

The WARNING inside the cover page also applies to the following Amendments to the track notes, with the observations made by members of the Geelong Bushwalking Club to February 2009.

**GREAT OCEAN WALK** – note that **Edition 3** was published before the completion of the GOW. Changes are made to the relevant walks D4, D5, F1, F2, F5, F6, G2, G3, G4, G5.

Walkers are advised to use **Great Ocean Walk Information and Map Guide** by Parks Victoria.

Note the high level GOW track to use if there is any doubt about low tide and smooth seas.

General note - signage for the Great Ocean Walk (GOW) assumes the walker is travelling from east to west.

Walkers wishing to walk parts of the GOW are advised that 2WD access is also available to –

- the gate 3km from the junction of Old Coach Road and Hider Road
- the gate 1km from the ocean end of Milanesia track
- the south end of Parkers access track (about 1 km from Moonlight Head)
- the ends of Moonlight Head road near The Gables and also near Wreck Beach

Amendment to **A1 – AROUND EASTERN VIEW** on page 24

Walk details

*Section 1.* Line 3: after "...gravel track", add "McPhillemy Road".

Line 4: after "climbing", add "ignore a RH track, continue climbing"

Line 5: after "Coalmine track", replace "Continue north" by "Turn left (NW)"

*Section 2.* Line 3: Replace "Follow the 4WD track left" by "Follow the narrow foot track from the lookout towards Moggs creek"

Amendments to **A2 – IN FROM MOGGS CREEK** on page 26

### Comment

Add to Getting to the Start-: "there is room for only 4 cars at The Start. Suggest to start / finish the walk a further 700m west to a larger car park."

Walk Details

*Section 1.* If starting from the larger car park:

Lines 1&2: Replace..."walk to moggs Creek.....via the second walkway" with "take the track to the beach; walk left (east) for 150m and leave the beach via the access track".

Line 3: Replace "300m" with "30m"

Line 6: Replace "2.5 km" with "2.0km"

*Section 3.* The map is correct – the text is not.

Lines 374:replace "right (southwest) for 200m.....Surf Coast Walking Track marker" with "left for 25m then take the track on your right."

Amendments to **A3 – BEACH AND BUSH NEAR AIREYS** on page 28

Walk Details

The text is correct, whereas the route on the map page 29 is not; the map shows the former route from Old Coach road, almost at the Great Ocean Road, direct to the ridge containing the lookout at map GR 678379. This route is now closed.

The text correctly describes the route along Old Coach road before climbing to the ridge along a management track (not shown) commencing at map GR 680387.

A suggestion only: organize a car shuffle to the south end of Lialetta Road map GR 693376 to shorten the walk by 2 km along the Great Ocean Road back to the start point.

Amendments to **A5 – BEACH AND HEATHLAND OF ANGLESEA** on page 32

Walk Details

*Section 2.* Line 1: replace "three" with "two" timber posts

Line 4/5/6: Replace from end of line 4 to Line 6 with:" Some 50m before this, continue west to an old 4WD track running north-south."

Line 9: (private property requires a short detour.) Replace "Follow the 4WD track" by "Walk some 10m west, then just beyond the left most boundary post, head north for 120m through the tea tree, nearly parallel to the 4WD track (follow ribbons)", and take the foot track (west) to Gilbert street (lined with power poles).

Amendments to **A6 – CLIFFTOPS OF AIREYS** on page 34

Walk Summary. Distance: Replace "13km" with "13.5km"

#### Walk Details

*Section 2(a)*. Line 1: Replace “Follow the 4WD track” by “Walk some 10m west, then just beyond the left most boundary post, head north for 120m through the tea tree, nearly parallel to the 4WD track (follow ribbons)”.

*Section 2(b)*. Lines 1 and 2: Replace “Follow the 4WD track for 500m...walk down the hill” by “Walk some 10m west, then just beyond the left most boundary post, head north for 120m through the tea tree, nearly parallel to the 4WD track (follow ribbons), and take the foot track (west) to Gilbert street (lined with power poles). Turn right and walk uphill some 500m to the top of the second crest, the descend 150m”

Line 7: Replace “(4.5km)” with “5km”

#### Amendment to **A7 – DUCK POND TRACK** on page 36

#### Walk Details

*Section 1*. Line 4: after map GR649409, add “ This junction has the sign removed from its supports, and it is difficult to see as the entry is behind a dirt barrier to discourage trail bike riders. Perhaps some coloured cords may remain around a tree. If you miss it, you will come to the 4WD track near large concrete posts at map GR635409 – retrace your steps.”

Line 4: delete (Ignore the 4WD track...7.5km)

*Section 2*. Line 1: After “gully”, add “,cross the creek some 20 m downstream,”

#### Amendments to **A8 – ANGLESEA HEATH CIRCUIT** on page 38

#### Walk Details

Permanent track closures require short detours as follows:

*Section 1*. Raven Track is closed for about 300 meters. Head north along Pipeline Track for 700 meters then turn south-east for 250 meters to rejoin the original route.

Line 2 : delete the words 'the stop sign'.

Line 4 : after 'bending sharply', add 'right'.

Line 4 : delete 'around the end of a fence line'.

Line 5 : after 'straight ahead' add 'along Raven Track'.

*Section 3*. Shiny Eye Track is closed from its junction with Harrison Track South. Head east along Ridge View Track, turn southwest along ‘Transmission Line Track’. Rejoin the route at the intersection with Alcoa Boundary Track.

Points of Interest Line 4 : replace “October to December” by “September to November”.

MAP on page 39 The 'Otways-Great Ocean Road Info Map' is more up to date than the A8 map in WTO.

#### Amendments to **A9 – AIREY’S INLET BEACHES AND CLIFFTOPS** on page 40

#### Tides

Delete “near Urquhart Bluff”. If the tide prevents safe progress, there are steps to the clifftops at GR 481390 and 475383.

#### Walk Details

*Section 3*.Line 3: “Follow a narrow and winding track east ...”

Line 5: After “Turn right ... open heath land” on Line 6, then delete the following through to Line 9 “and a T-intersection.... Great Ocean Road.” Replace by “Continue across an overgrown 4WD track”.

Line 11: Change last sentence to “ Pass by one foot track on the right – this seems the obvious route, but continue some 200m along the current track then turn right at a junction marked by a small cairn of stones, descend past...”

#### Amendments to **A10 – ANGLESEA/O’DONOHUE RESERVE CIRCUIT** on page 42

#### Walk Details

*Section 1*. Replace the first two sentences by:- "About 40m north of the toilet block, climb the embankment and walk approx 200m west along an unmade road to an opening in the fence of the Alcoa lease. Follow the power line track west for approx 330m until the Surfcoast Walking Track markers indicate a sharp left and almost immediately a sharp right turn."

Before last sentence, add :- "An interesting (optional) detour here gives a view over the extensive open cut coal mine. Follow a rough track for approx 200m to Coalmine Road, then approx 150m to a lookout."

Last sentence - delete "left".

*Section 2*. Before first sentence, add “Leave Surfcoast walk at Harvey Street”. Also add "pass through gate" after "Cross (gravel) Harvey Street, ,....."

Fourth sentence, replace "southwest" by "south".

*Section 3.* Replace third and fourth sentences by -: "Follow a path leading approx north northeast along and ascending the cliff line to the Great Ocean road adjacent to a Lookout. Walk down the road to the entrance to the Surf club carpark."  
Delete "Cross over and" in sentence 5 (Line 7).

Amendments to **A11 – POINT ADDIS/IRONBARK BASIN CIRCUIT** on page 44

Walk Details

*Section 2.* Line 4: replace " 300" by "100".

Line 5: after "Turn right" add "SW, then South. Continue, ignoring gated tracks, then east, then south along Hurst road (not shown on the map at this point) until it ends in a carpark."

*Section 3.* Replace all by –

"Walk from the carpark north along Point Addis Road to a lookout on the right. Take the track down and take the signed Koori Culture walk."

*Section 4.* Second sentence: replace by " After some 200m take the right turn at a junction and continue to a cliff top walk with 2 lookouts."

Amendments to **A12 – ANGLESEA CLIFFTOPS AND EUMERALLA FLORA RESERVE** on page 46

Walk Details

*Section 1.* Add after 1st sentence - " If the track along the east bank is flooded, seek permission to walk through the caravan park."

Line 2: replace "sealed" by "gravel"

Line 3: delete "where a short.....road".

*Section 2.* Replace last sentence by " Continue east some 100m to an open view of Point Addis headland. Retrace your steps to the T junction (1.7km)

*Section 3.* First sentence – delete "left".

Line 4: Delete "T"

Line 4: after "track", add "and gate"

Line 9: delete "Passing a dilapidated jetty" – it's totally disappeared!

Amendments to **A 13 – AROUND WHITES AND SNAKEY TRACKS** on page 48

(This walk is difficult to follow because of 2 track closures.)

Change distance to 13 km

Walk Details

*Section 1.* Lines 1 to 5: delete "for 500 m.....slashed strip."

Replace by: "to meet Powerline Track (map GR492425). Walk towards Mt. Ingoldsby to high point 119 m, then retrace your steps."

*Section 2.* Delete sentences 2 to 4; replace by: "Continue about 700m down Powerline Track to Snakey Creek track (management gate) on the right."

Amendments to **B1 (d) – CUMBERLAND RIVER – CASTLE ROCK – SHEOAK FALLS** on page 54

Change (return) to (car shuffle)

**Finish: Sheoak Falls car park**

Walk Details

Line 3: after "upstream", add "(L.H.S)".

Lines 5&6: replace "the Great Ocean Road.....Reserve" by "and the carpark".

**B3 – MARGARET AND MELBA FALLS CIRCUIT**

Heavily overgrown

Amendments to **B4 – THE RIDGE TOPS OF THE JAMIESON AND CUMBERLAND**

Walk Details

*Section 3.* The gateway at GR486248 is some 100m east of the point shown.

Line 2: Follow the Cumberland track – "well defined??" to approx. GR489249 and continue east – ignore the ribboned route going north to Brunswick falls.

Line 5: after "along the ridge", add "ignore a ribboned route going from approx. GR 550257 north east towards Langdale Pike".

Comment: the walk is easier done in reverse.

Amendments to **B5 – BIG HILL – HORSESHOE FALLS CIRCUIT** on page 62

Walk Details

*Section 3.* Line 4: Tells you to walk “to just before a knoll”. This is not now possible as the owner of the private property to the south of the park boundary i.e. the green line shown, has fenced his property. After the words “under the transmission line for” delete the rest of the sentence. Replace these words with “350m to a track on the left at GR 614340”.

Line 5: Change direction from “east” to “south east”.

## **B6 – IN THE TRACKS OF LOGGING PIONEERS on page 64 –not viable**

Amendments to **C3 – KENNETT RIVER TO GREY RIVER AND BEYOND** on page 72

Walk Details (this walk was badly overgrown in 2006)

*Section 2.* Replace “**Picnic area**” by “**Roadside Water point**”

Lines 2&3: replace “Continue...Road” by “Continue along an old bushwalking track parallel to the road until it reaches a water hole (WP 57) beside the road.”

*Section 3.* Replace “**Picnic area – Coast**” by “**Roadside Water Point – Coast**”

Line 1: Add “At GR 469157” follow...

Amendments to **C4 - WYE RIVER GORGE AND FALLS** on page 74

Walk Details

*Section 1.* Line 2: replace GR 443193 by 443190. Choose the southern option on the map for crossing the Kennett 10 m downstream.

*Section 3.* Line 3: “...Kennett River. From 10m upstream, a narrower...”

### **Variation**

Delete “signposted”.

The map is somewhat incorrect from GR457215 to Wye river road –the text is correct. The section between GR 457215 and GR 467219 is marked with pink ribbons.

Wye River Road in the vicinity of Mud “Road” is only suitable for 4WD vehicles.

Amendments to **C5 – ON THE JEEP TRACKS...KENNETT** on page 76

Walk Details

*Section 1.* Lines 4 to 7: replace “after passing...rest” by “The track passes under transmission lines past a telecom tower on your left. Ignore tracks coming from the left and head north for a while on the main track before bending west and meeting Kennett road.”

*Section 2.* Lines 1&2: delete “Water can be obtained...km.”

Amendment to **C6 – DOWN THE KENNETT** on page 78

Walk details

*Section 1.* Lines 3&4: delete “from a seat overlooking the sea”.

Amendments to **C7 - ACROSS THE KENNETT** on page 80

Walk Summary

Terrain: delete “& offtrack”

Time: 5 hours

Grading: delete “/difficult”

Getting To The Start: replace “Grey River Picnic Area” by “junction of Grey River Road and Coopers No.2 Road.” (The walk is easier in reverse.)

Comment: delete 1.

Drinking Water: delete “in creek”

Walk Details *Section 1.* Line 4: delete “where water is available ...road”

Lines 7&8: replace “northeast of a second knoll... GR451201” by “to GR454196”. (The map on page 81 is incorrect at this point – see the map on page 75 and use the lower route.)

*Section 2.* Lines 1&2: replace “Continue along.... 240 degrees” by “Leave the road along an old logging track”

Lines 3&4: replace “maintain the 240 degree bearing” by “walk on the logging track”

Line 5: delete “Note...No.2.Road”

*Section 3.* delete “where...(4km).”

Amendment to **C8 – GREY RIVER SCENIC RESERVE – AFTER LUNCH STROLL**

Delete 2. Carisbrook Creek... overgrown

## Amendment to **D2 – A WILD DOG WALK**

### Walk details

*Section 2:* Line 1: From the saddle, add “do not follow the ribboned route south “.

Amendment to **D4 – WESTWARD TO SHELLEY BEACH** on page 92 and **D5 – MARENGO TO BLANKET BAY** on page 94.

add **Comment** –these and other walks follow the Great Ocean Walk. Note the high level GOW track to use if there is any doubt about low tide and smooth seas.

Amendments to **E3 – IN THE TRACKS OF STEAM** on page 102

### Walk Details

The Old Beechy Rail Trail is now open from Colac to Beech Forest. Lines 5,6 and 7 of section 1 are incorrect, as the track no longer disappears at GR 222283. Replace the sentences "As the quality.....is very close" with "At GR 222283, the Old Beech Forest road is very close."

Suggest replacing the walk by a one way walk from Beech Forest to Gellibrand along the well signed route, sometimes following the Old Beechy Trail, other times the Old Beech Forest Road.

**E4 – BEAUCHAMP FALLS TO THE AIRE** – page 104 – **not viable**

Comment on **E6 – EXPLORING CONGRAM CREEK AND AIRE RIVER** on page 109

This walk was badly overgrown in 2006.

**E8 – EXPLORING THE LITTLE AIRE AND (MIDDLE) AIRE**

### Walk Summary

Replace Distance by 8-9 km

Replace Time by 7-8 hours (including Breaks)

### Walk Details

Replace Paragraph 1 with:

1. New tracks have been developed in the Triplet Falls area with a very clearly signposted track to the Little Aire Falls. Either follow the signed route or go down the closed section of Phillips Track until it joins the new track to the Little Aire Falls lookout which is then followed. This reduces the distance and time required for this walk. Scramble down a fairly steep slope below the lookout to reach the river.

2. 3. 4. Note that the fallen log mentioned in Paragraph 3 is no longer there, and that the lower section of Phillips Track (Paragraph 4) is very overgrown. The three way intersection also mentioned in Paragraph 4 is no longer apparent.

Replacement walk for **E10 - LAKE ELIZABETH CIRCUIT** on page 118.

## E10 - WEST BARWON DAM – LAKE ELIZABETH CIRCUIT

### Walk Summary

Type: Circuit

### Getting To The Start

From Forrest travel 1.0 km south on Forrest - Apollo Bay Road (signed Cape Otway Road), then east to the West Barwon Dam.

Terrain: Walking track

Distance: 15 km

Time: 5 hours (including breaks)

Grading: Medium

### Reference Maps

VicMaps 1:50,000

The Otways & Shipwreck Coast

1:25,000 Forrest & Mount Cowley

### Comment

This walk totally replaces E10 Lake Elizabeth Circuit on page 118

### In Case of Emergency

Telephones are available in Forrest

### Drinking Water

Carry some water

### Walk Details

1. From the car park of the West Barwon Dam walk down to the Barwon River, cross the river on the *stone* bridge, and turn right (signed for walkers and mountain bike riders route 2). After 100 meters, take the walking track on your left signed for walkers and mountain bike route 2. keep on this track running parallel to Kaanglang Road for 3 km until the track turns to cross the road. Distance 3.5 km (1 hour)
2. Cross Kaanglang Road and continue on the walking track for 1.3 km to the Lake Elizabeth car park. (25 min).  
From the car park walk upstream and cross the East Barwon River to Lake Elizabeth  
Distance 1 km (35 min)
3. Cross the river and follow the track around Lake Elizabeth. Distance 2.3 km (1 hour)  
Retrace your steps back to the West Barwon Dam. Distance 6.9 km (2 hours)

### MAP:

**NOONDAY MILL SITE** on page 120

### Walk details

Line 5: Replace “Ford the creek...” by “Ford the creek, and at the sharp bend immediately after, detour north along a rough track and the stream bed for 100m to an old weir.”

Amendments to **E12 – NOONDAY MILL SITE & LAKE ELIZABETH CIRCUIT** on page 122

### Walk Details

Delete section 2. *Lake Elizabeth walking track – Thompson Track – Lake Elizabeth ( west end)* and section 3. *Lake Elizabeth ( west end) – Kaanglang Road*. Replace both section 2 and 3 with: “2. When you reach the end of Lake Elizabeth take the board walk around the lake then follow the walking track to the car park. Follow the walking track to Kaanglang Road and the cars. (4 km)”

**F1 – PARKER RIVER/CAPE OTWAY CIRCUIT** on page 128 and several other walks use part of the **Great Ocean Walk** - which should be used where relevant.

### Walk details

Last line : note track to Lower Parker River falls overgrown.

Amendments to **F5 – GLENAIRE/ CAPE OTWAY COASTAL CIRCUIT** on page 136

### Getting To The Start

Add initial sentence: “From June 1 to October 30, a management gate is closed along Sand Road. During this period, access to the Start/Finish point should be along the end of Hordern Vale Road.”

### Walk Details.

*Section 2.* Line 2: After “Cliff Top Track”, add “(Great Ocean Walk)”.

*Section 3.* Line 2: replace “Lookout Hill” by “Paytens Hill”

Amendments to **F6 – RIVER FLATS AND COASTLINE OF THE LOWER AIRE** on page 140

### **Getting To The Start**

Last line: replace “Glenaire” by “Aire River West”.

Add “From June 1 to October 30, a management gate is closed along Sand Road. Change the Start/Finish point to Castle Cove”

### **Points of interest.**

Last line: replace “Glenaire” by “Aire River West”

NOTE to **G2 – DISCOVERING DINOSAURS DOWN JOHANNA WAY** on page 146

Parks Victoria do not want walkers to access Dinosaur Cove, and have blocked off/disguised the track.

Amendments to **G3 – MILANESIA TO JOHANNA** on page 149

### **Walk Details**

*Section 1:* Hornes Rd as marked on the map is now closed. The walk route is marked with orange arrows and goes down the spur that is about 500 metres to the west and passes the GR 000090 on map G3 on page 151.

Amendments to **G4 – CIRCUIT AROUND MOONLIGHT HEAD** on page 152

### **Walk Summary**

Type: Replace “Circuit” by “One way (car shuffle)” (due to closure of Volney track)

Distance: Replace “9 km” by “10.5 km”

Time: 6 hours (including breaks)

### **Getting To The Start**

Add: “Park a vehicle at the end of the walk - junction of the Great Ocean Road with Ryans Den Track.”

### **Walk Details.**

*Section 1.* Line 3: After “Moonlight Retreat Road sign: add “along Parkers Access Track.”

*Section 2.* Line 1: After “marked foot track”, add “GOW”.

*Section 4:* Line 10: After “national park boundary”, delete remaining lines. Replace by “Continue along the GOW to Ryans Den Track. Follow Ryans Den Track to the Great Ocean Road.” (Note the north end of Volney Track passes through private property.)

Amendments to **G5 - THE TRAIL OF PIONEERS & SHIPWRECKS** on page 154

### **Walk Summary**

Add “**Comment** - Much of this walk follows the Great Ocean Walk”.

*Section 2(a):* 4 WD Option Line 2: After “4WD track”, add “GOW”.

*Section 2(b):* Line 3: delete “forested”.

Line 4: after “beach”, add “GR 888119 – 40 minutes from the river mouth”.

Line 5: after “Guest House”, add “GR 889122 – note the cypress pines at the site.”

*Sections 4 and 5:* Replace by new Sections.

*Section 4:* “Devils Kitchen – Gables Car park (High Level Route)

Return to the Old Coach Road and follow it to a T- intersection. This is Moonlight Head Road. Turn right. At the next intersection go straight ahead to Gables car park.(60 mins).

*Section 5:* “Devils Kitchen – Wreck Beach – Gables Car Park (Low Level Route)

Return to the GOW and head down to the beach. The GOW low level route passes Wreck Beach, then briefly inland to a carpark at the end of Moonlight Head Road. From there, an inland route goes to Gables carpark. About 100m south of the carpark, a track south to Gables Lookout is joined. A short detour to the Lookout is recommended. (70 mins)”

**These track note amendments and any later updates are available on the Club website –**

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