

Bass Coast Strollers --- December 2025 Trip

LAKES ENTRANCE

Tuesday 2nd December to Friday 5th December

A range of walks between 5 to 8 km

Tuesday 2nd December

Where you stay is your decision. Team up with other Strollers to cut costs.

Accommodation in Lakes Entrance: Big 4 Whithers Holiday Village, Koonwarra Holiday Park and Big 4 Water's Edge are all close to town. Air B&B's and Motels can also be readily found. Camping sites are available in all the caravan parks. Lakes Entrance is at least a 4 hour trip from Cowes. Typically, accommodation check in is at 2pm. *All walks and activities are optional. **They will start on time.***

Day 1 Tuesday 2nd December Afternoon Walk in Lakes Entrance (Easy)

Meet at the Footbridge opposite Myer St at 1pm to have lunch before checking into accommodation. Meet at 3.15 pm for 3.30pm. Walk from Cunningham Arm Footbridge for a 3-4km casual walk around the esplanade and town.

Day 1 Tuesday 2nd December Dinner

BYO dinner to eat together in a communal place – Big 4 Whithers Holiday Village BBQ area.

Day 2 Wednesday 3rd December Morning Walk (Medium)

Meet at Nyerimilang Heritage Park (opens at 9am) for a 6+km walk. Meet at 9.15am for 9.30am. Lunch BYO or buy at Metung.

Day 2 Wednesday 3rd December Afternoon Walk (Easy)

Meet at Shaving Point Metung for a 5.5km walk to Chinaman's Creek. Meet at 1.30pm for 1.45pm.

Day 2 Wednesday 3rd December Dinner

Group Dinner – advise numbers – **Place TBA**

Day 3 Thursday 4th December Morning Walk (Medium)

Meet at the Footbridge opposite Myer St for a 5.5km walk. Meet at 9.15am for 9.30am. Walk to the entrance and return. Optional Beach return (soft sand).

Day 3 Thursday 4th December Afternoon walk (Medium)

Meet at Costik's weir for a 5km Nowa Nowa rail trail to Trestle bridge walk. Meet at 1.45pm for 2pm. Refreshments available at the Mingling Waters Nowa Nowa Pub after your labours.

Day 3 Dinner ?????? Thinking of a do your own thing on own or with friends and regroup at the boardroom?? Tv room? at 8.30pm onwards?

Day 4 Friday 5th December Morning Breakfast at 8.45am, Accommodation checkout before 10am.

Bacon and eggs cooked at Whithers Big 4 BBQ area by Stu, Ken and Paul.

Members can choose to drive home or possibly stop somewhere on the way home for a short walk. e.g. Raymond island (Paynesville). **Travel Safely!**

Additional information:

Most of the resting spots along the walks won't have seats. Bring some plastic to sit on.

Communication on the Trip will be both face to face and via a WhatsApp group called:

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There are many spots to visit if members need a break from walking: Wyanga Park Nursery, the various beaches and lakes e.g. Lake Tyers, Lake Bunga, Eastern Beach, Kalimna Lookout...

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Long

Lakes Entrance

4 km
Grade **1** Easy

Regale your tripmates with tales of the highway over lunch. Check-in to your accommodation and regroup for an easy afternoon walk.

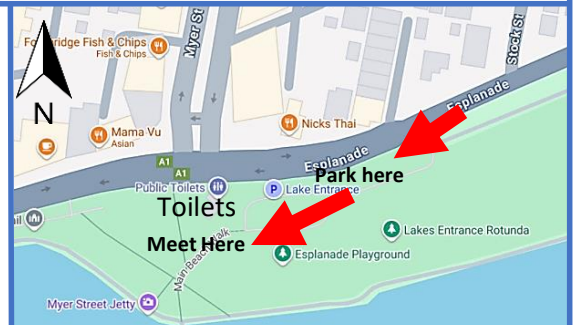
Meet-up @ 1pm for Lunch (Tues 2/12)

Drive or walk to **Cunningham Arm Footbridge (corner of the Esplanade and Myer St)**

(282 km from Anderson / 4 hours from Cowes)

Check-in @ 2pm at your chosen accom.

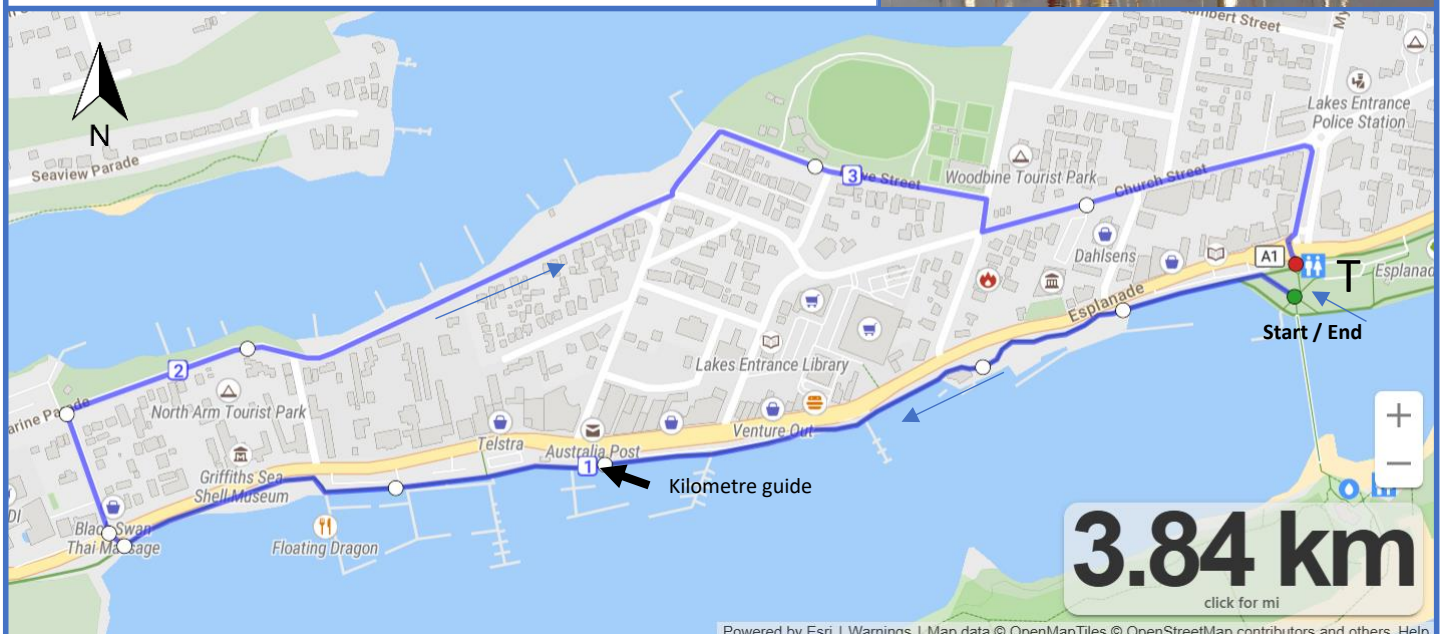
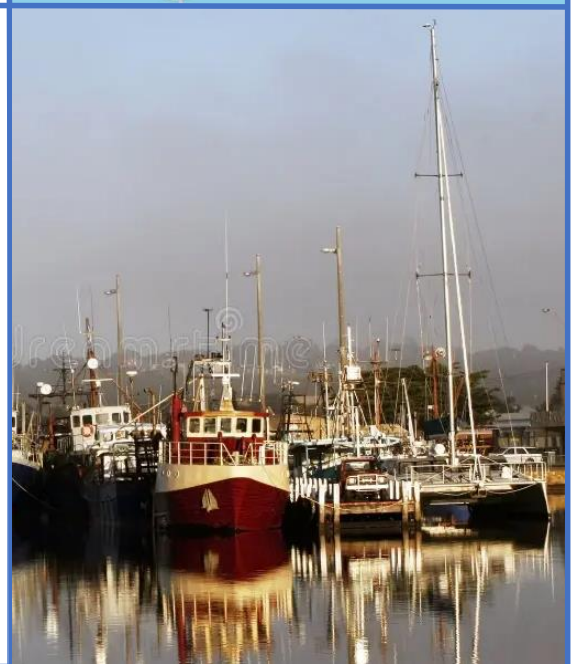
Meet-up @ 3.15pm for 3.30 walk: Footbridge



Walk Description

From the meeting point, walk along the esplanade past the many boats to Laura Street. Cross the main road and return along the inside North arm (Mississippi Creek) along Marine Parade back to the footbridge via Rowe Street, Church Street and Myer Street or your accommodation if its on the way.

The leisure craft and commercial fishing fleet at Lakes Entrance are certainly postcard ready. The fleet is the largest in Victoria consisting of around 60 vessels. The main catch is flathead, gummy shark and whiting. Roughly 3000 tonnes per year are taken which is around 38% of the commercial catch in Victoria. Take a close look at the gangways to the boats... swans have been known to nest there. The lakes themselves yield up to 300T of fish per year.



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Long

Nyerimilang Heritage Park

6 km

Grade 3 Medium

A great start to the day with a visit to Nyerimilang Park where a 1900's homestead awaits along with tracks, views and fauna.

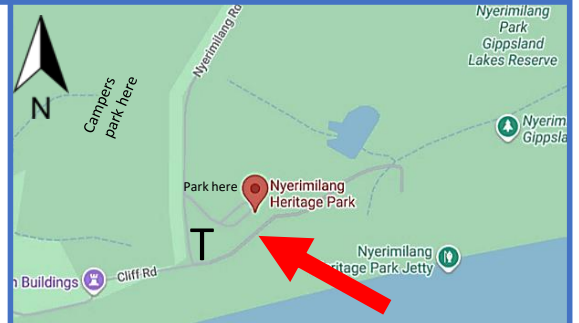
Meet-up @ 9.15am for 9.30am start (Wed)

Drive to **Nyerimilang Park** on Nyerimilang Road. 10km, 15 minutes from the footbridge.

Leave your accommodation around 9am.

Meet at the **Parking Area** near the homestead.

Public Toilets and Shelter available.

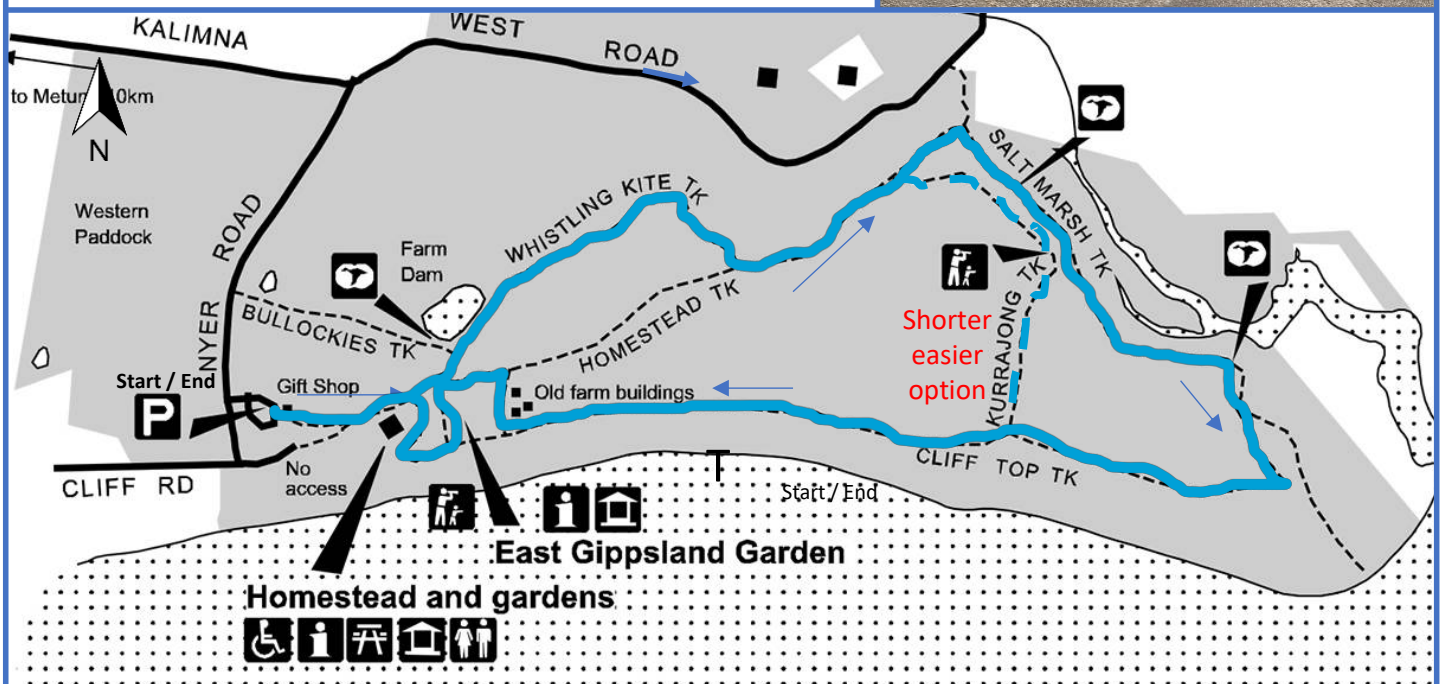


Walk Description

The walk starts promptly at 9.30am from the Homestead Carpark.

Nyerimilang park is a great morning out with a wide variety of terrain and flora along with some great views and a little slice of history. Established in 1884 as a holiday home and shooting lodge for the Stuart family, this 250 hectare site passed through several hands including a stint as an Anglican boys training farm. It was sold to the Victorian Government in 1976 and is now managed by Parks Victoria. Good rough tracks, some steep bits and long low-grade inclines.

After the walk, lunch at the park picnic tables or drive on to Metung for lunch followed by a 1.45pm walk.



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Long

Metung

5.5 km

Grade 3 Medium

Hark back to the 1880's with a walk around Shaving Point – so named as the deep water allowed large steamers to pass close by.

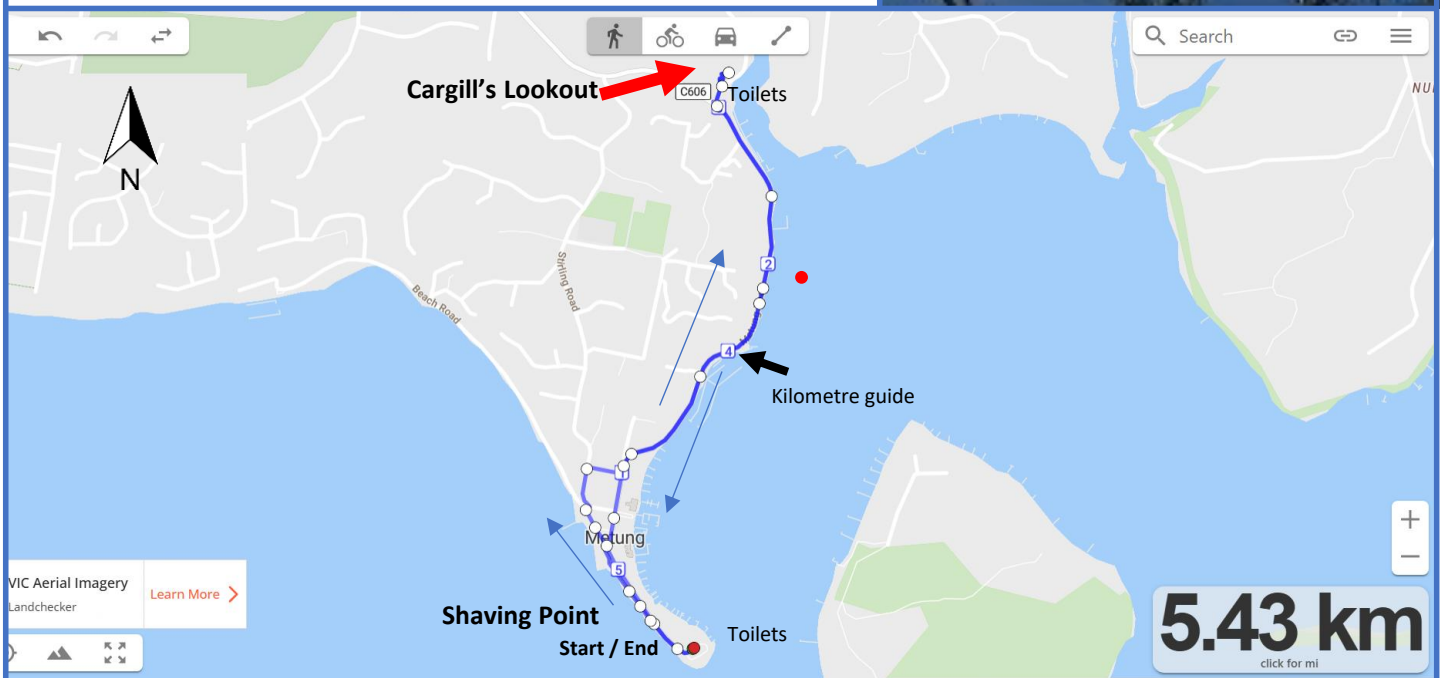
Meet-up @ 1.30pm for a 1.45pm start (Wed)

Drive to Metung Park (Shaving Point). Park where possible. Make use of the public toilets and prepare for a scenic and historic walk to Chinaman's Creek and return. Toilets at Shaving Point and the lookout.

Walk Description

We start off at 1.45pm from Shaving Point northwards through town back toward Metung. Keeping to quiet suburban streets, we avoid retracing some of our path before heading down and east to the walkway along the lakes toward Chinaman's Creek. A scenic stop at Cargill's Lookout (steep path for 250m) after a right turn into Rosherville Road marks the half-way point before a flat walk back to Shaving Point along the lake foreshore path.

Keep your eyes peeled for bush and water birds at the different stages of this walk. Some sections are on quiet public roads; use paths where available and face oncoming traffic at all times.



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Long

The Entrance

5.5 km

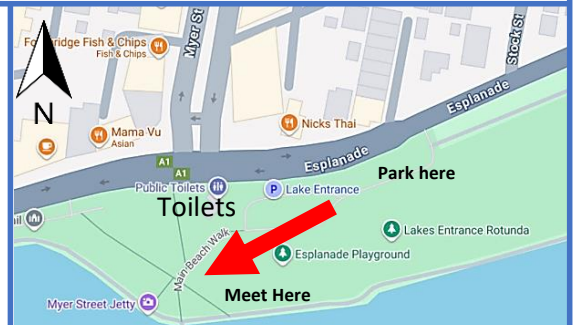
Grade **3** Medium

Enjoy this delightful walk through coastal scrub to the Entrance of the lake system. Return along the beach if tides permit.

Meet-up @ 9.15am for a 9.30am start (Thur)

Drive or walk to the Cunningham Arm footbridge to get there at 9.15am.

Toilets available.



Walk Description

We start off at 9.30am sharp over the footbridge and take the bush track West through scrubby forest on a sandy undulating path.

Stop off at the site of the 1884 – 1889 historical precinct where the engineering effort to create a permanent navigable entrance to the lakes system was based. Enjoy some BYO morning tea and watch the seals frolic. Progress South, then head East along the beach back to the footbridge. Keep an eye out for the dune erosion and the building where the footbridge is located. Soft sand for 2km. Return on the bush track instead if you desire.

A great walk with birdlife and open spaces to enjoy.



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Long

Nowa Nowa

4.6 km

Grade **2** Medium

Enjoy this delightful rail trail walk through the countryside around Nowa Nowa – once a stronghold of the timber industry.

Meet-up @ 1.45pm for a 2pm start (Thur)

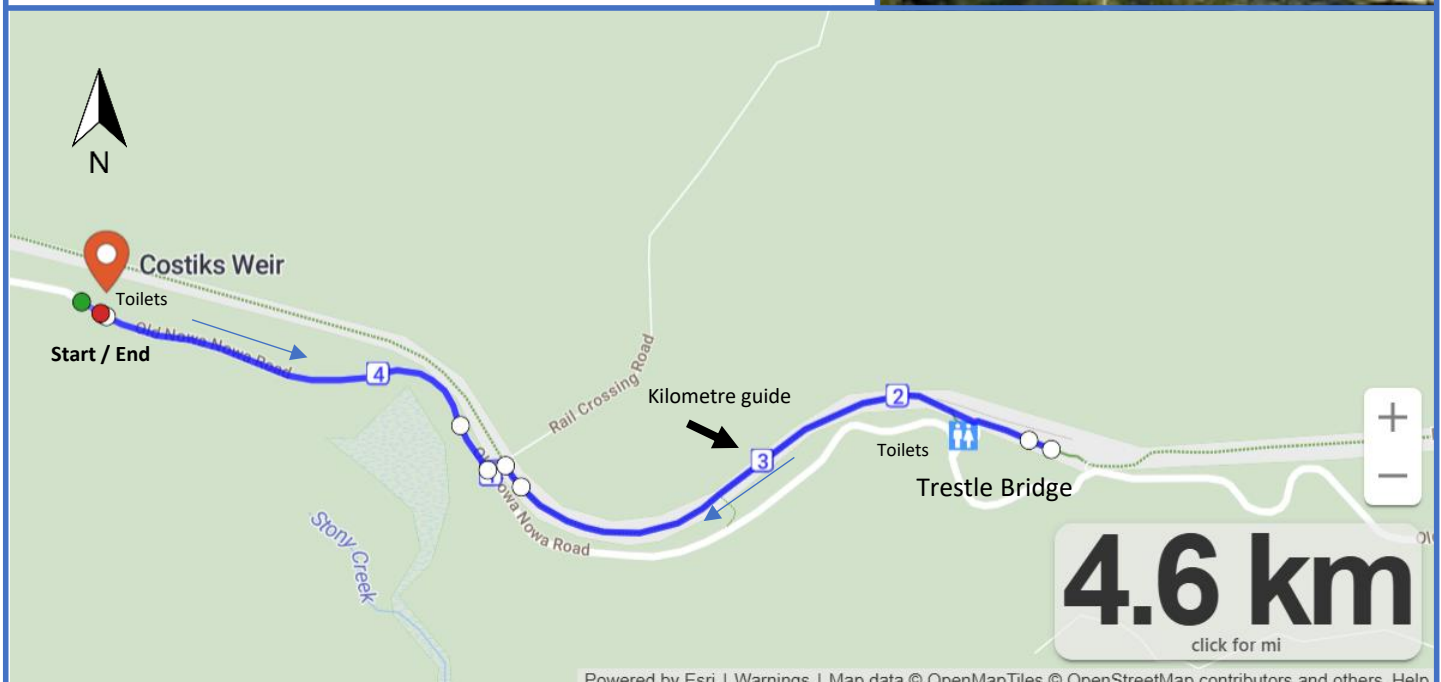
Drive to Cosstick's/Costiks Weir via Princes Hwy heading to Nowa Nowa **DONT FOLLOW GOOGLE MAPS** Follow the marked road sign to turn left onto Long Hill Track 1km south of (before) Nowa Nowa. Follow the good but dusty and narrow track for 6km to the Weir and starting point car park. Toilets Available. Allow 30+ minutes travel time. Arrange on your own to pool cars if you wish.



Walk Description

Cosstick's Weir was constructed in 1939 to provide a permanent water source in the wake of the black Friday bushfires. Jack Cosstick supervised its construction. Take in the sights of the weir before commencing eastwards along the rail trail. After a gentle 2.3km on road and trail, we arrive at the Stony Creek Trestle Bridge where there are some great photo opportunities. Toilet available.

Retracing our steps we return to the cars and a welcome rest. The Mingling Waters Hotel in Nowa Nowa allegedly has cold beverages. Once a thriving timber town, Nowa Nowa is known for a number of art galleries that have been set up in the area.



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Hang on.....There's more!

Information for your consideration above and beyond the walks themselves

Accommodation

Where you stay is entirely your decision. Team up with other Strollers to cut costs. Accommodation is available in many varieties in Lakes Entrance. Caravan Parks, Air B&B's, Hotels and Motels can be readily found. Free camping sites exist just outside of Lakes Entrance although facilities may be rudimentary at best.

Weather

It's December, it can be cold overnight, and daytime can be fickle. Rain is still a hazard at this time of year however the walks selected should be OK. Pack and dress prepared for a bit of rain and boggy terrain. The walks will go ahead as specified unless it's dangerous.

The Program

The walk and activity schedule and start times are what you're signing up for if you come on the Trip. You are welcome to participate in any or all of the scheduled walks and activities at the start time advised, similarly feel free to do your own thing (off Trip so to speak) if the program doesn't suit. Variation may occur due to extreme weather or safety concerns. The Trip walk leader will communicate as required.

Tuesday Night

If you wish to participate, a BYO food / BBQ group dinner will be held at the BBQ area in Whiter's Big 4 Caravan Park. 6pm onwards. If you need to secure supplies, Lakes Entrance is well endowed with shops to meet your needs.

Wednesday Night

A group 'sit up dinner' at a venue to be confirmed will be booked for 6.30pm Wednesday night for those wishing to participate. You can get a good feed for \$30 - \$35.

Friday Morning 8.45am - Bacon and Eggs at the BBQ Facilities at Whiter's Big 4 caravan park.

Breaky cooked by Paul, Ken and Stu. Bring a chair if possible. Eggs, Bacon, snags and even onions will be provided and burnt along with some toast.

Additional information:

Lakes Entrance is a decent sized town with most amenities that you may need. Google is your friend. Take care on the highway as some parts are narrow with limited passing.

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SAFETY: Most of the walks are on decent paths with the biggest risk being that of snakes. Gaiters would be a good idea at this time of year. Take your time on any steep or narrow sections of the paths and if you sometimes use walking poles, it's a good idea to bring them.