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..... THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

THE HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

will be held in ROOM 56 (2nd Floor) on Friday, August 22nd, at 8p.m. sharp. This will take the place of the usual General Meeting on the last Friday of the month. It is hoped as many members as possible will show their interest in Club affairs by attending.

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FINANCIAL

There are now over 120 financial members, a good increase since last month. This can be accounted for partly by the fact that the Treasurer sent reminders to 61 non-financial members - to date, 20 have replied, 7 resigning and the rest renewing their subscriptions.

THE FRIDAY NIGHT COLLECTION is again under notice. The promised box has been made by Frank Pitt, and from now on will hang on the door for the convenience of those who leave before the collection has been taken up (about 9 p.m.) or come in later. It is quite a handsome box, and we feel sure will make it a pleasure for you to drop your sixpence in! (N.B. Test out for yourself the special feature of design which makes it impossible to put in a penny, but will still allow a 2/- piece.) To clear up the doubts of newer members, we wish to point out that people who make use of the Clubroom at all any Friday, even if only for a short time, should in fairness share in the cost of the 30/- rent, which even a full collection barely covers. YOU will help, won't you?

NEW MEMBERS

We are very pleased to welcome to our happy ranks the following five people who were accepted by the Committee at its last meeting:

- VALERIE ADAMS 15 Sussex Street, Moonee Ponds. (p)FU 1576 (b) FX3741
- MARIA BAKKER Nurses Home, Royal Melbourne Hospital, Parkville.
- TONY CULLY 16 Mercil Road, Alphington.
- VALERIE GOLDSMITH 8 Gnarwyn Road, Murrumbeena. (p)UM 2288 (b) MX5831.Ex.48.
- NANCY HILLAS 22 Wilson Street, Glen Iris. (p) U 4215 (b) FF 1849

CHANGES OF ADDRESS: Please let the Secretary know at once if your address or phone no. is changed. It was planned to issue a new address list in September, but after consideration the Committee has decided that a list of members who are financial just prior to the Annual Meeting would be more useful. You are therefore advised to keep (and amend as necessary) your present list, which will contain many names not on the next list. THIS MONTH'S ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS ARE:

- KEITH & MRS PADDY MURRAY... Post Office, Mansfield, Victoria.
- PETER & MRS ELVA WARD...13 Rippon Street, Footscray, V.II. (b)Peter MU1977.
- HAROLD WILLIAMS.....5 Harry Street, West Brunswick.

HONORARY MEMBERS: At the last General Meeting it was moved by Norm Richards and passed by the meeting that those members travelling overseas and away since the beginning of the financial year be made honorary members. (See Clause 5(c) of the Constitution.)

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"THE NEWS"

The August issue will be out as usual on the third Friday, but as it is expected that many members will be at the Federation Ball that night, it is intended to hold it over for distribution in the Clubroom again the following week instead of posting immediately as usual.

Rex Benn and Ada Schulz, the "NEWS" sub-committee members, will be trying their hand at producing the August issue, so if you have any interesting news or suggestions pass them on as soon as possible. Rex will be typing the stencils - and this leads us to a

SPECIAL REQUEST - for a LOAN OF A TYPEWRITER

As the Pitt portable on which Fay always types the stencils is in rather frequent use, it would be very awkward to arrange for Rex to have it for the period necessary. Is there some member who has one less often used, or perhaps someone in the Elsternwick district, who would be willing to give this help? We can assure you Rex would take every care of the machine, and "THE NEWS" would be very grateful.

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THE SPRING WALKS PROGRAM

will be available tonight. It includes a good variety of country, and we are pleased to see the names of several new leaders. Of special interest - the Federation Day Walk, to be led by the Men's Club; a visit to Healesville Sanctuary; and a walk which will give an opportunity to see the Wildflower Sanctuaries at Springvale Rd. Nunawading and Tyndal's Road, Warrandyte, at a time when the orchids and other flowers are at their best.

CHRISTMAS - NEW YEAR EXTENDED WALKS

It is hoped that all who consider taking part in these will be in at tonight's discussion, as the Walks sub-committee will base their planning on the suggestions and opinions expressed then. Trips decided on, and, it is hoped leaders, will be announced early next month, and lists put on the board. It is likely that a limit to the size of parties will be made, and a final date for booking set - so keep in touch with what's going on. It is expected that all who want to go on Christmas trips will be on other Club trips between now and then.

LECTURETTES

Last month Jack Smith handled the subject of choosing a camp-site and making camp. As the Federation Annual Ball will be held on the third Friday of August, there will be no lecturette next month.

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SOCIAL DOINGS

THE FEDERATION ANNUAL BALL is the main social event in the near future. This will again be a President's Night, and will be held at the "Bambalina" Malvern, on August 21st. Marie Gillespie is Ticket Secretary, and informs us that each club has been allotted a limited number of tickets only and therefore must know immediately who wants to go. NEXT MONDAY, 21st, is definitely the final date for letting her know.

After the next General Meeting Mr. Ron Cowen, a professional photographer, will come in to give us a talk on photography. He will bear in mind that many of us are far from advanced in the art, but will also be able to give advice to the experts, so we look forward to a lecture quite different from any other we have had this year, and of particular interest. Maybe his talk will inspire a better photographic effort for "WALK" !

Last month Miss Winifred Waddell, Secretary of the Native Plants Preservation Society, spoke on why it is so vital that we do all we can to preserve our native flora, and mentioned some ways in which it was being done. One practical way in which a number of Bushwalkers have been helping has been in assisting in working bees at the Sydenham sanctuary. Noble Paine, our representative on the Society, will be pleased to let you know what is going on and tell you what you can do to help.

Lorraine Richey is a welcome new member on the Social sub-committee, having been appointed by the Committee at its last meeting.

Social Secretary Marie Gillespie, is enquiring from the Theatre about the possibility of party bookings for the coming short season of the Borovansky Ballet, and for "South Pacific". Anyone wishing to go to either of these should have a word with her to see what can be arranged.

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PERSONAL

++++ Paddy and Keith Murray will be leaving us on Tuesday for Mansfield, where Keith has been transferred for twelve months. We'll certainly miss them on the Committee, and in the Club in general, but we're very pleased for their sake - think of the great opportunities they'll have for trips to Buller for instance !

++++ A folder of Canadian scenes from Jill and Freddie Heilpern let us know that they were married recently, and all their old friends are very happy to hear the news.

++++ Lee Pullen was wearing a diamond on her engagement finger when she was in the Club the other night - which explains why we haven't been seeing so much of her lately !

++++ Kitty Mitchell is back after more than six months exploring New Zealand. She was looking very well, and just the same old Kitty, but she says she's glad to be back.

++++ Bill Horton is due to arrive back in Melbourne in the "Strathmore" on August 4th.

++++ Frank Pitt has resigned his position as Assistant Secretary of the Federation.

++++ Ken Lorking is still in Adelaide, and likely to be there for some time yet.

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AN INVITATION

Any member who has good ideas to pass on, suggestions concerning Club activities, general information of interest to bushwalkers, or anything else he deems appropriate, is invited to submit it for inclusion in "THE NEWS". One condition we must, however, impose - it must be as brief as possible.

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" W A L K " - No. 4.

Editor, Norma Richards, says there is still time to submit photos and articles for this issue - the sooner they come the more they'll be appreciated. Cover photos will still be considered.

In the absence of Ken Lorking, Edna Richards has been co-opted as Advertising Manager, and would be pleased to hear any suggestions as to possible advertisers she might contact. Ring her at "X 5450.

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CORRESPONDENCE

From time to time we receive programs etc. from other Clubs, and general correspondence, and it is felt much of this would be of general interest to members. Therefore whenever space allows we intend to give a brief account of what is received. We receive regularly programs from The Bush Club (Sydney), Sydney Bushwalkers, Brisbane Bushwalkers, and Launceston Walking Club - this may be of interest to members travelling interstate and wishing to go walking - the Librarian, Alf Cole, has copies of programs received. Addresses of these and other clubs may be obtained from the Secretary. We also receive circulars from the Photographic Society giving details of lectures etc. but unfortunately most of their functions are on a Friday night.

A letter from the Launceston T. Club invites us to make full use of the facilities provided at "Gordon Vale", 28 miles from Maydena. Details of hut fees etc. from our Secretary or Walks Secretary.

Mr. A.G. Campbell, of Kilsyth, wrote commending our letter to the paper re protection of native fauna, and finished with, "We want some crusaders among you young people to see that the laws are strictly enforced"

Broadbent's Road Guides invites comment and corrections on their maps of areas we have visited. Especially asked for is information concerning the Bright district, of which a new map is now being prepared. We would prefer that any information our members can supply be passed on to the Walks Sec., Warren Olle, so that he may collate all that is available and inform Mr. Lukey, of Broadbents.

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ALONG THE TRACK

ELTHAM - RINGWOOD - JOHN BALL: A party of nine turned up for my walk through pleasant country along the Yarra to Warrandyte, where a "wet lunch" was enjoyed. All were glad to reach Ringwood at 6 o'clock.

FLOWERDALE - PHEASANT CREEK - BETTY OLLE: (Fred Soutter was unable to lead this as programmed.) Fourteen members carried on the recent tradition of "wet walks". We started off along cleared ridges where we had to dig our studs in to stop the wind blowing us away, and were quite glad when we got into the scrubby country typical of the area. It rained quite a lot on Saturday - we were in a somewhat incongruous position, having a "dry" lunch in pouring rain! Fortunately near Mt. Robertson we found a gold-digger's hut, into which nine fitted tightly but warmly for the night. We lost three members, but found them next day in good condition. On Sunday the clerk of the weather sold rain, hail and snow wholesale, and threw in an icy wind free of charge, so we spent two hours during the height of the storm in a barn (a tip for Marie!) folk-dancing round the fire. Reaching the van was a very welcome moment, even though the trip back was a cold one.

EMERALD - BALD HILL - BELGRAVE - TESS MADDISON: As it was pouring when we reached Emerald, we had an hour's warm-up beside a fire in a cafe until the storm subsided enough for us to start. Even then we got fairly wet, but it was a very pleasant walk which we'd like to do again in fine weather - perhaps Autumn.

MOOROOLBARK - MONTROSE - BAYSWATER - EARL LAVENDER: An all male party of eight started off on the wrong road, but eventually found the right one. We spent much of the afternoon wading through a marsh, so what with water from above and water below, we got pretty wet. This section was marked on the military map as "swampy in wet weather" !!

BELGRAVE - KALLISTA - THE PATCH - SELBY - BELGRAVE - REX BENN: In spite of the frightfully wet weather, this walk turned out to have points of interest. Two men and a dog followed the leader through the Sherbrooke Forest, where they came upon quite a thick carpet of snow, from the Sherbrooke Falls to Kallista. The Falls were in raging torrent and quite spectacular. Apart from early heavy showers, most of the day was passed in light mist, which cleared from The Patch onwards, but heavy rain began again when we were in the train on the way home. As we reached Selby early, we decided to walk on to Belgrave along the railway track, and enjoyed a brief spell of sunlight.

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Willie by the Mansfield train
Was very neatly cut in twain.
Mother closed her eyes and wondered
Would she get his fare refunded?

(Inspired by an incident at the beginning of one Xmas trip.)

----- DATES TO KEEP IN MIND -----

- JULY 25th GENERAL MEETING ; Talk by Ron Cowen, Photographer.
- AUGUST 8th Committee Meeting, Jerram Hall 6.45 p.m.
- " 8th Book for Romsey van trip.
- " 15th Federation of Walking Clubs Annual Ball
- " 22nd HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING, Room 56, 8 p.m.
- " 22nd Book for You Yangs van trip.

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