

Have boots, will travel

From Melbourne to Mongolia, the Koonung Bushwalkers are the go-anywhere club.


The Koonung Bushwalking Club (or KBWC) is based in northeast Melbourne, in the suburb of Doncaster-Templestowe. KBWC is a medium-sized club with around 160 members and caters for adult walkers of all ages. It is easily accessible for people in the surrounding suburbs by car via Eastlink. The club is a member of Bushwalking Victoria, the peak body for representing the interests of bushwalkers and clubs in the state.

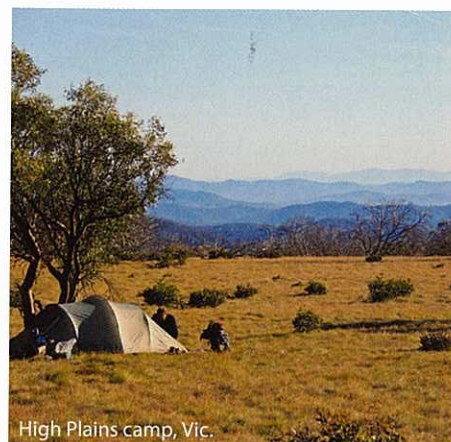
For the past 26 years, KBWC members have walked the tracks of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia and many countries of the world. Some memorable overseas trips undertaken over the last 10 years include the Trans-Siberian Railway, China, Mongolia, Russia, Peru, Galapagos Islands, Vietnam, China, Hong Kong, Italy, France, Turkey, England, Scotland, NZ, Madagascar, South Africa, Namibia, Botswana and Tanzania.

Interesting trips undertaken recently in Australia include Lamington National Park, the Kimberley region, Kakadu, Fraser Island, Flinders Island, Kangaroo Island, the Grampians, Bogong High Plains, Sydney Harbour, Wilsons Promontory, Mt Warning, Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair and Kosciusko. Closer to home the walks each Saturday and Sunday (with some mid-week) are generally in the Dandenongs, Warburton, Kinglake National Park, the Brisbane Ranges, Yarra Ranges, the Cathedrals, Werribee Gorge and Lederderg State Park as well as the green corridor tracks throughout the Melbourne metropolitan area. Car-pooling is

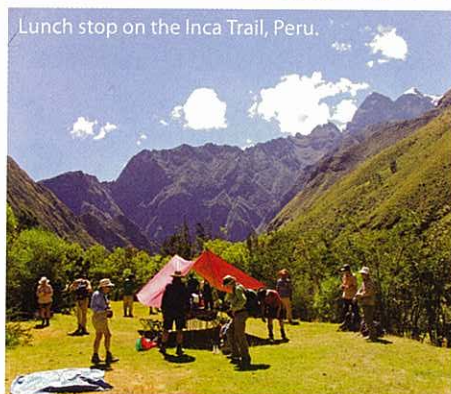
used to keep travel costs down.

Day walks range from easy half-day walks (up to 10km), medium walks (up to 15km) and longer, harder walks (up to 20km). The club also offers overnight and extended backpacks, ski trips during the winter to Lake Mountain or Falls Creek and bike rides throughout the year. Equipment such as books, maps, GPSRs, PLBs, tents, backpacks, cooking gear and sleeping mats are available to hire for a small charge (some items are free) to members for base camps and backpacks.

Social activities (live theatre nights, restaurant meals, and exhibitions) are also organised for members. The monthly newsletter *Walk Talk* keeps members informed on these events as well as upcoming walks, club meetings and previous walks, along with some great pictures. Our leaders are very experienced and know many walks throughout the state that are not widely used, ensuring an interesting day or multi-day trip for everyone. 



High Plains camp, Vic.



Lunch stop on the Inca Trail, Peru.



Beloungery Spire, NSW.

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Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month (except for December).

Address: Pines Leisure and Activity Centre, 520 Blackburn Road, Templestowe (Melways 34 D6)

Membership: \$20 joining fee and then annually \$40 for singles and \$65 for families

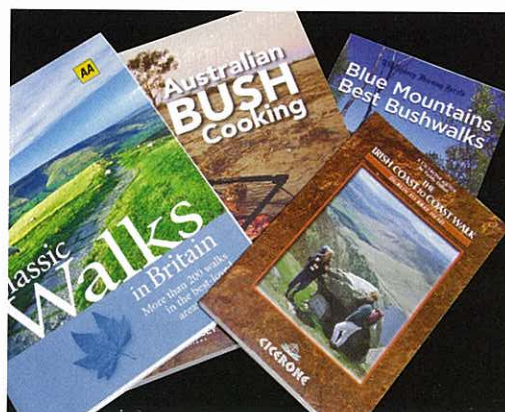
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