

24th ESSENDON BUSHWALKING CLUB MARATHON

Saturday 21 October, 2017

Dereel to Smythesdale – 42 km

Meeting point is Smythesdale (opposite Court House Hotel) **no later than 7-15 am**. The bus leaves there at **7.30 SHARP**.

Most of the walk route is on the Rainbow Bird Trail with a couple of diversions to build the distance to 42 km.

Stage 1 – 7.5 km – Dereel to Mt Misery Creek – Easy – starts at Dereel Hall which has toilet facilities. Goes past a dry swamp which is a bird haven and was formerly the Dereel Racecourse. Small acreage farmlets on good roads along the way finishing in bushland at the old Misery Creek bridge ruin.

Stage 2 – 8 km – Mt Misery Creek to Donald McLeans Road– Easy-Medium – gentle climb past historic gold workings and other heritage sites to Berringa. We will have a short break at the recreation reserve which has public toilets. Next we pass the site of Moonlight township and join a 4WD track into forest for the rest of the stage.

Stage 3 – 5.5 km – Donald McLeans Road to Ormiston Road– Easy-Medium – Lunch – the middle part of this stage has a long but easy climb on good gravel road.

Stage 4 – 7 km – Ormiston Road to Greenwoods Lane – Easy – bushland in which we pass the Jubilee Mine site.

Stage 5 – 4 km – Greenwoods Lane to Casey Road – Easy – we enter open country on quiet and pleasant gravel roads to the next check point on the Skipton Rail Trail which we follow for the remainder of the walk.

Stage 6 – 5.5 km – Casey Road to Scarsdale – Easy – gentle railway grades in open farmland.

Stage 7 – 4.5 km – Scarsdale to Smythesdale – Easy - gentle railway grades past Scarsdale township at first then more open country.

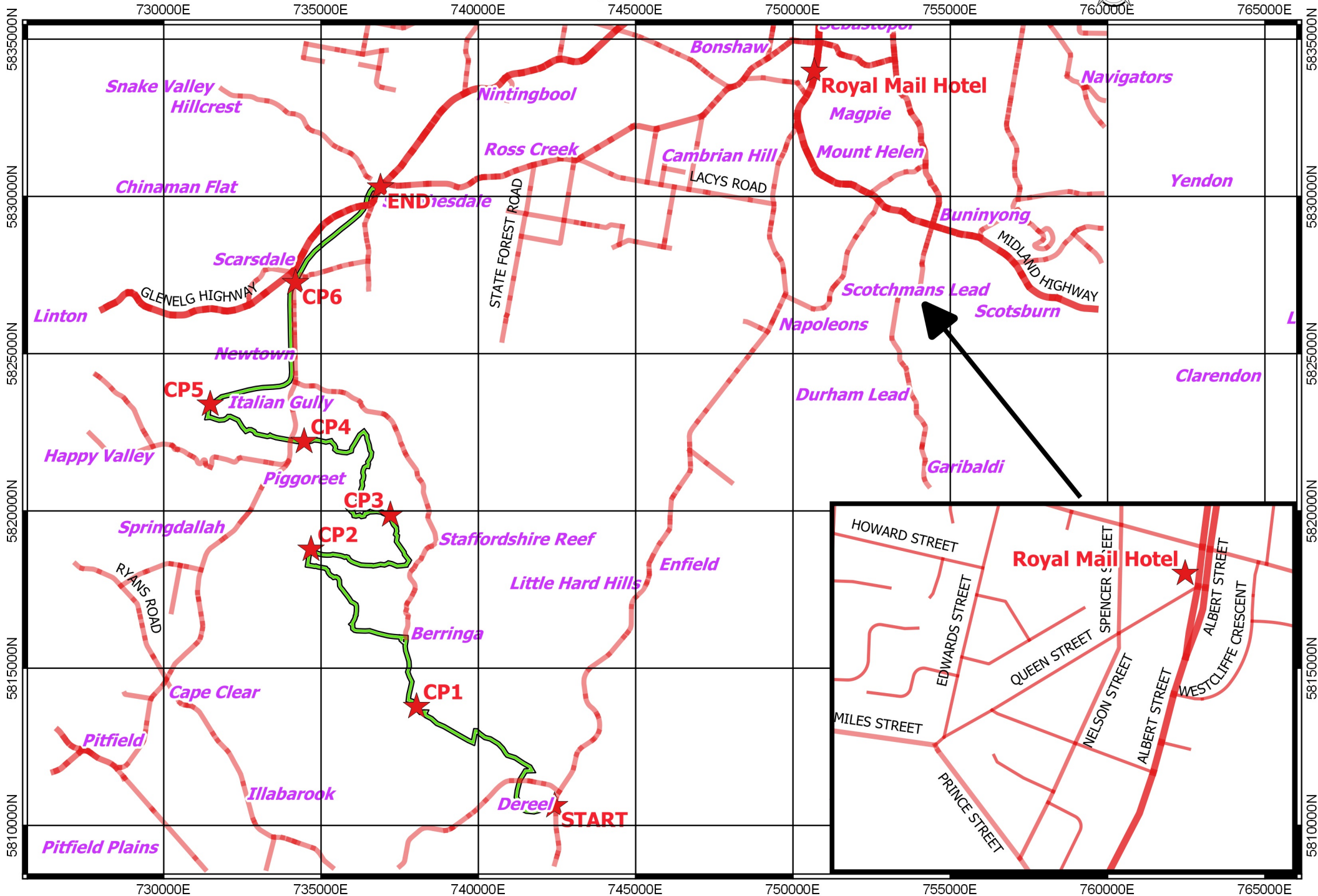
Support co-ordinator is Tess Murton and convoy leaders are Des and Paulene Sunderland.

Sue Baxter will handle the finances.

Dinner venue is the Royal Mail Hotel at the Ballarat suburb of Sebastopol and it is a 12 minute drive from the walk finish point..

Registration forms are available on my website www.wtcasey.net , and I will arrange for some to be available at meetings.

2017 ESSENDON BUSHWALKING CLUB MARATHON OVERALL MAP





2017 Essendon Bushwalking Club Marathon
Saturday 21 October 2017
Dereel to Smythesdale
WALK DAY INFORMATION

Assembly point is at the park opposite the Court House Hotel in the main street of Smythesdale **at 7-15 am.**
MGA94 Zone 54 E736910 N5830280

At 7-30 am a bus leaves from here to take us to the start of the walk at Dereel.

Before leaving Smythesdale on the bus you must place all your food, drink and spare clothing in one of the support vehicles with the exception of anything you wish to carry on stage 1 of the walk.

NOTE that the support cars do not travel to the start of the walk. The next time you see them is at the end of stage 1. Therefore anything you need for stage 1 must be with you on the bus.

The walk comprises seven stages from 4 to 8km in length.

Support cars meet the walkers at the end of each of the 7 stages of the walk. Those cars have two main purposes:

1. To carry walkers' food, drink, additional clothing and footwear. (It is suggested that you place these in a back-pack or bag. If you want to put cool drinks in a support car, please read the note below).
2. To provide transport for any walker who wants to skip a stage or retire from the walk.

IMPORTANT: The support team has asked that NO solid car fridges be put in the support cars. They take up a lot of the limited space in the vehicles. If you wish to bring a cooler, make sure it is one of the "soft" types which can be more easily squeezed into the available space.

During the walk, walkers need to carry only sufficient water for the stage, and any protective items deemed desirable taking the weather into account. If walkers wish, a small amount of food might be carried, although this is usually found to be unnecessary when the support cars meet us so frequently.

It is strongly recommended that you read the "[Tips for the Marathon](#)" particularly if you are a "first-timer".

After the finish of the walk there is an optional dinner for walkers and any of their families and friends at 9 pm at the Royal Mail Hotel which is at 290 Albert Street, Sebastopol, 3356. (03) 5335 8518.

This is about a 15 minute drive from Smythesdale (see Walk Map).

Costs for the 2017 Marathon are:

\$20 for bus travel, support car re-imburement and miscellaneous expenses

\$5 additional for non-members of the Essendon Bushwalking Club

\$23 per head for the dinner (optional)

A Marathon Registration Form is available from a link at <http://www.wtcasey.net/future-walks/annual-essendon-bushwalking-club-marathon/> If you are going to take part, please print it off, complete and forward it to Sue Baxter as soon as convenient as we have limited places available. Sue's address is on the form.

Detailed information about the 2017 Marathon can be found the above web address.

If you wish to join the support team, please contact Tess Murton tess.murton@bigpond.com before sending your registration form.

Bill Casey (Walk Leader)

Email: wtcasey@wtcasey.net

2017 ESSENDON BUSHWALKING CLUB MARATHON WALK ACCOMMODATION SUGGESTIONS

Many Marathon walkers will probably choose to stay in Ballarat on either or both of the Friday and Saturday nights. Some possible accommodation options are:

Big 4 Ballarat Goldfields Holiday Park www.ballaratgoldfields.com.au
108 Clayton Street,
Ballarat, 3350.
(03) 5330 8000

Eureka Stockade Caravan Park www.eurekaholidaypark.com.au
104 Stawell Street,
Ballarat, 3350.
(03) 5331 2281

Gateway Lifestyle Holiday Park glhp.com.au/parks/gate-way-lifestyle-Ballarat
263 Scott Parade,
Ballarat, 3350.
(03) 5330 8999

Woolmunda Park Cottages www.woolmundapark.com.au
13 Wethling Lane
Smythesdale, Vic 3351
0425 724 220 during business hours

Woodmans Hill Ballarat Budget Accommodation www.ballaratbudgetmotel.com.au
9503 Western Freeway,
Warrenheip, 3352.
1300 885 259

Begonia City Motor Inn www.begoniacity.com.au
244 Albert Street,
Sebastopol, 3356.
(03) 5335 5577

Peppinella Motel www.peppinellamotel.com.au
102 Smythes Road
Delacombe, 3356.
(03) 5335 9666

Ballarat Colonial Motor Inn www.ballaratcolonial.com.au
9379 Western Highway,
Warrenheip (Ballarat), 3352
(03) 5334 7231

Rooms at Carboni's carbonis.com.au
152 Eureka Street,
Ballarat, 3350
(03) 5331 2184

1. Big4 Goldfields Holiday Park
2. Eureka Stockade Caravan Park
3. Gateway Lifestyle Holiday Park
4. Woolmunda Park Cottages
5. Woodmans Hill Budget Accommodation
6. Begonia City Motor Inn
7. Peppinella Motel
8. Ballarat Colonial Motor Inn
9. Rooms at Carboni's
10. Royal Mail Hotel (dinner venue)

