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KOKODA HISTORICAL NEWSLETTER MARCH 2022

The cover photo this month is of the magnificent Isurava Memorial, the photo was taken by David Howell on 4 March 2022. David along with Mick O'Malley trekked Kokoda on behalf of the Kokoda Track Operators Association. This good will trek was the first official trek by Australian tours leaders since the COVID pandemic.

David Howell of Kokoda Historical and Mick O'Malley from Australian Kokoda Tours, represented the Kokoda Trek Operators Association (KTOA) on a good will trek across Kokoda. Their mission was to assess the capacity and condition of all aspects of the track and in particular to get an understanding of landowners and guesthouse owner's feelings about the industry re-opening.

The trek was conducted during the period 2-7 March 2022. This was the first crossing of Australian tour leaders in 2.5 years. Both David and Mick spoke to all of the main villages and village heads. The team was joined with a group of Kokoda Track Authority (KTA) Rangers and was supported by the Kokoda Initiative (KI) and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).



KOKODA ONLINE INFO SESSION

This online Zoom session, will detail all the requirements needed to travel to/from PNG. Along with discussing the current track condition and the situation in PNG, David will talk about the remarkable journey he recently had across Kokoda.

This session is perfect for anyone who is booked on our treks & tours or for those who are thinking about trekking Kokoda in this the 80th Anniversary year of the Campaign.

This session will also have some great giveaways and discounts on our treks and tours for 2022 & 2023

When: Wednesday, 23 March 2022, 7pm

Where: Online via Zoom

To book your free ticket click [here](#)



KOKODA TRAINING RETURNS

Preparing for Kokoda is essential prior to going. As international borders re-open, now is the time to dust off your kit and get out in the great outdoors.

That is why Kokoda Historical offers fee no obligation training sessions. One of the best places in and around Melbourne is Mt Donna Buang.

This 18km walk and is a Grade 4 medium to difficult rated hike. The landscape various in temperature and terrain. From green pastures to steep muddy slopes.

Please pack plenty of water, something to snack on and lunch, the later we will have when we reach the summit. Make sure you prepare for all weather conditions.

Your guide for this training session is historian, David Howell

When: Sunday 27 March 2022, 8:30AM-12:00PM

Where: Meet Corner of Martyr & Dammans Rd Warburton, VIC 3799

The event is free but you need to book [here](#)



BOOKINGS NOW OPEN FOR ANZAC DAY 2022 AND BEYOND

You can choose to trek with us from Kokoda to Owers' Corner or if trekking is not for you, you can come on our non-trekking tour. Both trips will be attending the Official Anzac Day Dawn Service at Bomana War Cemetery.

So this Anzac Day, 2022 we are offering a choice of 2 special in-depth history options.

1. \$3,950 12 Day Fully Australian Led Tour, Anzac Dawn Service Bomana (15-26 April 2022) trekking Kokoda to Owers' Corner. Find out more by clicking [here](#)

2. \$3,850 9 Day Fully Australian Led Non-Trekking Tour, Anzac Day Service Bomana (18-26 April 2022) visiting Port Moresby, Owers' Corner, Kokoda, Buna, Gona and Sanananda . Find out more by clicking [here](#)

All of our 2022 and 2023 treks and yours are now available for booking. This includes all of our non-trekking and trekking options. Remember if you have made a booking with us previously you can use any credit you have on file with Kokoda Historical not just for Anzac Day but you can pick any of our 2022 or 2023 tours. Why not give us a call and start planning your journey to PNG. You can call us anytime on 0405 007 700

We look forward to welcoming you back soon.