

No. 59.

- THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS -

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HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING: 28th August (Remember - this week! by the
Proposed Amendment to the Constitution. (time you receive this News

You are reminded that this amendment, if carried, will mean that the Club will hold only four general meetings each year. If you agree with this, or have violent objections, or would like these meetings to be with lecturers or for general business only, come along and make your views heard. The strength of any club lies in the vigour and interest with which its members take part in helping to form its policy in the best interests of all.

Here is the amendment proposed by Heinz Wolff, and published in News No.58; "that the word "quarterly" be substituted for the word "monthly"; and that the words "May" and "November" be substituted for the words "each month" in Clause 10(c)."

PROPOSED XMAS WALKS (details on Notice Board)

Bogong High Plains: Alf Cole (Dec. 24-Jan 3).

Those who have limited leave at Xmas can join van trip for:-

- (a) 6 days returning from Bogong by the Staircase Spur to Tawonga.
- (b) 8 days returning from Pretty Valley by the S.E.C. road to Mt. Beauty and Tawonga.

Tasmania: Edna Richards (25 Dec - 10th Jan)

South-West Tasmania: Peter Becker (25 Dec - 10th Jan)

Buckland Valley-Mt. Selwyn- Bryce's Plains-Licola: Gerda Schwerin
(24th Dec - 3rd Jan).

BARN DANCE (SOCIAL WEEKEND AT MOUNT SLIDE) Sept. 5-6.

This social event is a really good opportunity for our large number of daywalkers to come along and experience the pleasure of a weekend spent in the bush, without the disadvantage of a heavy pack. It is a van trip, and Emil Slade will have charge of the bookings.

The Programme: Saturday - 8 mile walk.

Saturday night - "Barn Dance" - Old and New Time,
Scotch and Square Dancing.

Sunday - 10 mile walk.

NOTE: Remember to bring a light pair of shoes or sandshoes (depending how rustic you feel) since ABSOLUTELY NO Hob-nailed Boots are allowed on the Dance Floor.

Cost: Approx. 30/-. This covers accommodation, van and supper, after the Barn Dance. Accommodation is in well-appointed cabins with blankets and sheets, electric light, hot water, etc.

All meals, with the exception of supper to be arranged, as usual, by the walkers themselves. Cooking facilities are provided.

Early Bookings are essential.

SOCIAL NOTES:

Congratulations to Allan and Deirdre Robins who have a son, Nigel, born on June 16,

and also to Ken and Enid Middleton who also have a son, born on July 30. He is named Hilary, and so we are expecting that he may join the Club and do it much honour - with a name like that! - when he is older.

We are all pleased to hear of the engagement of Helen Newman and Peter Curtiss of Wangaratta. Since Xmas Helen has been living there being engaged in librarian work.

Heartiest congratulations to Keith and Paddy Murray who have a son Peter, born on July 17.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Evelyn Moszkovicz, 341 Riversdale Road, Camberwell.

FEDERATION SEARCH AND RESCUE WEEKEND (August 8-9)

There was a good roll up from all clubs for the Federation S & R Practice Weekend, held near Mt. Robertson in the Kinglake area, and most clubs were outnumbered by the large crowd from the University Mountaineers. Members had previously been allocated into eleven groups and to one of the three vans so that a minimum of members from each club were in each group and each van so that the clubs were well mixed up and remained so for the whole weekend. This move proved extremely successful as everyone joined into the spirit of the affair and "mixed in" well.

On the Saturday morning after a briefing of the weekend's activities, the groups were dropped off along the King Parrot Creek and each proceeded to find and search their own particular search area according to their written instructions. Showery weather made conditions a little unpleasant in the thick scrub but the weather cleared for most of the afternoon so we could not grumble. After finding their marker, or having spent all the time that could be spared in searching for it, the groups then met near Mt. Robertson for the evening discussions on the day's proceedings, S & R organisation, and first aid. The first aid lecture was not fully appreciated due to the coldness and the lateness of the hour!

During the day one group consisting mainly of radio types, had been accompanied by two policemen who were trying out the capabilities of a new portable wireless set that is being adopted by the police. Each hour during the day this party had contacted the police radio van cruising in the Kinglake area and though conditions were bad at times, communications had been excellent. The police representatives will recommend that in future S & R groups be given radio sets to operate and maintain during search operations.

On the Sunday morning a first aid demonstration and talk on the treatment of fractures was given and a stretcher made up and a "victim" carried through the nearby scrub. After an early lunch the whole party was organised for one big "in line" search of an area about a mile wide and two miles long, to find two pairs of lost girls. This type of search is difficult to control but proved successful, for both "lost" parties were found during the afternoon, one being carried for some distance on another made-up stretcher. The whole party arrived at the Glenburn-Flowerdale road in time to make billies of tea before boarding the vans for the trip back to Melbourne. Over the tea it was generally agreed that it had been a good weekend from all points of view, most people had learnt a little about Search and Rescue, all had enjoyed the walk and all had enjoyed the company. We hope the next big Practice Weekend, next year, will also be a success.

NEW MEMBERS: We are happy to welcome the following new members

Lilian Lunel, 177 Keele Street, Melbourne. (p) Tel. JA.1763
 Eric Kaye, Engineering and Construction Branch, Department of
 Navy, Albert Park, Melbourne. (b) MXY 130 ext. 6062.
 William Walladge Mansfield, 300 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn. E.2
 Betty T. Irvine, 7 Charles Street, St. Kilda. (p) LA.8383.
 Joyce Edgecumbe, C/- Y.W.C.A., 161 Gordon Street, Fitzroy. MW.1341.

CORRECTION: "WALKS PROGRAMME".

Members interested in Frank Pitt's walk, Yarra Glen-Phillips Rd.-Hurstbridge, on October 10-11, should note that the correct phone no. of the leader is WX.6554, and amend their programmes accordingly.

NEW CHARGE FOR VAN ON DAY TRIP:

As a result of investigations by the Committee regarding van costs it has been found necessary to make a minimum charge of 6/- per person, for a day van trip.

"WALKS" OUTSTANDING:

Some members are still holding 120 copies of the "Walk" not yet paid for. Since it is getting near the time that the next one may be produced, Frank Pitt who is on the "Walks" Subcommittee would appreciate payment being received on these outstanding copies.

"ON THE TRACK"RIDDELL-MT. CHARLIE-CHEROKEE-BARRINGO (Neil McDonald Aug July, 7)

A party of 20 left the van on a cold but bright morning, two miles from Rid-dell along the Sandy Creek Road. A mile or so of contour following found us on the track to Mt. Charlie. We discovered a pipeline here and a little further on had lunch. The more energetic of the party decided to climb Mt. Charlie meeting the rest of us further on. We had a fire going and all enjoyed a "cuppa". It had been a very pleasant day, despite some road-bashing to meet our van.

LYREBIRD WALK (Heinz Wolff, July 18)

You might not believe it, but 12 Bushwalkers actually saw the lyrebirds, making this trip a complete success. Splitting into two groups of 6, we went to visit the various haunts of the lyrebird. Many of these birds were watched from very close quarters while they were singing and performing and many photos were taken. After walking through Sherbrook Forest, we followed the firebreak from Kallista to Bellgrave and then along the narrow gauge railway line into Fern Tree Gully.

DANDENONG-LISTERFIELD HILLS-BELGRAVE. (John Ball, July 19)

A party of 15 ventured out on this walk, a combination trip of both road and scrub-bashing. Lunch was had at the Heaney Park Reserve among the pleasant Listerfield Hills, but unfortunately the weather took a sharp turn for the worse. Shelter was had in a local fowl house (any port in a storm!). After much prompting, the walk was resumed across to the Listerfield Road and then on through to Upper Ferntree Gully.

MT. ALEXANDER KOALA RESERVE (Horst Eisfelder, July 26)

Thirtyeight of us endured the 2 1/2 hours journey (each way) to Mt. Alexander, and were rewarded with glorious sunshine and a large number of koalas which amused us with their antics. Lunch was had by a waterfall and then some "mountaineering" was indulged in. (There seems to be still some disagreement as to what constituted the summit!)

TAGGERTY-GLENBURN (Graeme Rae, August 1-2)

We disembarked at Glendale lane, 6 miles from Taggerty, walked alongside Health Creek for 1 1/2 M miles, and then had lunch. Immediately after lunch, we climbed up the spur from which we had an excellent view of Cathedral Range. A ridge was then followed to a power line, by which we walked all the afternoon, through intermittent showers till we reached the top of the Black Ranges. Decided to walk down the other side in the dusk, till we found water, which was encountered in a fine stream, half-way down and also a good campsite. Fires were lit after some difficulty and all had a comfortable night. Having done the worst of the trip on Saturday, we slept in on Sunday morning, finally getting away at 11 a.m. - dare we admit it! After easy walking through open country we at last arrived at Glenburn with time in hand to boil the billy before departing in the bus.

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(Misses D. E. and E. M. Crimp)

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"ON THE TRACK" Cont'dBORONIA - ONE TREE HILL - SHERBROOK FOREST - FERNTREE GULLY Alfred Sternberg , August 2)

This walk was attended by a happy crowd of 17 including the leader. Leaving the train at Boronia, we followed the road for about half-an-hour past many pleasant homes. Worth noting was that the wattle was in bloom already. Near a cross road we started our first real climb in the direction of the basin. It was here that most of us shed our heavy woollen jumpers and sweaters and after struggling to the top, some members of the party were dismayed, when told that One Tree Hill is still ahead of them. Dropping down to the Basin, we crossed a couple of new forestry roads, and then started climbing again on the last lap to One Tree Hill. Some good views were had from the tower, as the weather was excellent. After getting some hot and cold water from a nearby cafe, we soon settled down for a good lunch, and after nearly two hours rest, we started off again. Past Ferny Creek while walking along some side road, we passed a notice; "Private". Deciding to take a risk, we kept on to that road, when we noticed to our dismay, that the latter came to a dead end, near a newly built house. Rather than walk back we decided to beat it through the scrub, to the nearest road. Remarks were soon heard such as: "It's a pity there are no Blackberries here", soon followed by; "Ah, nice prickly really long ones". Blackberries or no blackberries, most of the party soon bashed their way through to a cleared property from where they got on to a good road. After searching the Sherbrook Forest area, it was decided to make for the falls, and at last after a short rest when these had been climbed, we returned to Belgrave, from where some of the party decided to walk to Ferntree Gully, the others catching the bus.

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Capes, etc.

Moulded products bowls and mugs (1/6d.) will be arriving, shortly.

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MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: A notice is to be placed in Auski's bearing the Club's programme, and will be kept up-to-date by Heinz Wolff.