



For an Extended Holiday or a Peaceful Week-end

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HEALESVILLE, MARYSVILLE, and WARBURTON DISTRICTS.

A region of green valleys and
hillsides clothed with tall timber.

Fern glades and waterfalls.

Delightful picnic spots and camp-
ing sites.

Beautiful walks and drives.

Healesville and Warburton are in direct rail
communication and a couple of hours' journey
from the metropolis.

Service cars run daily from Healesville to
Marysville over the famous Blacks' Spur.

view points in the State. From here it continues along the southern
side of the range and joins the Warburton-Donna Buang road about
a mile and a half below the summit of the mountain.

Should the trip be made to extend into two days, the most favorable
site for an overnight camp, owing to there being a good supply of water,
is close to Ben Cairn. Water can be obtained by following a track
into a gully off the road just below the summit.

Condon's Gully, which is a magnificent fern glade $\frac{1}{2}$ miles from
Healesville in a north-westerly direction, is reached by following the
St. Leonard road, then turning to the right along the bank of the
Watts River, and crossing this stream and Donnelly's Creek, continue
along the track past the turn-off to Donnelly's Creek. About half-a-
mile farther on lie the Aqueduct and the Echo Tunnel in a fenced
enclosure, along the upper side of which the track passes onward to
Condon's Gully.

A track has been cleared from the head of Condon's Gully to the top of
Mount Menda, continues along the top of the range and leads out
on to the Blacks' Spur road, which is then followed back to the town-
ship. The extension of the track from Condon's Gully provides an
opportunity to make a circular pedestrian tour for those who are not
averse to mountain climbing and spending the night in the open.
From a clearing on the side of Mount Menda a magnificent panoramic
view is obtained, but as no water can be had on the summit it is advisable
to make provision for this before leaving the gully.

Healesville to Marysville.

The main road from Healesville to Marysville runs in an easterly
direction, and from 2 to 3 miles out fine views of the newly constructed
Maroondah Reservoir are obtained. This large water storage is now
a scenic feature, the embankment over which a roadway has been
formed being clearly visible from the main road.

Rigid control is exercised by the Melbourne and Metropolitan
Board of Works over this reservoir and its surroundings, in order
to maintain the purity of the water supply to the metropolis. By
the flooding of the valley the old track to the beautiful Mathinna
Falls, 7 miles from Healesville, has been submerged, but it is hoped
to arrange with the Board for the provision of other access.

Two miles along the Marysville road there is a turn-off to the right,
just past Gracedale House, and this follows the aqueduct for a further
mile to the Graceburn Weir. The bank of the channel forms an easy
and pretty pathway, and although the river itself is not an extensive
work, it is set in most beautiful surroundings. A pathway, reached
by the stepping stones below the weir, follows along the right-hand
side of the stream for a mile or more, and provides frequent glimpses
of beautiful river scenery.

Six miles from Healesville, along the Marysville road, will be found
the slip ponds which give access to the track (indicated by a notice-
board), which, turning to the right, continues to the camping ground
at the foot of Mount Juliet; the summit of the mountain is 3,630 feet
above sea-level, and is distant between 9 and 10 miles from the
township. It is a stiff climb from the camping ground to the top,

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At LAUNCHING PLACE, the next station, the stream flows within
a biscuit-throw of the local hotel. Many trips may be made from
this centre, one in particular, that to the Little Yarra gullies, over 7
miles of good road, being an enjoyable outing, while a stroll by the
pathway along the river bank, called the Queen's Walk, will serve to
while away a pleasant hour or two.

There is splendid fishing (trout, blackfish, cod, and perch) in the
main stream as well as in the Little Yarra, Don, and Hoddle's Creek,
and also good sport for the gun.

Launching Place to Healesville.

From this point a road runs along the Don Valley northward and
then north-west to Healesville, a distance of 14 miles, and passing
en route Malleson's Glen, Pantons Gap, and Malleson's and Wade's
Lookout. This link between the rail terminals forms an enjoyable
pedestrian day trip, as passengers alighting from the morning train
at Launching Place may easily cover the distance to Healesville in
time to connect with the evening train returning from that station
to town.

Near the junction of the Yarra and its tributary, the Little Yarra,
is YARRA JUNCTION station, with a boarding establishment near
at hand. The hills and valley hereabouts abound in a wealth of wild-
flowers and delightful short walks around the township are those to
Britannia Valley and Bridal Falls, Yankee Jim Gorge and Cascades
and the beautiful Don Valley. Driving trips can be made to Malleson's
Glen with its fairy bowers, the great Ben Cairn, and to Gildery,
reached by a road which traverses country noted for its picturesque
beauty. Situated on the spurs and ridges that feed the Black Sands
Creek, an excitable little water-course choked with moss-grown logs
and mostly hidden by ferns, Gildery makes a strong appeal to the
tourist who loves wild tangled undergrowth, spreading tree ferns,
and big timber. One of its show places is Myrtle Gully, which is
reached by an easy track. The gully provides for a couple of hundred
yards up a gentle slope, its chief feature being the wonderful variety
and luxuriance of the ferns which are there in thousands.

Another interesting trip is that which can be made along the trans-
way line of the Victorian Hardwood Milling and Seasoning Coy., which
extends back into the ranges for a distance of 10 miles to the terminus
at Powelltown, the saw-milling centre. The train calls at several
stations (of which Gildery is one) on the short journey, and an inter-
esting time may be spent in watching the process of reducing the huge
logs felled in the adjacent forest from tree trunk to sawn hardwood
in its various sizes.

A splendid walking trip is possible along the ridge of the hills
through fern and forest country from Yarra Junction to Warburton,
a distance of 14 miles.

Millgrove.

From MILLGROVE station a tram track runs northward along
the valley of the Dee River to the Ben Cairn-Donna Buang road (4 miles)
and, although on a very steep grade between the mill and the road,

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and the summit is indicated by a cairn of stones. Water is obtain-
able about a mile from the summit from a spring flowing from the roots
of a large tree on the north side of the track and within a few yards
from it. If the trip is made at a time when there is reason to believe
that the spring may not be flowing it is advisable to carry water from
Mosquito Creek, which is crossed soon after leaving the road. A
splendid camping place, to the east of the cairn and a little below it,
exists at the summit of the mountain. As Juliet is one of the highest
peaks in the district the line of vision from the summit is entirely un-
interrupted, and the views in every direction are superb.

Morley's track turns to the right about 300 yards past the rotunda
at Fernshaw, on the Blacks' Spur road, and after following for some
distance the course of Morley's Creek, ascends to the summit of the
Dividing Range at Carter's Gap (5 miles), where it joins the boundary
track of the Metropolitan Board of Works and continues in a north-
westerly direction for a further 2 miles to its junction on the crest
of the range with the Blacks' Spur road.

The Blacks' Spur.

No visitor to Healesville should return without making that
most delightful of all excursions—the trip across the famous Blacks' Spur.

By taking advantage of the motors run daily from Healesville this
may be brought comfortably within the compass of a day's outing.
The cars connect at the railway station with the first train from
Melbourne, and, passing through the main street of Healesville,
commence the gradual ascent of this excellent road. The first place
of interest on the route is GRACEDALE HOUSE, 3 miles out, a
magnificent and commodious house of accommodation standing
in spacious grounds, which commands a magnificent outlook over the
Yarra flats and to the far distant metropolis. Along the road past
Gracedale House are many beauty spots, notably Rita's Glen, Jessie's
Bower, and Tringana Falls, and 7 miles out the Watts River is crossed
at the site of old Fernshaw, at an altitude of 750 feet above sea-level.
The buildings which once formed the little hamlet of Fernshaw—a
halting place for teamsters on their way from Healesville to the gold
diggings of Wood's Point—were removed, when the Melbourne and
Metropolitan Board of Works took possession of the water reserves of
the district, to prevent the pollution of the Metropolitan water supply.
Ferns abound along the course of the river, and at this point our
present Queen Mary picnicked with members of her suite when on a
visit to this State in 1901. The car continues on its way beyond
Fernshaw across the summit of the Spur and under the northern
slopes of the Dividing Range past "St. Roman's Well," near the
11-mile post. This is a good camping or picnicking spot, water being
plentiful, and seats have been placed in convenient places. The next
point of interest is THE HERMITAGE, 13 miles, a favorite house
of tourist accommodation established by the late Mr. J. W. Lindt,
who carved this artist's home out of the dense forest.

At the summit a height of nearly 2,000 feet is attained, and
en route many beautiful fern gullies are passed in which stand
magnificent specimens of eucalyptus, some rising to a height of
close on 300 feet. Descending the farther slope towards the

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provides, for pedestrians, a means of reaching either summit. Ben
Cairn is 3 miles distant in a south-westerly direction, and the tourist can
continue along the road to its junction with the Don road near Pantons
Gap (5 miles), from which point Healesville is 8 miles distant in a north-
westerly and Launching Place about 6 miles in a southerly direction.
Donna Buang lies to the eastward 4 miles from the track and road
junction, and from the mount Warburton can be reached either by the
road (12 miles) or by the short track (6 miles).

Warburton.

The branch line reaches its terminus at Warburton, 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles from
Melbourne. The accessibility of this resort makes it most popular
for a day's outing or a week-end trip, whilst its wonderful river, fern
gully, and mountain scenery offer fresh delights daily for a holiday
of longer duration. The township is furnished with electric light, a
good permanent water supply, postal and telegraph facilities, and a con-
tinuous telephone service, and possesses an hotel and a number of
well-equipped guest-houses; there are also cafes, garages, and a goodly
array of shops and the usual characteristics of a thriving township.

Flowing in good volume right through the town the River Yarra is the
great feature of Warburton, and many delightful hours may be spent
traversing the "Lovers' Walks" on either bank. Numerous bush
roads, old timber tramways, and pedestrian tracks exist to lead the
visitor through gullies of tree-ferns, beech, and sassafras to rippling
cascades and waterfalls, over hillsides covered with giant mountain ash
and up to the summits of such well known peaks as Donna Buang
and Ben Cairn, as well as to the lesser mountains.

Visitors will find facilities to indulge in such pastimes as tennis,
bowls, croquet, &c., and a fine recreation reserve, prettily situated on
the bank of the river, provides for sports meetings. The Yarra being
a noted trout stream good sport is assured for the angler in its many
fine reaches.

Among the local industries there are many extensive saw-milling
plants operating in the district, and large quantities of sawn timber
and palings are despatched from the railway station.

Some of the best known beauty spots to which walking, riding, or
driving excursions are organized are those to:—

The La La Falls, the trip to which can be made in half a day, but an
enjoyable picnic day can be made of it by taking lunch and boiling
the billy by the creek side. The track to the falls leads along the bank
of the Four Mile Creek through veritable fairy bowers of giant tree-
ferns, sassafras, beech, and Christmas bush.

Ben Cairn is another inviting place for a walking trip (see Millgrove
page 11).

Scotchman's Creek and the Trout Hatchery are three-quarters of
a mile distant. A road follows the east bank of the creek, whilst a
footway keeps in close touch with the stream the whole of the way.

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The Healesville, Marysville, and Warburton Districts.

THE country surrounding the rail termini of Healesville and
Warburton shown on the map on the reverse of this folder
contains features of natural beauty which constitute them
a perpetual attraction to the tourist. The high ranges, with their
many fine peaks and spurs clothed with grand specimens of
eucalyptus, form the watershed for innumerable creeks, which,
flowing through beautiful gullies rich with ferns of every description,
invite the lover of Nature to a nearer study of her charms.

Starting from various stations on the two lines—those to Heales-
ville and Warburton—it is possible to travel either by vehicle, on
horseback, or on foot along well-made roads or clear-cut tourist
tracks which afford access to the many points of scenic attraction—
lofty mountain peaks, fern glens, crystal streams well stocked
with trout, and sparkling waterfalls—which glorify this tourists'
paradise.

Alike for those making a day trip and those who purpose to extend
their stay at any point in this land of enchantment, ample accom-
modation of good quality is everywhere available.

The Healesville District.

The railway line to Healesville runs through LILYDALE, an old-
established and picturesque township on the Olinda Creek. The
attractions here for visitors are varied. A beautiful walk is that along
the shady banks of the Olinda Creek, and by easy grades the summit
of any of the surrounding hills can be reached. There are large fresh-
water swimming baths in the town and many pretty camping grounds
in the vicinity. The local tennis court and bowling green are available
for visiting players. Lilydale residents have their own pack of fox-
hounds and hunting is indulged in.

The line then traverses the fertile flats of the Yarra Valley, and
passes through Yering, with extensive vineyards, famed for the quality
of their wines.

YARRA GLEN, the next township passed, comprises several
stores, a post and telegraph office, State school, a couple of hotels,
boarding-house, and a number of private residences. Sport in the
locality is good, hares and rabbits abound, while ducks, snipe, and quail
are to be had in season. The fishing in the Yarra includes English
trout, perch, and blackfish.

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Hermitage, breaks in the timber afford splendid views of the
Cathedral Ranges, of Mount Strickland, and many other lofty hills.
Within easy walking distance of the Hermitage are one or two charm-
ing fern gullies which are well worth visiting. David Gully has a
notice board showing the way in from the road, and a track has been
cut through it, going down one bank and coming up the other on to
the road again at a point only a few yards removed from the entrance.
Malloy's Glen is another pretty feature.

The next stopping place is NARBETHONG, a mile farther on.
This quiet little hamlet lies on Fisher's Creek, and is a popular holiday
resort with hosts of summer visitors.

Around Narbethong are many delightful and easily accessible spots.
A most enjoyable outing may be made via a track which passes through
a fine fern gully on Fisher's Creek, then to the range and back along
the Spur road, a total distance of about 6 miles. A shorter journey
may be made to Mount Dom Dom, a distance of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles. A different
route may be taken homeward by walking from Mount Dom Dom
along a tramway line to its junction with the Blacks' Spur road, and
thence back via The Hermitage to Narbethong, a 3-mile round walk.
This tram-track passes through some very fine fern-tree country.
A more extended trip may be taken to Archer's Lookout by turning
off the road to the left at the Hermitage and following the track past
the falls to the Lookout.

Soon after leaving Narbethong a good track turning off to the left
up Stony Creek may be followed either to the top of the range, 6
miles distant, where excellent views are obtainable, or continuing
onwards the Murrindindi Falls will be reached.

Good camping sites will be found on a Government reserve close
to the township, and in the local streams—Fisher's Creek and Dom Dom
Creek—trout, bream, and blackfish abound.

Two miles beyond Narbethong is "ST. FILLAN," at the junction
of the Marysville and Buxton roads. This establishment, on account
of the attractiveness of its surroundings and the excellence of the
fishing in the vicinity, is extensively patronized.

At this point a junction is made with the road leading northward
by Buxton to Alexandra, and by this route tourists can reach
the great Eildon (or Sugarloaf) Reservoir, which stores 306,000 acres of
water for the irrigation of the Goulburn Valley lower country.

Near the junction also is the outlet of the "Acheron Way," the
newly constructed road opening up the beautiful Acheron Valley
and linking Marysville and Warburton (see page 15).

Six miles farther on, at the foot of Mounts Grant and Strickland,
is MARYSVILLE, 22 miles from Healesville, and 1,600 feet above
sea-level.

Marysville.

Marysville has been described as a tourists' paradise, and justly
so. Its distance from the metropolis, accessibility, height above
sea-level, wonderfully even climate, guest-houses equipped with modern
conveniences, and the prevailing beauty of the whole district, all
render it a most desirable place in which to spend a vacation. In
addition, the village enjoys the boundless blessing of an inexhaustible
water supply.

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A delightful round trip of about 9 miles can be made through Millgrove
and Wesburn, then up the old Warburton road which climbs into the
ranges along Yankee Jim Creek with its sparkling cascades. Old
Warburton lies on a saddle between Mounts Little Joe and Tugwell.
The road then crosses the upper waters of Scotchman's Creek and
descends gradually to Warburton.

A winding track works its gradually ascending way to the summit
of Mount Little Joe (1,500 feet), from which a fine panoramic view
of the whole of the Upper Yarra Valley is obtained.

A popular half-day drive is that to Britannia Falls (7 miles) via the
Old Warburton road, the last three-quarters of a mile of the way being
made on foot. The falls descend in several cascades for a total depth
of about 150 feet.

The O'Shannassy Weir is reached by a beautiful drive along the Wood's
Point road through East Warburton. Following the course of the
Yarra many charming glimpses are to be had of the stream. Eight
miles out the river is crossed and the O'Shannassy River is followed
for another 4 miles to the weir. A cleared space with fire-place and
seats offers a delightful spot for picnic lunch. About 2 miles past
the O'Shannassy bridge on the main road is the Peninsula Tunnel,
which in the early gold-mining days was driven through a hill to
divert the waters of the Yarra so that its bed could be prospected.
Part of the water of the river still runs through the tunnel.

Just above Warburton lies Wonwandah, a Seventh Day Adventist
Colony, with many substantial dwellings standing in its own grounds.
A reservoir constructed on the Rocky Creek supplies the motive
power which electrically operates the different industries of the
settlement. The adjacent Wonwandah Falls, on Rocky Creek, are a
series of rapids descending in all about 100 feet.

A sanitarium conducted by this religious body attracts a large
number of visitors every year.

Warburton-Mount Donna Buang-Ben Cairn- Healesville.—29 miles.

One of the most attractive features of this beautiful district is
Mount Donna Buang, which rises to a height of 4,080 feet and domi-
nates the township. A vehicle road ascends by easy grades from
Warburton to the summit of the mountain, a distance of 12 miles. Crossing
the river close to the Adventist Settlement it runs northward to Cement
Creek, nearing which the full beauty of the lovely mountain gullies
reveals itself. The creek is crossed at an altitude of 2,200 feet, and
immediately beyond is the "Turntable." At this point, about 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
miles from Warburton, a good shelter shed, fire place, and controlled
water supply have been provided, making it a very desirable picnic
place. One road leads away to the right, this being the beginning
of the "Acheron Way," while the other to Mount Donna Buang
turns sharply to the left, sweeps round the head of the Yithan Creek,
passes some noted view points overlooking the extensive Yarra Valley.
One at about 8 miles is furnished with seats and controlled water
supply.

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From Yarra Glen a road runs northward to Steel's Creek, about
5 miles distant, and at about 7 miles it reaches the eastern boundary
of the Kinglake National Park. This area, which has been recently
reserved, comprises about 13,800 acres. The road then runs north
by a little east to TOOLANGI, a mountainous holiday resort
picturesquely situated on the Dividing Range, the watershed of the
Yea River and the tributaries of the Yarra, a distance of about 14
miles.

CHRISTMAS HILLS, a dairying and agricultural district occupying
an elevated position on the Dividing Range, is distant 5 miles from
Yarra Glen. Here are situated the country residences of many Mel-
bourne citizens, and its invigorating climate attracts a large number
of visitors who find ample accommodation in the several guest-
houses in this locality.

Healesville.

The railway journey, which for the last 10 miles follows the course
of the Yarra, terminates at Healesville, a township prettily situated
on the Watts River, a tributary of the former stream, and lying in
a lovely valley almost encircled by the hills of the Dividing Range
and its spurs. Here the tourist will find ample accommodation
provided by large hotels and guest-houses with many private houses
studding the hillsides. Those desirous of exploring easily the many
accessible beauty spots may do so by means of daily motor services
running across the Blacks' Spur and thence to Narbethong, Marysville,
and Alexandra, or may join one or other of the excursion trips to the
different points of attraction in the district.

A very efficient motor service is available in Healesville for the
enjoyment of visitors.

Into the Watts River run a number of tributary streams and along
all these valleys the rapids, cascades and waterfalls, fern bowers, and
wealth of varied vegetation prove inviting to visitors who, by well-
chosen tracks, can wander at pleasure in almost any direction assured
of finding much natural beauty to enjoy.

Tennis, bowling, and croquet are provided for, the courts and greens
being charmingly situated on a bend in the river right in the township,
and visitors may enjoy the privilege of membership of the Golf Club
on payment of a nominal fee, and may play on the local links in Queen's
Park. The undulating nature of the ground and the beautiful sur-
roundings make it a most attractive course. The greens are well
grassed and the fairways exceptionally good and the links should give
real pleasure to the most fastidious golfer.

Healesville to Toolangi.

The popular route by which to reach Toolangi is from Healesville
along the first section of the Mount St. Leonard-road, and turning
into the valley of Myer's Creek, along which a pretty scenic road
passes over the line of the aqueduct conveying Watts River water
to Melbourne. At about 4 miles it runs close to the Myer's Creek
falls, and then ascends to the Dividing Range, on which Toolangi

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In the number of fast running streams, waterfalls, view points high
up on the mountain sides, the magnificent forests and dense vegetation
of great variety, there is presented a combination such as is difficult
to surpass.

All the valleys are adorned by the glorious foliage of the spreading
beech trees, the light-green foliage of sassafras trees, the taller grow-
ing blackwoods and the magnificent straight-barked towering blackbutts,
and screened by this wealth of foliage are the crystal streams, here
forming deep pools, there rippling along rocky beds, or, in the deep and
mist-filled gorges, tumbling over rocky ledges and developing waterfalls
magnificent in their setting.

Much time can be devoted to visiting the surrounding beauty spots
either by car or on foot, while those who are disinclined to go far afield
are well catered for as there are numerous short walks through the bush
to fern gullies, waterfalls, and view points in close proximity to the
village.

The Beauty Spot, a dense mass of tree-ferns of varying heights
with numerous smaller ferns, lies almost within the township boundary.

Michael Dene, a short track through a very pretty fern glade, leads
to the Wishing Well and the Taggerty River.

The Stevenson Falls can be reached by a walk of less than an
hour. The foaming mass of water tumbling over the successive cascades
presents a striking sight.

Nothing more pleasing of its kind can be seen than in the valley of
the Taggerty River along the Talbot Drive, through the appropriately
named Valley Beautiful, the Beech Grove, and the Forest of Arden
past the Meeting of the Waters to the Keppel Falls. The river in
its rocky course is a long succession of waterfalls, cascades, and rapids,
with here and there an inviting pool for the trout-fishing enthusiast.

Unfortunately the Forest of Arden was swept by a fire a few years
ago, when the magnificent old beech trees, hoary with age, were
destroyed, but the valley is gradually recovering much of its pristine
beauty.

At a distance of about 10 miles along the Wood's Point road are
the Cumberland and Cora Lynn Falls. These are the delight of all
visitors. From a camping ground on the side of the road a well-
beaten foot track runs for nearly half-a-mile through a fine avenue
of tree-ferns to Cora Lynn Creek just below the falls. The pathway
has been continued down the creek following the rushing waters to
the junction with Cumberland Creek nearly a thousand feet above
the camping ground and returns along Cumberland Creek, passing
a series of cascades back to the starting point. This triangular circuit
can be covered in an hour and a half without any excessive effort in
climbing, and it encompasses for its whole length the very choicest
valley scenery to be found in this continent. It is the glorious com-
bination of beech, sassafras, blackwood, silver wattle, and musk
trees, and huge fern trees rising from a carpet of dwarf ferns and
mosses, with giant blackbutts towering over all, associated with
the music of the rippling streams and the roar of the waterfalls, that
invests this place with an irresistible charm.

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The section on to the Ben Cairn turn-off at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles is in the
flowering season a floral avenue of Christmas bush (*Prostanthera*).
Beyond the Ben Cairn junction for about 11 miles the road quickly
rises on several sharp turns to the top of Mount Donna Buang, at
about 12 miles from Warburton. This summit, 4,080 feet above
sea-level, is the highest elevation within its distance from Melbourne,
and is now crowned by a fine lofty steel tower, rising 65 feet above
the surface. It has three platforms, from which visitors now have
a wide uninterrupted view over the tree tops in all directions, taking
in Western Port and Port Phillip Bays, the Yeu Yans, Mount
Macedon, and the far off Alps and Baw Baw—an impressive scene of
vastness and grandeur.

The tower serves the purpose of a look-out station in summer for
the detection of forest fires, and has telephonic connexion.

The road from Warburton to Cement Creek turn has been
metalled, also sections above the turn, the aim being to enable
motorists to travel up the road as far as possible under bad weather
conditions.

As there is no water available at the summit, a supply should be
obtained near the Ben Cairn turn for use on the top if desired.

The trip via Warburton to Mount Donna Buang forms a pleasant
objective for a week-end at any season of the year; there is no peak
of the same altitude so easily accessible from the metropolis, and
while in spring and summer-time the outlook from the summit is
magnificent in its panoramic beauty, in winter there is the added attrac-
tion of the heavy mantle of snow which during the colder months
lies deep upon its crest. Ski runs have been prepared, and the snow-
sports ground is one which can be visited by tourists within the compass
of a week-end.

A pleasant way of making the trip is to take the Saturday evening
train to Warburton, stop overnight, then making an early start after
breakfast on Sunday, reach the top by mid-day, and after having par-
taken of a picnic lunch, return in time for the evening meal and to catch
the homeward train.

About a mile below the summit of Mount Donna Buang the road to Ben
Cairn and Healesville branches off. Traversing the southern slope
of the range it has only slight undulations, and in the 4 miles to Ben
Cairn the traveller enjoys a succession of varied views of bush, plain-
land, and distant hills. A short walk from the road to the tourist
is on the crest of Ben Cairn. This is a great mass of rock furnished
with a wire-netting screen on its southern edge for the safety of
observers. Over 3,000 feet below lies the wide valley of the Yarra,
with the townships of Warburton, Millgrove, Wesburn, and Yarra
Junction showing up clearly in the scenic picture. To the extreme
left is Donna Buang, and as the gaze sweeps round it rests on the Baw
Baws and the Benak Ranges. On a clear day the waters of Port
Phillip and Western Port Bays are visible, and such landmarks as the
Exhibition Buildings may be picked out with the naked eye. It is
a view to linger over. From here the road continues round the end
of the Ben Cairn Spur and by easy grades down the steep slopes bounding
the upper reaches of the Don, crosses the head waters of this stream
and then through the Don Gap, passing at a high level along the verge

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is situated, 10 miles from Healesville. This is a much favoured
resort, commanding as it does very extensive views, easy access to
the Yea River, pedestrian tracks leading through the very inviting
valley to the Sylvia Falls, and revealing the beauty of the beech
forest.

Snedley's Falls, and the summit of Mount St. Leonard, are other
attractive spots within easy distance. On the return journey to
Healesville the newly constructed Country Roads Board road down
the valley of New Chum Creek should be used. It is a well-graded
descending road, requiring practically no motive power for several
miles on the downward run.

Don Valley Road.

An important road, known generally as the "Don-road," runs
southerly from Healesville to Launching Place, and from this access
is obtained to Mount Riddell (4 miles) by turning off at the cemetery
corner, following a cross road to the left for about a mile, and then
the blazed track to the summit.

From this same road a well defined track follows the Badger Creek
to the weir, a most picturesque spot at the foot of Mount Riddell,
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Healesville, and here rustic tables and seats are
provided for the convenience of excursionists.

Rising on a somewhat zigzag course, the Don-road leads past
Wade's Lookout and on to Malleson's Lookout—7 miles, and 1,400
feet above sea-level—from which most extensive views may be seen.

A branch road bearing away westerly gives access to a popular
resort on Mount Toole-be-wong (Nyora)—2,600 feet above the sea.

At about 8 miles on the Don road Pantons Gap is reached, this
being the point at which the fine scenic road to Ben Cairn and Mount
Donna Buang leads away easterly.

Mr. J. A. Panton, Police Magistrate, and Mr. Malleson, solicitor,
of Melbourne, were the two pioneers who opened up the beauty of
this locality to visitors.

Continuing past Pantons Gap, at about 10 miles, the well-known
Malleson's Glen is passed, and at 14 miles, at Launching Place, con-
nexion is made with the Melbourne to Warburton main road.

Healesville-Ben Cairn-Mount Donna Buang-Warburton —29 miles.

This pedestrian excursion is described in a later paragraph as from
Warburton (see page 14) but should tourists wish to make Heales-
ville the starting point, the route lies along the Don road, a level
stretch of 2 miles, until the Badger Creek is crossed. From here the
road gradually rises, passing Wade's Lookout (3 miles) until Malleson's
Lookout (7 miles) is reached, and from this point of vantage magnifi-
cent views of the surrounding country are to be obtained. About
a mile farther on is Pantons Gap, a prominent point from which the
road has been formed to give access to Ben Cairn, one of the finest

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Wilks' Creek.