Walk 20, Pp 88-91. ISBN 978-0-9752333-9-9

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10 May 0900	John Butselaar	Breakneck Gorge, Hepburn to Chocolate Mill, Midland Highway.	7.2 km	2 hrs	AWTGS 3/ Medium	<p>This walk concludes the Tipperary Walk and starts the Mt. Franklin view Walk.</p> <p>The first 2 kms to Golden Spring is a gentle undulating walk contoured above Spring Creek. From Golden Spring there is a short climb and a 1 km walk above the south side of Woman's Gully. We cross Woman's Gully and for 1.7km go north up a short steep slope, then down a steep slope to Widow's Gully. From there we climb to the ridgetop. We follow Mannings Road for 150mts before turning left and heading to Beehive Gully. The final section of the walk is about 2.5kms. Beehive Gully has been extensively eroded due to considerable sluicing for gold.</p> <p>We walk along the gully and can see the remnants of shafts, water races and a quartz crushing battery. Once we cross the gully the track meanders up and down through bush until we emerge at the entrance of the Chocolate Mill, where we can enjoy a hot drink and as much chocolate as you might want.</p> <p>There are 4 short steepish climbs, with the rest gently undulating.</p> <p>We will need to organise a car pool for the run from Castlemaine to the Chocolate Mill. We'll leave a minimum number of cars there for a car shuffle and go onto the start point.</p>	
24 May 0900	Greg Pridmore	Tarrilta Gorge	11 kms		AWTGS 3/ Medium	<p>Grade medium to difficult depending on how much water in creek.</p> <p>The track along the creek is not well defined and a little off track work may be required.</p> <p>Start and end on Porcupine Ridge Rd. Car shuffle not required.</p>	Reference: Victoria's Goldfield Walks by Glenn Tempest. Walk #7

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31 May 0900	Alan Roberts	Golden Gullies. Vaughan Springs circuit Central Fire District	11 kms	4 hrs walking time. 20 mins to the start.	AWTGS 4/Hard	This is a circuit walk from the Vaughan Springs lower car park. The first half of the walk follows the Dry Diggings Track. It is well marked with gold topped posts. The rougher southern 3.2 km of the walk along Sebastopol Creek is deleted, and we will take Helge Track across to Italian Hill Track shortening the walk to 11km. Notable features along the walk include one of the last remaining 1850s goldfields landscapes, the Tubal Cain mine site with its Cornish hillside flue, and the hand cut water race from Glenluce back to Vaughan Springs.	Reference: Victoria's Goldfield Walks by Glenn Tempest. Walk 9, Pp 44-47. ISBN 978-0-9752333-9-9
14 June 0900	Keith Neaves with Rod Andrew from Malmsbury	Malmsbury	9 to 10 kms	3.5 hrs	AWTGS 3	<p>Walking poles or a stick would be helpful in spots, though I didn't use mine and it was quite straightforward. Binoculars could be useful.</p> <p>From Malmsbury along the water race and the Coliban River to the ruins of Ellis's Mill on the river. We cross the river at the falls, and again at the mill site. That's a suitable spot for a rest and a snack. Then return to Malmsbury along the race.</p> <p>From the 'History of Malmsbury'</p> <p>'In June 1856, Ellis and Hutchinson opened their bluestone mill on the Coliban a short distance past The Falls. This was worked by a huge water wheel as well as by steam. Water was channelled from the river and passed the wheel. It would have been an imposing sight in its heyday, but all that remains today is part of the base of the bluestone wall, with the hole where the water wheel once was.</p> <p>At the beginning of last century, Mr Formby used the Mill for a short time as a cordial factory.'</p>	If you wish to purchase the booklet - History of Malmsbury at \$10 Rod will have copies with him on the day.

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28 June 0900	Ron Wescott & Cheryl Taylor	Mt Alexander North Central Fire District	6.6 kms	2.5 hrs	AWTGS 3	<p>The walk goes through beautiful mature eucalypt forest dotted with granite outcrops.</p> <p>The walk begins and ends at Leanganook Picnic Ground on Mt. Alexander (so no car shuttle). For those wishing to travel directly to the start, the picnic ground is accessed from Joseph Young Drive, which runs off the Faraday-Sutton Grange Road. There are toilets at the picnic ground.</p> <p>The walk consists of two loops, both approximately 3.3 km in length. The first one is entirely on tracks. We begin walking north on a flat track on the east side of the mount. Then we cross the main road and head south back to the picnic ground. There is one short steep section leaving Dog Rocks Saddle.</p> <p>The second loop starts on a flat track to a lookout (Ted's Seat) with great views to the east. We then leave the track and go cross country following the fence of the old koala park. There is one short steep section climbing out of the main gully but the undergrowth is sparse and the walking is easy.</p> <p>Anyone wanting to do the first loop only should check for like-minded walkers when meeting at the Octopus to organise car pooling.</p>	
12 July 0900	Kevin Vallence and Alan Roberts	Chewton (Railway Dam area) North Central Fire District	Variable per team. 4-6 km	3 hours	AWTGS 5 Hard. Walking thru' thick bush	<p>This is a 3-hour Rogaine event. Teams of 3/4 navigate to selected controls marked on a prepared map. Resting time is included in the planning.</p> <p>(\$2.00 p.p. for map).</p> <p>MAPS HAVE TO BE PRINTED FOR THIS EVENT. YOU MUST SIGN IN BEFORE 7 JULY</p>	Check Wikipedia for description of Rogaining.

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26 July 0900	Kevin Vallence	Campbells Creek (Starts from Post Office)	Variable per team. 6-8 km	2 hours	AWTGS 2 Easy. Walking on roads, streets, tracks.	This is a 2-hour Streetgaine event (A Car Rally on foot). Teams of 3/4 navigate to selected controls to answer questions. Prepared map supplied. (\$2.00 p.p. for map). MAPS HAVE TO BE PRINTED FOR THIS EVENT. YOU MUST SIGN IN BEFORE 21 JULY	Check Wikipedia for description of Rogaining.
09 August 0900	Ron Wescott & Cheryl Taylor	Muckleford North	11.3 km	3 hours	AWTGS 2	The walk goes through beautiful Box-Stringybark forest which is north of the CastlemaineMaldon road and the south of the railway line. We start and finish at the junction of Gower and Donkey Farm Tracks (so no car shuttle). We walk along gently undulating bush tracks eventually reaching the railway line. Following Railway Track for a while we then swing south with good views across cleared land to the east. In early August the bush will be resplendent with golden wattles.	A map showing the walk, entitled Muckleford Forest (North Sheet), can be purchased for \$1 from the Tourist Information Centre at the Old Market Building in Castlemaine.
23 August 0900	Caroline Bellair	Loddon Falls Glenlyon Central Fire District	10 kms approx.	3.5 hrs walking. 35 mins car travel Castlemaine to Glenlyon Store.	AWTGS 3/ Medium	Travel from the Octopus to the Glenlyon Store for a further 1km drive to the start of the walk. We shall visit the spectacular Loddon Falls where there is the opportunity to climb right down to the waterfall (optional). This is followed by a short, steep descent where poles are helpful. It will be slippery. We shall be on private land some of the time.	
30 August 0900	Keith Neaves	Blackwood Lerderderg Heritage River Walk Central Fire District	9.5 kms approx.	3 hours walking. 1 hour travel time	AWTGS 3/ Medium	One hour travel time to Blackwood. Walking sticks advisable if normally used as there are some narrow and uneven tracks, with obstacles. Some beautiful fern tree filled glens down at river level and lovely mature trees in the higher/drier areas.	Melbourne's Western Gorges Map #19 Glenn Tempest.

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13 September 0900	Margaret Cromb	Coliban Main Channel Walking Track – Section2. Taradale	11 kms	3 hrs	AWTGS 3/ Medium	<p>The walk follows the water channel along a gravel vehicular track with a steepish hill to start but otherwise an easy gradient. It is only the distance which justifies a grade 3 classification.</p> <p>This walk is historically interesting starting at the commencement of the Coliban Water Channel. It travels through farmland and bushland on its way to Bendigo.</p> <p>A car shuffle is required and coffee/lunch will be available at the Taradale Café.</p>	Available from the Castlemaine Information Centre.
27 September 0900	Bill & Deb Wigglesworth	Walmer State Forest		2- 3 hrs	AWTGS 3/ Medium	Walmer State Forest covering some of the mountain bike trails, and some on the dirt roads, and some bush bashing (not very serious, though). With a bit of luck we should see some spring flowers. Walkers are invited to stay back for a cuppa afterwards.	
11 October 0830	Greg Pridmore	Sailors Falls to Daylesford	9.5 km		AWTGS 3/ Medium	Car Shuffle.	
25 October 0830	Frances Knight	Muckleford South. Red White & Blue Mine, via the Muckleford School Road	5 kms		AWTGS 3/ Medium	Frances will be at the Octopus at 8.30am to explain the walk. This is a short walk.	
08 November 0830	Robert Norcott/ Tricia Balmer	Vaughan Springs to Spring Gully Mine Carpark	8.5 kms	2.5 hrs	AWTGS 3/ Medium	Car shuffle. Walking through the bush and mining ruins of Irishtown and Fryerstown. Some steep inclines.	Goldfields Track. Part of the Cry Joe Walk. Page 84 - 87
22 November 0830	Julie and Rex Odgers	Poverty Gully.	7 kms	3 hrs	AWTGS 3/ Medium	Within the south boundary of the National Heritage Park down into Poverty Gully. Plenty of rough tracks, some narrow single file, some water race and 4 wheel drive. Walking poles are highly recommended as you will all know how slippery dry gravel can be.	

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29 November 0830	Alan Roberts	Babbington Hill Circuit	8 kms approx.	4 hrs	AWTGS 3/ Medium	A lovely circuit walk from the art deco Radio Springs Hotel at Lyonville, north through mature Manna Gum and Messmate forest to Babbington Hill. After descending Babbington Hill we follow the Loddon River downstream, crossing the river just short of the historic Lyonville Spring. From there we head west along an old tramway past the derelict Lyonville town spring finishing the walk back at the Radio Springs Hotel.	Victoria's Goldfield Walks Map #6 Glenn Tempest.
13 December 0830	John Butselaar	Kyneton Campaspe Walk	6 kms		AWTGS 3/ Medium	The replacement walk is easier and more protected and will be quite safe to walk in the forecast conditions. It is more of a social walk, probably in keeping with the end of year spirit. We'll meet at the river's edge near the Kyneton Racecourse and head south east along the river, passing historic crossings, swimming areas etc. all marked as well as walking through the Oak Park and the lower edge of the Botanic Gardens. Once we pass under the blue stone bridge crossing Mollison Street, we'll cut uphill to the Botanic Gardens entry, and walk through the gardens before walking back down to the river. We'll then complete the return walk along the river to our start/finish point. As I said it is a largely flat walk except for the climb up to the Botanic Gardens. There is plenty of canopy cover for long sections of the walk.	

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Feb 10/16 0830	Norma Rantall	Castlemaine	6 kms	2.5 hrs	Easy	Happy Valley to Chewton. Coffee at the garage. Return along the same path.	

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March 2/16 0830	Kevin Vallence	Chewton	8 km	2.5 hrs	Medium	Circuit. Departs Chewton Garage. 'Follows' Garfield Track to Llewellyn Road (near Golden Pt Res). Returns along Forest Creek Track.	Welsh Village Walking Tracks map. Available from Market Place Info Centre
March 9/16 0830	Greg Pridmore	Mt Macedon Including, Camels Hump, Sanitorium Lake, Mt Towong	11 km	4 hrs	Medium	Car shuffle may be needed.	Goldfields Walks - Walk #20
March 23/16 0830	Hans Johann Koschak	Kalimna Park	8 km	2.5 hrs		Start and end at Doveton Cafe.	
March 30/16 0830	Margaret Dimsey	Maldon		1 hour 45 mins	Medium	Rock of Ages. Some uphill walking and coffee in Maldon.	
April 13/16 0900	John Butselaar	Daylesford	Between 9-10 Km	3 hrs	Medium	The Blowhole to the Chocolate Factory.	
April 27/16 0900	Margaret Cromb	Daylesford	7 km approx	3 hrs		Starting at Jubilee Lake we walk around the lake then along the old railway line to Cornish Hill. Then through Smith's Gully to the Botanic Gardens. Some steep up and downs. A car shuffle will be required.	www.cornishhilldaylesford.com.au/map/
May 11/16 0900	Kevin Vallence	Castlemaine	5-9 Kms	2 hrs	Easy	Teams of 3-5 of agreed 'speed' visit as many controls as they can within 2 hours. Maps are supplied. Bring a pen.	Book Reference: Pema Chodron: <i>No Time to Lose.</i>
May 25/16 0900	Caroline Bellair	Daylesford	6 km	1.75 hrs	Grade 2 with some sections Grade 3	Starting at the Chocolate Mill and going south along the Goldfields Track, doing a loop part way along Mannings Road and returning along the Goldfields Track. A circuit. No car shuffle required. At the finish walkers might like to join the group for a coffee at the Chocolate Mill.	Goldfields Track page 75
June 8/16 0900	Greg Pridmore	Babbington Hill, Lyonville Includes Bullarto Reservoir and springs.	10 km	4 hrs	Medium	Circuit walk - no car pooling	Goldfields Walks - Walk #6
June 22 /16 0900	Carol Dorman	Garfield Wheel to Specimen Gully Rd and Blakeley Road	8 kms	3 hrs	Grade 2 and 3 in some sections	Car shuffle.	Goldfields Track Walking Guide p94

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June 29 /16 0900	John Butselaar	The Monk, Eureka and Spring Gully Mines	10 kms	3.5 hrs	Grade 2 and 3 in some sections	<p>It is a circuit walk so there will be no car shuffle concerns.</p> <p>The start and finish will be the Spring Gully Mine car park. The first section of 3.3km will take us along the Goldfields Track, past The Monk, to Dingo Park Road.</p> <p>Turn left and follow Dingo Park Road for 600 metres to the Eureka Reef Mine Site. From there we will follow the track to the Joseph Blight Cornish Chimney. We then leave the Heritage Track by climbing up the hill alongside the Cornish Chimney until reaching a small wooden bridge.</p> <p>Turn right and follow the water course (a continuation of the Campbell Creek Channel) for 3.3km to Telecom Track.</p> <p>Turn left and follow track for 300mts to Spring Gully Road. Left and downhill along the latter for 750mts before turning right into Old Coach Road for the last 200mts to the car park and finish.</p> <p>The water race is slippery and I suggest all walking poles might be needed.</p>	<p><u>Day Walks around Victoria.</u></p> <p>Glenn Tempest.</p> <p>Walk 22. p 111</p>
July 13 /16 0900	Caroline Bellair	Glenlyon	11 kms	3 hrs walking. 40 mins car travel.	Generally Grade 3 with some very, very short sections of Grade 4.		
July 27 /16 0900	Keith Neaves	Mt Macedon. Circuit walk leaving and finishing at Camels Hump car park.	10 kms	3 hrs walking. 45 mins car travel.	Grade 3 plus	<p>Due to current damp conditions some sections may be a bit slippery.</p> <p>Certain sections have some obstructions on track, trees etc</p> <p>The walk includes the Memorial Cross with toilets & café available, about half way in the walk.</p> <p>Some great vistas and walking tracks on this walk.</p> <p>Walk to the lookout on top of Camels Hump, the highest point on the mountain at 1008m.</p>	<p><u>60 walks in Central Victoria's Goldfields & Spa Country</u></p> <p>Second edition.</p> <p>Tyrone Thomas</p> <p>Including the Camels Hump</p>

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Aug 10 /16 0900	Kevin Vallence	Welsh Village	8 kms	2 hrs	Grade 4	<p>Event details: Meet at Church at 9:00. Drive to Quartz Hill on Welsh Village map. Event starts and ends at Quartz Hill. Bring a mobile phone. If you plan to participate, let Kevin know so that enough maps can be printed. \$2.00 donation to cover printing costs.</p> <p>Event description: Small groups select X controls to visit within a 2 hour limit. Distance depends on the number of controls selected. Maximum distance 8 kms Some 'off-road' walking is likely. Surface varies but does have some rough and slippery sections. Graphic evidence of the area's intense mining activities is everywhere.</p>	Welsh Village Walking Tracks Map available at the Market Building. (Tourist Info: \$1.00)
Aug 24 /16 0900	John Butselaar	Creswick	9 kms		Grade 2 however it is a long walk.	<p>Part of The Creswick Forest Walk. I have eliminated the beginning and end sections and separated the start and finish places.</p> <p>Start at the car park for St Georges Lake outside Creswick. Follow the Goldfields Track just past the W.G. Spence site (about 4.7kms) and then turn left onto East West Road, a narrow gravel forest road. From there 1.2km to Three Way Junction, which is the highest point of the Walk. We climb just on 100 metres in elevation from the lowest to the highest point over the entire journey. Once we reach Three Way Junction we head for Oak Gully Road, a two wheel forest track, which is followed for 1km, before we turn right onto the La Gerche Forest Walk. Follow this track for 1.5km to the Landcare Centre. From there we join the Landcare Trail for 1km, before arriving at the finish point, the car park for the Landcare Trail.</p> <p>There is good parking at both the start and finish points. The tracks are well marked and the La Gerche Walk and Landcare Trails have information boards with interesting facts and history. Glen Tempest grades the walk as Easy. I agree with that assessment. For our purposes it will be considered moderate, principally because of the distance.</p>	<p>Goldfields Walks - Walk#1</p> <p>Part of Creswick Forest Walk in Glenn Tempest book.</p>

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Aug 31 /16 0900	Cheryl Taylor & Ron Wescott	Mt Alexander	6 kms	2.5 hrs	Grade 2 with short Grade 3 sections	Meet at the Church at 9am. Start and finish at Leanganook Picnic Ground. A circuit walk with no long climbs or descents. Off track sections are through lovely open bush. Toilets at start/finish.	Reference: Mount Alexander walking tracks map. Available from Market Building information centre.
Sept 14 /16 0900	Greg Pridmore	Two Creeks Walk Via Porcupine Ridge Ruins, chimneys and diggings	9 kms	4 hrs	Medium circuit walk.	Circuit walk - no car shuffle Start/ finish point - Junction Porcupine Ridge Rd & Loop Track Ruins, chimneys and diggings.	Goldfields Walks - Walk #8
Sept 28 0900	Bill & Deb Wigglesworth	Walmer State Forest off the Millard Track			Grade 3		
Oct 12 /16 0830	Dawn Gilson	Poverty Gully	8+ estimate only	3 hrs	Easy to Medium	Etty St to Chewton along the water race. I am only in the very early stages of planning.	The Dry Diggings book
Oct 26/16 0830	Frances Knight	Rise & Shine Bushland Reserve near Newstead.	3 km plus		Grade 2	A circuit nature walk with numbered posts and an interpretive leaflet and we can add a bit on to this and make the walk longer. It's an interesting area and especially good to visit in the spring because of the varied birdlife. Bring binocs and field guides to spend time investigating what's in the bush at this time of year. It will also be possible to extend the walk by detouring off the circular track and following an old aqueduct that used to bring water from Daylesford to Newstead. Access is from Ramsay's Lane on the Newstead - Daylesford road, about a half-hour drive from Castlemaine.	
Nov 9 /16 0830	Margaret Cromb	Daylesford	7 km approx	3 hrs	Medium	Commencing at Lake Daylesford follow The Great Dividing Trail to Twin Bridges then walk beside Sailors Creek to Tipperary Springs before returning by a track on the opposite side of the creek. Along established tracks including the Great Dividing Trail. Sometimes rough and rocky.	The Great Dividing Trail map, Dry Diggings Track. Goldfields Walks - Walk#3

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Nov 23 /16 0830	Norma Rantall	Ellis Falls Malmsbury	6 kms		Easy	Carpool to Malmsbury leaving the cars next to hall... opposite Motor which is our coffee spot, then walk up over the bridge and follow the river. It's an easy walk of about 4 kms to Ellis Falls and back but I intend to add on to it when I find the old mill.	
Nov 30 /16 0830	Frances Knight	The Whipstick Loop at Blackwood		2 hrs	Medium	Approximately one hour's drive from Castlemaine. A very pleasant walk varying from open forest to deep fern gullies, with some interesting remnants of past mining activity. There should be lots of flowers... Afterwards those who want to will have time to visit the Garden of St Erth where the walk begins and ends.	Melbourne's Western Gorges. Glenn Tempest Walk #18
Dec 14 /16 0830	John Butselaar	Blackhill Reserve	About 6.5kms		Moderate	<p>There are three sections to the walk and I'll comment on each in order.</p> <p>Section 1 - The revegetation walk has the least defined track, although it is well marked. The grass is no more than ankle high in places. Mobs of 'Roos have grazed the area.</p> <p>Section 2 - The base circle track is clear and wide. At the northern end it narrows to single file but is OK, with some calf high grass on the side.</p> <p>Section 3 - The Ridge track has been cleared and slashed. At the lower end it is quite wide until it narrows to single file over the top of the ridge. Track is clear all the way. Stay in the middle of the track and all should be well.</p> <p>Observation - Some questions were asked about grass height etc. I recommend walkers wear decent walking boots/shoes and long walking pants. Avoid shorts, as your legs may come into contact with long grass at times.</p> <p>The walk is. It includes one solid climb over the top of Blackhill. The rest is flat to undulating. With the climb I think moderate covers it.</p> <p>Drive from Castlemaine towards Kyneton via the Calder. Take the second off ramp for Kyneton, left off the freeway onto Edgecombe Road. Turn left and proceed away from town towards Redesdale/Heathcote. Follow Road for about 6 kms, then turn right into Ennis Road and follow gravel road for half a kilometre to the Blackhill Reserve Car Park.</p>	

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Feb 11/15 0830	Norma Rantall	Castlemaine to Chewton	6kms		Easy	Castlemaine to Chewton for coffee along the Happy Valley Trail.	
Feb 25/15 0830	John Butselaar	Kyneton	5kms		Easy	Campaspe River Walk Reference Macedon Ranges Brochure	
March 11/15 0830	Norma Rantall	Castlemaine	9kms		Medium+	Wheelers Street to Chewton along Poverty Gully Track. Car Shuffle	
March 25/15 0830	Jenny Morton	Vaughan Springs	8kms		Medium	Red Knob towards Fyerstown and back.	
April 8/15 0900	Hans Koschak	Newstead. Green Gully Creek.	6kms		Easy	Hans' Wood Heap	
April 22/15 0900	Frances Knight	Harcourt. Mt Alexander/ Leanganook	All day 6 kms / 7.5 kms / 12 kms		Medium+	Three choices. Either 6 kms or 7.5 kms or 12 kms. Car Shuffle	Goldfields Track Walking Guide p100
April 29/15 0900	Sandra Allender	Crusoe Reservoir Kangaroo Flat	8kms		Easy	No Dogs allowed Not in the bush. On a dirt walking track	
May 13/15 0900	Carol Dorman	Chewton	8kms		Medium	Heritage Park	Goldfields Track Walking Guide p94
May 27/15 0900	Greg Pridmore	Tarilta Creek Gorge.	11kms		Medium - Hard	Porcupine Ridge Track	Goldfields Track Walking Guide Map p79
June 10/15 0900	Norma Rantall	Harcourt	6.5kms		Easy	Goldfields Track from North Harcourt Road to Brennan's Tunnel along the water race and back.	Goldfields Track Walking Guide Map 29
June 24/15 0900	John Butselaar	Daylesford / Chocolate Mill	7kms		Medium	Breakneck Gorge, Hepburn Springs to Chocolate Mill Car Shuffle.	

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July 8/15 0900	Greg Pridmore	Mystery Walk	5-6-7-8 kms		Medium	One of Greg's "wherethehellarewe?" walks.	
July 22/15 0900	Margaret Dimsey	Mt Tarrengower. Maldon			Medium - Hard.	The walk has a steep incline at the start.	
July 29/15 0900	John Butselaar	O'Keefe Rail Trail Walk	All day 11kms			We will walk the mid section between North Bendigo to Axedale. Car shuffle.	
Aug 12/15 0900	Greg Pridmore	Taradale	11.3 kms		Easy		
Aug 26/15 0900	Norma Rantall	Coliban race line	7.5 kms		Medium	We will drive out to North Harcourt on the back road to Bendigo, follow Sedgewick Rd, turn left into Springs Rd and follow Springs Rd into a gravel road and find the track markers near Cuneens Gully falls on the race line. We park the cars there and walk up to Blosset Rd and return along the same route to the cars. It is an interesting part of the Coliban race line.	Goldfields Track Walking Guide p30
Sept 9/15 0900	Kevin Vallenge	Kalimna Park	max 2 hours		Medium	A different experience. We will be navigating around the park using a map provided by Kevin.	
Sept 23/15 0900	Hans	Kalimna Park	6kms		Easy	Kalimna Park.	
Oct 14/15 0830	Frances Knight	Castlemaine Dry Diggings.Chewton	8kms		Medium	Garfield Wheel to Welsh Village and Expedition Pass reservoir.	
Oct 28/15 0830	John Butselaar	Creswick to Dean	10.5kms		Medium	Do the first section of the WG Spence Walk from St Georges Lake, Creswick to Dean. Crossing point of the Ballarat to Daylesford Road. It is the continuation of the Goldfields Track from where we finished at St Georges Lake on Oct 30th. Travel east through the Creswick Regional Park onto rich red loam potato farming country. Take in the seven volcanic hills on the horizon. Again undulating country!	Goldfields Track Walking Guide. pages 48 - 53

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Nov 11/15 0830	John Butselaar	Wombat Forest Walk	11kms		Medium	Do a section of the Wombat Forest Walk, between the rotunda at Wombat Station and Sailors Falls near the Ballan to Daylesford road. This walk is the continuation of the walk Greg led, along the Andersons Tramways Walk finishing at Wombat Station. It crosses the forests of the Great Divide. It is undulating but from the topography information I have we seem to stay in a range of 500 to 600 mts above sea level.	
Nov 25/15 0830	Frances Knight	Chewton	6kms		Easy	Eureka Mine circuit via Poverty Gully track.	
Dec 9/15 0830	John Butselaar	Black Hill Reserve	7kms		Easy	Back to John's in Kyneton for the year ending cheer. The Reserve has been reopened since the devastating bushfire in February. John has walked it a couple of times a week in the last month and find it fascinating to see the re-growth in the affected areas. About two thirds was burnt. Well worth the walk to see nature at work. Lots of birds and kangaroos have returned.	
Aug 27/14 0900	Norma Rantall	Mt Alexander	4.5 kms		Over some rough track	A follow up Mt A.....Lang's Lookout to Sutton Grange Rd..... Vote to be taken in the carpark as to "up or down"	
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Oct 22/14 0830	Kevin Hurley	Elphinstone			Medium	Elphinstone wildflower walk	
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