

BALWYN EVERGREEN



OUTINGS PROGRAM

MARCH-JUNE 2026



Balwyn Evergreen Centre
45 Talbot Ave, Balwyn VIC 3103
Open Mon-Fri 8.30am-4.30pm

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Get Out and About with the Balwyn Evergreen Outings Crew!

Keep your social connections strong with Balwyn Evergreen's popular Outings Program. For people aged 65+ who are up for new experiences.

WEEKLY SOCIAL OUTINGS TUESDAYS

Our long-standing Evergreen Ramblers Program takes you on a tour around Melbourne's outer metropolitan area every Tuesday.

Discover or revisit lovely suburbs and townships, stopping to enjoy lunch together at an eatery that we've hand-picked for you. If time allows, we'll stop for morning tea at a green space along the way and enjoy a cuppa and some home baking. These outing suit people with limited mobility.

FORTNIGHTLY COMMUNITY OUTINGS THURSDAYS

For people who enjoy active, engaging experiences beyond our regular Tuesday offerings. These special outings will include guided tours, exhibitions, museums, and cultural attractions - places that aren't open or available on Tuesdays. The Community Outings involve gentle walking and stimulating experiences in a supportive group setting. Come along, discover new places, and enjoy great company along the way!

MONTHLY PREMIUM OUTINGS MONDAYS

Treat yourself to something extra special with our monthly top-shelf outing option. These will feature more premium or higher-cost destinations, such as the Melbourne Zoo, exhibitions, iconic attractions and special experiences.

Make Mondays something to look forward to - explore Melbourne's highlights in comfort and with good company.

Must have good mobility as destinations require walking.



Program terms & conditions

- **ELIGIBILITY:** Based on in-house assessment with Activities Coordinator Raymond
- **COST:** \$28 (CHSP assessed + approved), \$36 non-assessed/private. Payment made on the bus via cash/card
- Support at Home providers are invoiced directly
- **TRANSPORT:** Pick up from 9.30am (unless otherwise stated). Drop off from about 3.30pm
- Lunch and tours are an additional cost - cash/card
- Outings require a minimum of six people to go ahead
- Failure to notify of cancellation by 9am on the day of the outing will incur a fee
- Outings may be cancelled or modified if the forecast is 35DegC or above
- Outings are subject to change/cancellation at short notice
- Please advise of any allergies/dietary requirements

DAY TRIPS

March 2026

Weekly Social Outings

Tuesday, March 3

GISBORNE: Hanging Rock Reserve Cafe

EARLY START 9AM

There's no better place to immerse yourself in the natural history of Victoria than at Hanging Rock Reserve in the Macedon Ranges. Enjoy a gentle walk or simply drink in the majesty of the Rock. Lunch is on-site at the popular cafe.

ENTRY: \$5

Tuesday, March 10

SEAFORD: BBQ at Keast Park

We're getting our dose of sea air today as we enjoy an outing to Seaford. Relax and take in the coastal scenery as we wind our way to our destination, with Port Phillip Bay as our backdrop. We'll then enjoy a delicious barbecue lunch at Keast Park, overlooking the dunes and water.

COST OF LUNCH: \$20

Tuesday, March 17

MOUNT EVELYN: Paperbark Cafe

Today we head to the hills, to the close-knit community of Mount Evelyn. Lunch is at the Paperbark cafe, which is part of the Kurunga Native Nursery. The menu features bush foods and locally sourced ingredients.

Tuesday, March 24

MOUNT DANDENONG: Ripe Sassafras

We're heading for the hills, to the Dandenongs, where the bustle of the city melts into towering trees. We'll enjoy the drive through winding roads, stopping along the way for a cuppa and a photo opportunity. Lunch is at Ripe Sassafras, a quintessential hills cafe in the heart of the Dandenong Ranges.

Tuesday, March 31

TOORADIN: Tides Bar and Grill

Tooradin was originally the home of the Western Port Aboriginal people, called the Bunurong. It's long been a popular fishing spot thanks to its coastal location overlooking French Island. It even features an original fisherman's weatherboard cottage near the main jetty on Foreshore Road.

Fortnightly Community Outings

Thursday, March 5

**BLUE LOTUS WATER
GARDENS & CAFE**

EARLY START 9AM

Located in the beautiful Yarra Valley, these vast tropical-themed water gardens feature ponds, lakes, amazing fountains and thousands of flowering plants. Make sure you bring your camera! Lunch is at the cafe onsite.

**ENTRY: \$22.50 entry
concession**



Thursday, March 19

MONT DE LANCEY

Relive the history of the Yarra Valley at this historic homestead built in the 1880s by an early settler family. Wander the grounds and enjoy the serenity. Lunch is at the cafe onsite.

**COST: \$10 for tour, 10
people minimum required**



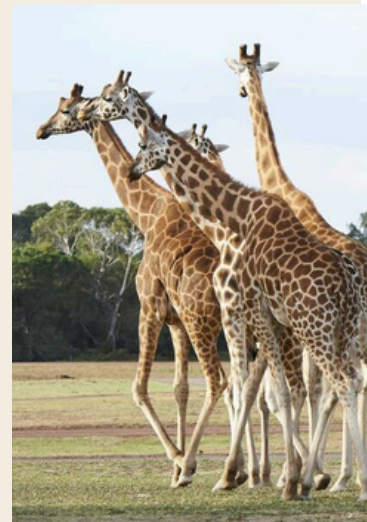
Monthly Premium Outing

Monday, March 16

**WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE
ZOO EARLY START 9AM**

Experience the wonders of the some of the planet's most amazing animals up close at Werribee Zoo. Featuring an open-range safari to see animals roaming the savannah and easy walks among the other exhibits. Lunch is at the cafe onsite.

ENTRY: \$49 includes safari



DAY TRIPS

April 2026

Weekly Social Outings

Tuesday, April 7

WARBURTON: Riverview Cafe & Wine Bar

EARLY START 9AM

Part of the verdant Yarra Valley, Warburton is the place to go to experience nature. This serene and historic town is a world away from the bustle of the city. We'll enjoy the sights and fresh air, then head to the RiverView Cafe & Wine Bar at the edge of the Yarra River for a delightful lunch.

Tuesday, April 14

BERWICK: Berwick Springs Hotel

Once a small hamlet servicing the farming community, Berwick is now a sought-after destination for those seeking a quieter lifestyle. We'll peruse the tree-lined streets with historic buildings before heading to the Berwick Springs Hotel, which has an expansive menu featuring pub classics and pizzas.

Tuesday, April 21

GISBORNE: Gisborne Telegraph Hotel

Located in picturesque Gisborne, the gateway to the Macedon Ranges, the Telegraph Hotel is a great stop for some pub grub. This trip is a classic road trip with country charm and rolling hills to admire.

Tuesday, April 28

BEACONSFIELD: Pink Hill Hotel

There's nothing better than a pub meal, and in this area, the Beaconsfield's Pink Hill Hotel excels. But before we sit down for lunch, we'll enjoy the drive south, finding a nice spot to stop for morning tea.

Monthly Premium Outing

Monday, April 13

MELBOURNE SKYDECK

Get a bird's-eye view of the city from the lofty heights of the Melbourne Skydeck on the 88th floor of the Eureka Tower. At nearly 300m high, the Skydeck is the Southern Hemisphere's highest observation deck. The Skydeck is the ultimate experience for locals and tourists alike. Lunch will be at one of the many fabulous eateries the city has to offer.

COST: \$25 prebooked or \$33 on the day

Fortnightly Community Outings

Thursday, April 2

MELBOURNE MUSEUM

Emerse yourself in the natural world at the famed Melbourne Museum. Lunch is at the Royal Oak Richmond.

ENTRY: Free with a concession card or \$12 for seniors



Thursday, April 16

QUEEN VIC MARKETS

Discover this lively historic landmark and take in all it has to offer on this exciting day out. We'll take our time wandering around the precinct and enjoy coffee and lunch at one of the many cafes at the market.



Thursday, April 30

MONTSALVAT

Set in Eltham, Montsalvat is Australia's oldest continuous artist community. This semi-rural retreat features extensive gardens and historic buildings. Lunch is at the cafe onsite.

ENTRY: \$10



DAY TRIPS

May 2026

Weekly Social Outings

Tuesday, May 5

KINGLAKE: Kinglake Pub

With the national park on its doorstep, it's no wonder that Kinglake is a popular tourist destination. We'll enjoy the winding drive and treed surrounds before heading to the Kinglake Pub for lunch. This local landmark is over 100 years old and has a rich history, warm country charm and hearty menu.

Tuesday, May 12

MORNINGTON: Mornington Steeples

One of our most popular outing destinations, Mornington, with its mix of surf, scenery and social, is the complete package. Lunch is at the Steeples, which offers reimagined pub fare. A trip to the beach is a must, so don't forget your hats!

Tuesday, May 19

OFFICER: Club Officer

Nestled in Melbourne's outer south-east, Officer is usually just a place you drive through. But with Raymond's inside knowledge, we're going to spend some time and find out a little more. Lunch is at Club Officer, which has a great selection of seniors' meals.

Tuesday, May 26

SUNBURY: Royal Hotel Sunbury

Notable for having important Aboriginal archaeological sites and being the birthplace of The Ashes, Sunbury offers plenty to ponder. We'll take in the main street and enjoy the historic outlook, before heading to the popular Royal Hotel Sunbury for a classic pub lunch.

Monthly Premium Outing

Monday, May 11

DAME NELLIE MELBA

EARLY START 8.30AM SHARP

Emerse yourself in the life of Iconic soprano Dame Nellie Melba at the exquisite Coombe Estate in Coldstream. The guided tour of the cottage and gardens will reveal all sorts of insight into the history of the property, which was part of Dame Nellie's family for more than a century.

COST: \$35 for Devonshire Tea (10am) and tour, or \$18 for tour only (11am)

Fortnightly Community Outings

Thursday, May 14

ST PAULS CATHEDRAL

Spend some time in the iconic St Paul's Cathedral, which echoes the grand cathedrals of Europe. We'll learn all about this spiritual hub, its history and its stories during the one-hour guided tour. Don't miss this opportunity to explore this Melbourne landmark. Lunch is at Riverland overlooking the Yarra.

ENTRY & TOUR: \$5 donation



Thursday, May 28

RED HILL CAFE & WINE BAR

Famed for fresh produce and views for miles, Red Hill is a must for any day tripper. Lunch is at the popular Red Hill Cafe & Wine Bar, which has an extensive new menu. We'll also peruse the main street and head to the beach for a dose of sea air.



Bookings essential! Contact 9836 9681 or office@balwynevergreen.org.au to save your seat

DAY TRIPS

June 2026

Weekly Social Outings

Tuesday, June 2

ALTONA: Altona Sports Club

We're heading west today to the bayside suburb of Altona. At just 13km from the CBD, Altona offers coastal living with a cosmopolitan flair. Lunch is at the local sports club, which has a fantastic outlook over the water and even better menu selection.

Tuesday, June 9

YARRA GLEN: Yarra Glen Grand Hotel

There's nothing better than a trip to the Yarra Valley with its country charm and rolling hills. We'll enjoy the drive out, taking in the scenery and maybe stopping to enjoy the outlook over a cuppa. Lunch today is at the Grand Hotel, which lives up to its name as a looming historic building on the main street. Modern food and a coys atmosphere makes this a popular spot for all occasions.

Tuesday, June 16

BACCHUS MARSH: The Royal Hotel

Set 50km north-west of the CBD, Bacchus Marsh is an important food-producing area with a rich history.

From the site of corroborees, to a pioneer settlement, to a popular commuter town today, this quaint town has much to offer curious visitors. And there's no better way to get to know a town than at the local pub, where we'll be stopping for lunch.

Tuesday, June 23

CRAGIEBURN: Highlands Hotel

We're in for a treat today with the renowned International Buffet at the Highlands Hotel. Catch up with friends in the palatial surroundings while enjoying a wide selection of cuisines.

COST: \$27.90 for seniors

Tuesday, June 30

FRANKSTON: The Cheeky Squire

We're getting our dose of sea air today as we enjoy an outing to the Frankston foreshore in Melbourne's south. Relax and take in the coastal scenery as we wind our way to our destination, with Port Phillip Bay as our backdrop. We'll enjoy lunch at The Cheeky Squire, which has a superb selection of modern Australian favourites.

Fortnightly Community Outings

Thursday, June 11

ROYAL EXHIBITION BUILDING TOUR

Don't miss the chance to explore Australia's first World Heritage listed building, built in 1880. The guided tour allows visitors to experience the significant history and stunning craftsmanship of this landmark.

TOUR: \$23 for seniors



Thursday, June 25

FIRE SERVICES MUSEUM

The Fire Services Museum of Victoria showcases Australia's largest collection of fire-fighting memorabilia, including operational vintage trucks. Located in the original headquarters of the fire brigade, this museum offers a window into the lives of Melbourne's fire fighters. Lunch is at Postmaster Hotel.

ENTRY: \$10



Monthly Premium Outing

Monday, June 8

OLD MELBOURNE GOAL

Wander through this National Trust site during an eerie and informative self-guided tour. Find out what life was like for the people who lived and died there. Lunch is at Universal Restaurant on Lygon St.

ENTRY: \$30 concession + \$5 for optional interactive tour. Free entry for National Trust members

