# Melbourne Birdlife weekday outings program 2025

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## General information.

Outings will always be on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesdays and will usually start at 10.00am. Exceptions are noted with the relevant outing summary. Outings will not go ahead on Total Fire Ban days. Please note that outings may be subject to minor changes or additions nearer the day, but the first meeting point and time will remain the same. The Birdlife website can be checked for up-to-date outing details in the month it is scheduled.

Location names are followed by a Google Maps Plus Code, and a Melway Map Reference. For most locations a written description of approach roads is also given. Please note that I was initially a bit naïve about plus codes, so please include the code plus the locality name as written when using Google Maps.

Bring Water, Snacks or Lunch, Binoculars, Sunscreen, and a hat. Not all locations will have picnic facilities or toilet facilities, so a camp chair of some description may prove useful, along with a toilet stop en route.

Sturdy closed-in footwear and long sleeves recommended for all walks. Tracks may be uneven, and depending on the weather may be muddy and slippery. Snakes are clearly a risk in warmer months but may be about at any time in some locations. You may encounter leeches in wetter areas. Flies and mosquitoes may also attend some of these locations. Check special Notes for each walk for further information.

## Outing information.

## Wed Feb 19th. 10.00am – 3pm. Robert Grosvenor. Lysterfield Lake.

Plus Code 28M2+PMP Lysterfield, Victoria Melway 108 D2.

Leader Robert Grosvenor. Meet at 10.00am in the car park on right hand side. Approach from Belgrave/Hallam Rd then Horswood Rd. Park is usually signed. Proceed straight ahead through the first roundabout into the park. Turn right at the second roundabout and then very shortly turn left to park at the lake end of this car park. Toilets available.

## Wed Mar 19th. 10.00am – 3pm. Gina Hopkins. Western Treatment Plant, Werribee.

Plus Code 2G4J+9Q9 Point Wilson, Victoria Melway X911 G5.

Leader Gina Hopkins. Group limit 20 including permit holders. Use online registration. Meet 10.00am at Point Wilson Road/Paradise Road intersection. Carpool from here. To avoid a long queue of cars and make it easier to pull over and exit vehicles where desirable a maximum of 5 cars with 4 pp/car will be adopted. Scopes useful.

Toilets at the start location only.

## Wed Apr 16th. 10.00am – 3pm. Brian Thomas. Bittern Reservoir and Environs.

Plus Code M4X8+W76 Tuerong, Victoria Melway 153 B9.

Leader – Brian Thomas. From the Peninsula Freeway take the exit at C782 and follow Tyabb Road to Stumpy Gully road. Turn right into Stumpy Gully Road and travel along here for about 5 km then turn right at Hodgins Road. Entry to the circuit trail is off Hodgins Road between Stumpy Gully Road and Derill Road. No Toilets here. The nearest toilets are at Devilbend Reservoir which we may visit if time permits.

## Wed May 21st. 10.00am – 3pm. Peter Murphy. Corinella Foreshore plus Corinella Cemetery. Westernport.

 Plus Code HCRQ+6VG Corinella, Victoria Melway X912 Q10.

Leader – Peter Murphy. From Bass Hwy take Corinella Road into Town then turn right into Jamieson Street. Park at the end. Nearest good toilets at Harold Hughes Reserve 2 km away on Main Street near General Store. Lunch and other toilets at Boat Ramp…great views and tables and seats. After lunch at the Boat Ramp we proceed to Corinella Cemetery, Cemetery Road, Corinella.

## Wed Jun 18th. 10.00am – 3pm. Janis Evans. Pipemakers Park, Maribyrnong.

 Plus Code 6VCV+W4X Maribyrnong, Victoria Melway 28 B10.

Leader – Janis Evans. From Gordon St/Van Ness turn at roundabout. Park at first car park near BBQs. Toilets available. Depending on timing, we may take the 15-minute drive to Newell’s Paddock Wetlands (40 Jamieson Ave., Footscray) for an after-lunch walk.

## Wed Jul 23rd. 10.00am – 3.00pm. Clancy Benson. Western Treatment Plant, Werribee.

 Plus Code 2G4J+9Q9 Point Wilson, Victoria Melway X911 G5.

Leader – Clancy Benson. Group limit 20 including permit holders. Preference given to those not on the previous WTP Outing. Use online registration. Meet 10.00am at Point Wilson Road/Paradise Road intersection. Carpool from here. To avoid a long queue of cars and make it easier to pull over and exit vehicles where desirable a maximum of 5 cars with 4 pp/car will be adopted. Scopes useful.

Toilets at the start location only.

## Wed 20th Aug. 10.00am – 3.00pm. Maarten Grabandt. Warrandyte Kinglake Nature Reserve, Christmas Hills.

 Plus Code 87XW+G43 Christmas Hills, Victoria Melway 265 C12.

Leader – Maarten Grabandt. Meet at 10.00am in the car park at the south end of Happy Valley Track off Eltham - Yarra Glen Road. The track is not signposted, but it is on google maps. Coming from the west, after you pass Simpson Road entry to Sugarloaf Reservoir look for the turn off on your left after about 500m. We will explore the south end of Happy Valley track and if there is time, we will car pool to visit the North end before returning to the original meeting point. Lunch will be taken at Saddle Dam picnic area in Sugarloaf Reservoir Park. There are toilets available here.

## Tue 16th Sep. 10.00am – 3.00pm. Jayne Furphy. Woodlands Historic Park.

 Plus Code 9V92+HP3 Oaklands Junction, Victoria Melway 178 B6.

Leader – Jayne Furphy. Meet at 10.00am in the car park off Somerton Road. Toilets available.

## Tue 21st and Wed 22nd Oct. Phillip West. Two Day Outing Surf Coast. O/N own arrangements Anglesea or nearby.

 Day 1 . Plus Code H5XM+472 Anglesea, Victoria

 Day 2 . Plus Code H34V+CW6 Aireys inlet, Victoria

Day 1 – Coogoorah Park, Anglesea and nearby locations according to conditions. From the Great Ocean Road as you cross the Anglesea River turn Right into Noble Street, then Right again into River Reserve Road and follow this into Coogoorah Park. Toilets available.

2.30pm – 6pm Leader Phillip West. We will meet in the car park at Coogoorah Park 2.30pm sharp and do our first walk here. At about 4.45pm we will carpool to drive to a second location to explore coastal heathland. For those interested we will have a booking at a local venue for dinner (at your own cost) at approximately 7pm.

Day 2 – Distillery Creek Nature Trail and Aireys inlet environs. From Anglesea take the Ocean Road to Airey’s Inlet. Turn right into Bambra Road. Follow Bambra Road all the way to Distillery Creek car park. Note this road diverges left at 90deg at the point where the road ahead becomes Distillery Creek Road. Toilets available. Use the car park on the toilets side.

9am – 2pm Leader Phillip West. Hugh Stewart from the Bellarine Birdlife Group will join us for the walk this morning and give us a short talk on the natural environment of this area. Our walk will take us on the nature trail circuit, and we will explore the car park area before heading to the Airey’s inlet water reclamation plant, where we will scan the water from outside the perimeter fence. We will then head to the township at Airey’s for lunch. There are some birding options after lunch for those who wish to spend some extra time in the area. How you lunch is a personal choice but with a little preparation or perhaps some local purchases a picnic lunch might be the way to go.

## Wed 12th Nov. 10.00am – 3.00pm. Graeme Hosken. Kurth Kiln, Gembrook.

 Plus Code 4H2G+54Q Gembrook, Victoria Melway 14 R10.

Leader – Graeme Hosken. From Gembrook take the C424 Gembrook to Launching Place Road. Turn left into Soldiers Road and follow this down to the carpark just past the Kiln. Toilets available. There will be two separate walks here…morning walk, lunch, afternoon walk.

## Wed 10th Dec. 10.00am – 3.00pm. Clancy Benson. Point Cook Park and Foreshore, Point Cook.

 Plus Code 3QCC+XHG Point Cook, Victoria Melway 199 E3.

Leader – Clancy Benson. Point Cook Coastal Park. Meet at 10.00am in the Beach Picnic Area, second car park on left near toilets.