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..... THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS .....

WHAT DO BUSHWALKERS DO ON A SUNDAY ? As far as the Club is concerned, most of them completely disappear. Although on Friday nights up to half our 168 members may be found in the Clubroom, when the leader looks round to collect his party on a Sunday morning they've generally dwindled to such an extent that he must wonder if he's mistaken the day. What has happened to them ?

We'd like to solve this mystery and see our members enjoying themselves out on the track. It seems reasonable to suppose that people who have joined a bushwalking club did so because they wanted to go bushwalking - have they forgotten the care-free pleasure of a day or weekend in the open, the happy companionship of a trip? Let 1952 be a year to revive these, and to see all our members active Bushwalkers !

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THE WINTER WALKS PROGRAM (May, June and July)

will be available on MAY 2nd. Meanwhile, so that members may plan their walking ahead, a copy of the first month's walks will be found below.

Programs are now being made up by Frank Pitt. Hand in your suggestions to him, on the forms available from Ada Schulz.

Some members are making use of the invitation to hand in suggested walks up to 15 months in advance. Have you a walk for next Autumn ? or for Xmas 1952 ? Now is the time for you to begin to play your part in making the Club a live and active walking club.

ANZAC DAY WEEKEND WALK

This is a new walk in an interesting area seldom visited by the Club, and it will probably be some time before there is another opportunity to visit it. All those who wish to go must book tonight, as unless a reasonably large number have booked the van will definitely be cancelled tomorrow. Enquiries as to the position may be made from Warren Oile (UL9743).

LECTURETTES (3rd Friday of each month)

The Committee has appointed Norm Richards and Frank Pitt to arrange these for the coming year, and they are now working to plan an interesting and helpful series. Newer members in particular are urged to come and take part. (8 - 8.30).

Tonight, with several Federation events ahead, the topic is "THE HOW AND WHY OF THE FEDERATION OF VICTORIAN WALKING CLUBS" and the panel of experts - Norm Richards, Frank Pitt and Gordon Coutts - will answer your queries and discuss your suggestions. (Continued on P.2)

<u>W A L K S P R O G R A M - M A Y</u>						
<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCALITY</u>	<u>TICKET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DISTANCE</u>	<u>LEADER</u>	
May 4	Mt. Towrong - Macedon	Camel's Hump	Van	8.55	12m M.	Marie Gillespie BJ 1827
4	Hurstbridge	Queenstown	2-R H'bridge	8.53	11m M.	Emil Slade Windsor 5619
7	FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING - 312 Flinders Street; 8pm Sharp.					
10-11	FEDERATION TRACK CLEARING (Mt. Myrtaia - Britannia Ck.) Van					
18	Wattle Glen - Hurstbridge	Joyce's Hill	2-R H'bridge	8.53	11m M.	Alf Sternberg
18	Bunyip - Cannibal	Aqueduct - Mt	Van	8.55	14m M.	Keith Murray WM 6199
11	Croydon - Dandenong	Montrose - Kallista	Hiker's T. Croydon-F.T.G.	9.15	12m M.	John Low
24-25	Social Weekend - BARN DANCE					
25	Ferntree Gully - Belgrave	Mt. Morton	2-R. F.T.G.	8.55am	10m M.	Marie Gillespie Tess Maddison

LECTURETTES (continued)

On the third Friday next month (MAY 16th) COMPASSES will be discussed - the various types, from the simple to the prismatic, and the uses and limitations of each. What to look for when choosing a compass, and what you can expect to do with the particular compass you own or buy. And remember, please - 8 pm Sharp!

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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING - MAY 2ND .

Please note the change of date. As Anzac Day falls on April 25th, our normal Meeting night, this month's General Meeting has been postponed to the following Friday. (The Clubroom will be closed on 25th.)

While we are glad to have members thinking about Club affairs and expressing their opinions, at the same time we do ask those who wish to speak during Meetings to keep to the point and make their remarks as brief and brisk as possible. Our aim is to keep the length of meeting to half an hour - please assist.

Following this meeting, we are to have a program of Kodachrome slides prepared by Gordon Coutts and Ken Grant, taken on the Christmas trip from Licola - Crinoline - Bennison - Wellington River. We've all enjoyed previous shows by Ken and Gordon, so no further recommendation is necessary.

A REQUEST TO SMOKERS - Please limit smoking in the Clubroom as much as possible, especially on Meeting nights, and refrain from smoking during lectures and films. Unfortunately the atmosphere is thick enough at any time, but by your co-operation we can keep it to a minimum.

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MEMBERSHIP

We are very happy to welcome one new member this month - Zoe Proud of 14 Tiuna Grove, Elwood, S.3. LF 2914.  
CHANGES OF ADDRESS - Egon Mittler - 28 Albert Street, Moonee Ponds.  
Heinz Wolff - Phone Nos. (accidentally omitted) p.U2678 b.MU7631.  
Please notify Secretary, Betty Ollie, of any change of address or phone.

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COMMITTEE - The next Committee Meeting will be held on May 9th, at Jerram Hall, at 6.45 pm. Please be punctual. Any Committee member unable to be present should let Betty know beforehand if possible.

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At the MARCH GENERAL MEETING three Notices of Motion had to be dealt with. An Extraordinary Meeting (always necessary for any proposed change in the Constitution) preceded the ordinary meeting to deal with the Motion that the President's term of office be limited to four years. After considerable discussion the Motion was lost. The Motion that nominations for Annual Elections be made in writing and published in "THE NEWS" before the Annual Meeting, was carried with the amendment that nominations also be received at the Meeting.

We congratulate EGON DONATH on being the first Life Member of this Club. The Meeting carried this motion with great acclaim in recognition of his long and valuable association with the Club, and the hope that it will continue for many years yet.

Following the meeting Gordon Coutts showed us a most attractive series of Kodachrome slides of Walhalla and Aberfeldie districts, showing us many unfamiliar spots as well as others we know, which were much enjoyed in spite of the late hour.

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\*\* SUBSCRIPTIONS \*\*

\*\* ARE DUE \*\*

\*\* NOW \*\*

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\* Treasurer, Rex Benn, is back with his receipt book ready - keep him busy! Rates are:  
\* Ordinary £1. Junior (16-19) 12/6. Husband and Wife 30/-  
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FEDERATION OF VICTORIAN WALKING CLUBS

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THE ANNUAL MEETING and ELECTION of OFFICE-BEARERS will be held on Wednesday, May 7th, at 8 pm, in the Chamber of Manufactures Building, 312 Flinders Street. C.I. We hope to see this meeting well supported by members of our Club.

Following the Meeting, a program of Kodachrome slides will be shown by several members of Clubs in the Federation - a varied and interesting selection is promised.

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TRACK-CLEARING WEEKEND, May 10th-11th.

As usual every year, work parties from various clubs will be helping in the track-clearing, and the bigger the parties the greater the success. The track to be cleared this year is from the M.W.C hut on Britannia Creek over Mount Myrtalia to connect with existing walking roads to Warburton. A van has been booked to be shared by the Bushwalkers and others, leaving Batman Avenue at 9 am. Fare not over 12/- Deposit of 10/- to be paid to FRANK PITT immediately.

Girls are urged to assist in the camp catering being organised by Marie Gillespie, and in the clearing if they desire.

THIS WEEKEND IS ALWAYS VOTED A GREAT EVENT - BE IN IT !!

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For the first time, the Federation is holding a DINNER. It will take place at The Wentworth Cafe on Wednesday, April 30th, at 6.30 pm, and the price will be 12/6 each. Marie Gillespie is handling the booking, and says tonight is the last night on which she can accept further bookings. She informs us it is fully licenced, "but bring your own tonic water."

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OUR FEDERATION DELEGATE is now Ken Lorking, who was appointed by the Committee at its last meeting. We wish to thank Gordon Coutts, who continued to act as Delegate until an appointment was made.

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THE ANNUAL FIELD WEEKEND,

held on 22nd-23rd March, was a very successful event, in spite of unpromising weather beforehand. About 80 walkers took part. About 30 of these set out from Lilydale under the leadership of the VMTC, under black skies, and what with a late start, six miles to do before lunch and empty tummies into the bargain, a fast pace was set until they reached Wonga Park at 1.45 for a well-earned lunch. After lunch they entered the scrub and in a short time were greeting fellow-walkers on the camp-site. Meanwhile the afternoon party, led by the Women's Club, set out from Ringwood with more promising weather, while others arrived by bus and car and other private means.

After tents were pitched in the pleasant bush-covered bend of the river, and appetites once more satisfied, all gathered round the camp-fire to enjoy the concert. They weren't disappointed, as this year's entertainment was better than ever, and showed the clubs had put in some time to preparation of items - among them a vigorous eightsome reel, two poems by Banjo Paterson, and an original rendition of "Shenandoah". The Women's Club's "Sweet Violets" and VMTC's "Handout on Panhandle Hill" brought a lot of laughs. These and many other fine offerings were kept moving along by the compering of Bob Cottingham of the Men's Club. Supper of hot coffee and biscuits was followed the Uni. Mountaineers' usual midnight walk, while the less energetic remained for an impromptu sing-song until one o'clock when voices gave out - the indefatigables were still up 3 am!

On Sunday morning Bill Bewsher, of the Uni. Mountaineers, gave a most interesting account of their Club's most recent long trip in S.W. Tasmania, especially in relation to the organisation of food-dropping by the Aero Club.

At 12.30 the Uni. Mountaineers led the party on a pleasant walk along the river to Warnandyte - in sunshine - then on to Eltham.

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NATIVE PLANTS PRESERVATION SOCIETY - EXHIBITION

An exhibition of very fine photographic studies of native plants has been organised, to be held in the Kodak Galleries from April 21st on. (9am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday, 9 am to noon on Saturdays.) Don't miss this.

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FOR SALE - Framed Rucksack (Gair's type) in good condition. Gerald Corden LF 2812.

