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Our motto is :-

" To bring together those who esteem Bushwalking and Mountain Climbing. "

NEWS SUB - COMMITTEE.

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Open every Friday
7.30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Room 110 (Right next to
Dance Hall), Third Floor,
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The Annual General Meeting was held on Feb 25th., and was very well attended. The serious business of receiving reports and electing Office-bearers for 1949-50 was carried out in a quick and friendly manner. The following Office-bearers were elected.,

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| President | Norman Richards. |
| Vice Presidents | Egon Donath, Fay Pitt. |
| Secretary | Frank Pitt. |
| Treasurer | Emil Slade. |
| Walks Secretary | Ken Grant. |
| Social Secretary | Marie Gillespie. |
| Committee. | Tess Maddison. Ken Middleton. |
| | Nancy Morgan. Ted Kirk. |
| | Margaret Dark. Bill Horton. |
| Federation Delegate. | Gordon Coutts. |
| Auditors. | Fred Heilpern, Herb Palmer. |
| Incoming Trustee. | Ransay Craigen. |

Some points from the Reports :

President : ".... a number of our Office-bearers resigned during the year and to their successors we owe a debt of gratitude for so ably continuing the Club's activities....".

".... I appeal to all members to make their social contacts within our membership as broad as possible, particularly as regards activities organised by individuals....".

".... I would like to see the list of walks leaders increase during the year and to this end I hope we can provide some instruction to help people over their initial diffidence".

" "The Club's tenth birthday draws near - can any of the older members place it with certainty ?".

The Editor: ".... there should be no doubt about the literary future of the Magazine as the standard of the contributors received has been quite up to that of similar contemporary journals".

".... it is of course imperative that the

first issue appear as soon as possible ."

Social Secretary: ".... the Friday night lectures are popular, and should be continued...."
".... the Annual Cream Hunt seems to have become one of the outstanding events of the Club's year "
".... Dances at the Clubroom and outside should be continued; likewise parties to concerts, theatres etc., ".

Walks Secretary: ".... it is pleasing to note how often a new member has quickly become a good leader"
".... I appeal to new members (and also our old ones) to take advantage of the Club's activities not only for their own enjoyment but with a view to becoming active and helpful members for the benefit of other new members."
".... the subtle attractions of week-end walking ".

The first committee meeting of the Club year was held on the 9th March. Much of the evening was devoted to the appointment of the various sub-committees. These bodies are essential to the expeditious handling of the Clubs business, and members having ideas on any subject concerning the management of the Club should contact the appropriate sub-committee, through the following persons;-

Walks Sub Committee :- Ken Grant (Walks Sec);
Ken Middleton, Ted Kirk.
Social " " ;:- Marie Gillespie (Social Sec);
Tess Maddison, Margaret Dark.
Editorial " " :- Norm Richards (Editor);
Frank Pitt, Nancy Morgan.
Equipment Officer :- Warren Olle.
Librarian :- Bill Horton.

The Committee adopted a resolution that the Secretary convey the thanks of the Club to all members of the previous committee who are not continuing in Office. We trust that they will continue to give us the benefit of their knowledge and experience.

The application for membership submitted by Des Tubridy, has been accepted and we make him welcome, believing in the old saying - " the more the merrier ".

Once upon a time there was a walker strolling through the woods when suddenly to his horror he found a Big Black Bull was bearing down upon him with great gusto, so the walker took refuge in a hollow log. After some time it started to rain so the Big Black Bull decided to wander off home, but alas ! the rain had swelled the hollow log and the walker could not emerge.

finding himself in this awful predicament visions of death by starvation flashed through his mind. In those last horrible moments his past was brought before him and he immediately remembered that he had not yet paid his sub at this dreadful thought he felt so small that he was able to crawl out of the hollow log and live happily ever after.

Now Bill is just the person to see if you dont want to be caught in this same predicament.

10/- for singles and 15/- for doubles.

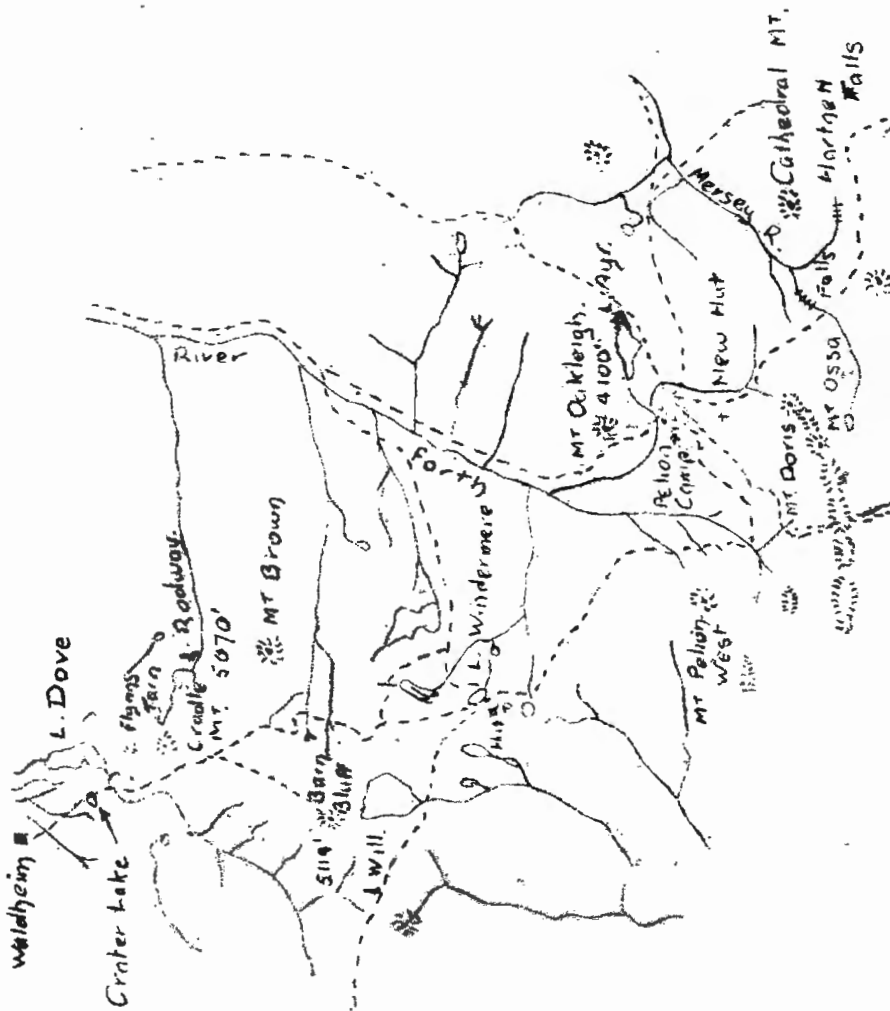
Subscriptions became due after the Annual Meeting. According to our constitution, if the subscription is not paid within 2 months, the member becomes unfinancial and must re-qualify before becoming financial again.

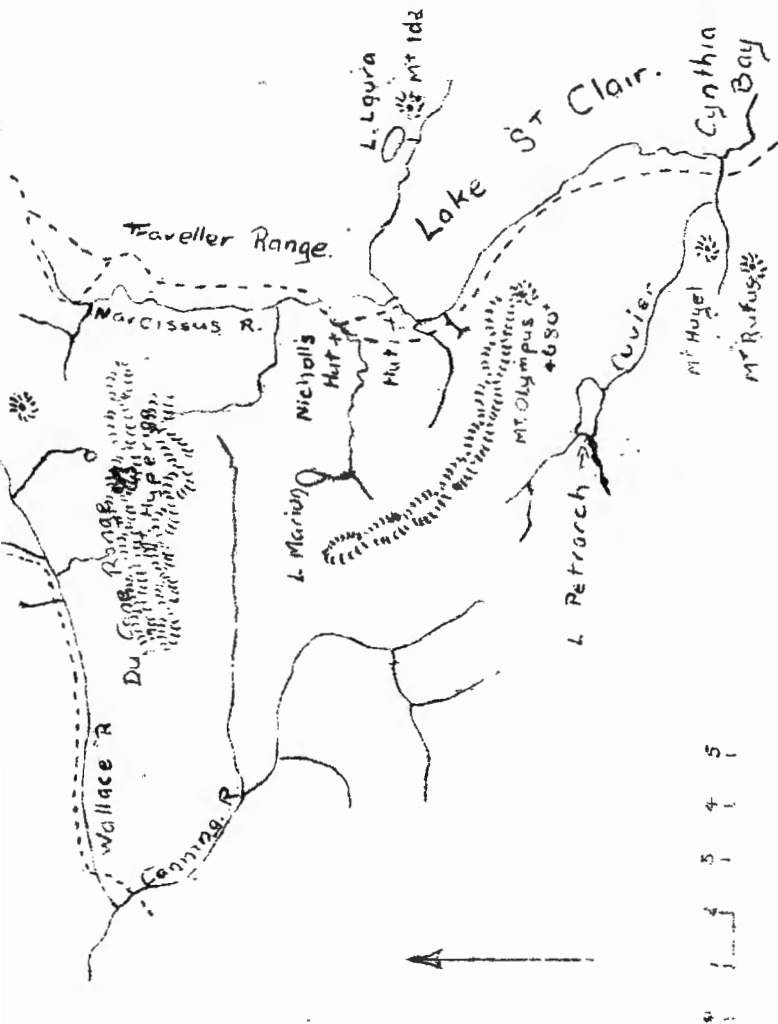
The Secretary particularly requests that he be informed of any change of address or telephone numbers of members so that the Club records can be kept up-to-date.

In future we shall start our Monthly Meetings at 8.00 PM sharp. Please be on time.

At the Monthly Meetings, Club members have the opportunity of discussing fully the activities of the Club- do not hold back with constructive criticism as the Committee does not pretend to be omniscient.

A request to our "Old" members - See that new members feel at home with us in the Clubroom, on walks, and at other Club functions. Do you remember how shy you were the first time you joined our happy throng.





Sketch Map
 RADLE MT. - LAKE ST. CLAIR (TAS.)

If you bring a guest into the Clubroom or at any Club function introduce him or her to the President and if possible also to the 2 Vice - Presidents. This is a matter of courtesy to the Presidium of your Club.

Do you wear your Club Badge ? Several members have knitted the Club-Badge very attractively from Mira Slade's pattern. Copies are available ! What about you.

Eril Slade is arranging a trip to the Blue Mountains for the fortnight before Easter. He will be glad to hear from you if interested in joining the party.

Additional walks and announcements are posted on the Club notice board. Don't forget to keep your eye on it.

Did you see Gordon Coutts' notice for the Reefton Spur trip ? The use of photos in this way helps to attract prospective starters. Good work Gordon. Who will be next.

Could we have the circle introductions more clearly ? It does help.

The Autumn Walks Program is out. There are two walks each week-end, and three attractive Easter Trips. Ken Grant would like to have at least three walks every week-end in order to keep down the numbers on each trip. Do not be shy. Submit your walks to Ken before April 22nd for the Winter Program.

Rock-rollers please not - Bushwalkers do not roll rocks or logs off mountains, however tempting the opportunity. Also, please try to avoid getting over gates ; but if you must do so always cross at the HINGE end to avoid straining the gate. Treat fences gently : they are expensive.

FEDERATION WEEK-END WALK AND CAMP MARCH 26-27.

This event will be held near Silvan Dam.

Features. Saturday evening campfire concert and light supper.
Inspection of Silvan Dam and lecture on improvised bush first aid on Sunday Morning and combined walk to Kallista on Sunday afternoon.

There are four ways of reaching the campsite :
Saturday morning walk (Full-day walk).
Saturday afternoon walk (halfday).
Afternoon train and bus, or
Evening train and bus.
See notice board for time tables and other details.

Last year our club had the largest attendance and we hope to repeat the effort this year. We also hope to contribute more to the evening's entertainment than we did last year. Has anyone an idea for a Club "turn" at the Campfire Concert (Sketch, Comedy or Musical Item, etc)? See Marie Gillespie or Federation Delegate, Gordon Goutts. Don't leave it solely to Felix again !

The 3rd Bushwalkers Dance will be on April 6th, in Jarrah Hall, corner Spring St., and Flinders Lane (Girl's Friendly Society Hall). Come along and enjoy yourself.

Ask Marie Gillespie for further details. Do you remember last year's supper ? I wonder whether they will be able to beat it.

Our Club has been entrusted with organisation and leadership of the next day trip of the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs, in October. The last 2 walks, arranged by the Women's Walking Club and the Ramblers, were very carefully planned and highly successful. This is an urgent appeal to assist Ken Grant in the arrangements for this walk. Any advice and help will be very welcome.

On April 8th at 8.30 p.m. sharp in the Clubroom, Mr John Bechervaise will give an illustrated lecture,

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with special reference to the recent first successful climb of Federation Peak (Tasmania) by a party led by him.

Mr Bechervaise is so well known that he does not need any introduction to bushwalkers. You will be sorry if you miss this lecture.

The Bathing Box at Sandringham can still be used on any day. The number (799) and M.B.T. are clearly visible.

Some Club Members think it would be a good idea to meet once a week at lunch-time. It was suggested that we meet in our Club-room and to eat our lunch whilst in " peace and quietness " ? Which day would you suggest.

Discuss it with Marie Gillespie if you are interested.

Happy news is here again. Hanny Kolm and Bobbie Exiner have married, and the Club wishes them the best for their future. Do not miss the next Monthly Meeting as Norm is going to present our wedding presents to the Schattners and Exiners. We hope that marrying will not become a contagious disease in our Club as it will ruin Emil's finances.

Daddy Pallin, President and Betty Albury, Secretary of the N.S.W. Youth Hostel Association, called recently into our Clubroom, on route to Tasmania. We hope to soon again have a chat with them over a cup of our famous coffee.

Captain George Mc Kinnon has joined us again after returning from Japan where he spent the last 16 months.

We hope that George will give us a talk about his walks in the Japanese mountains, especially his climb of Fujiyama.

We are glad to hear that Joy Williams is almost back on the track again following her leg injury on the Cathedral Range.

Dianne Lemaire unfortunately lost her camera on the Cathedral trip. Bad luck Dianne.

Have you read Australian Caves, Cliffs and Waterfalls; or Australia's Wild Life, both by Charles Barrett?

Maps, books, journals and pamphlets are available in our slowly growing library. Ask the new Librarian (Bill Horton) - he will be pleased to advise you.

Norm could still use some suitable photographs for the Magazine .

Marie Gillespie is arranging a second "Oklahoma" and "Born Yesterday" evenings for late in April. Book early.

Please tell us of any lecturers whom we could invite for our Friday evenings.

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