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OF THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

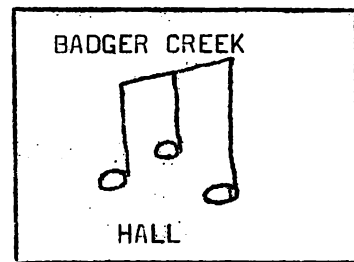
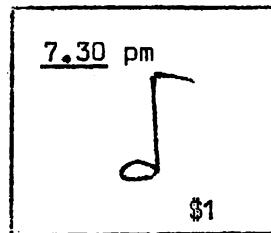
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FUN FUN FUN SQUARE DANCE



WHEN.....SATURDAY MAY *12th. at 7.30 pm.

WHERE.....BADGER CREEK HALL (Near Healesville)

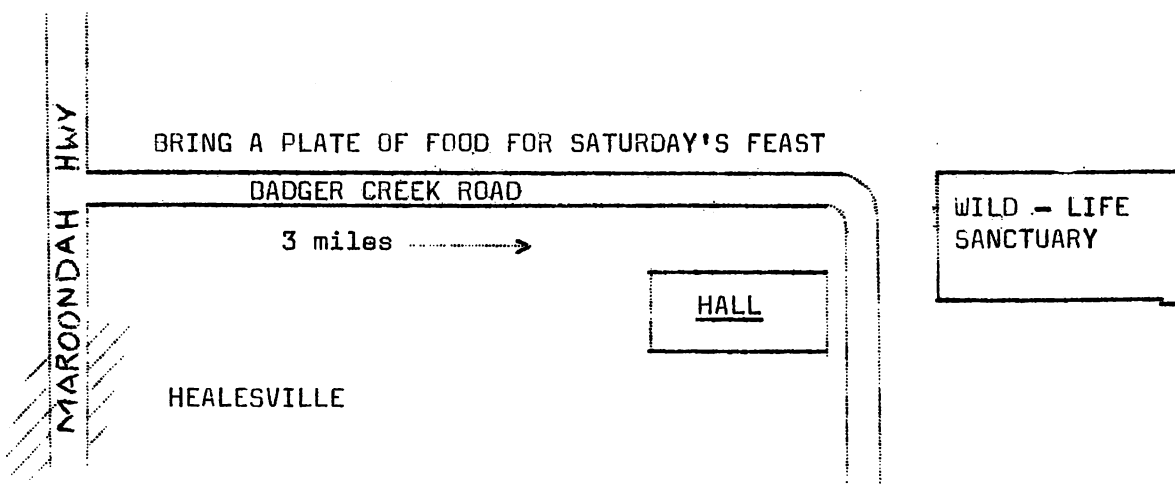
CBST.....ONLY \$1

DANCE CALLER.....KEN HOCCKE (Returning by popular demand!)

WHAT TO WEAR?.....COUNTRY - FOLK STYLE CLOTHES

TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM OUR SODIAL SECRETARY, GRAHAM HODGSON.

DONT MISS OUT



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MELBOURNE, Victoria 3001

Meetings are held in the clubrooms, 14 Hosier Lane, at the rear of the Forum Theatre, every Wednesday night at 7.30 pm. Visitors are always welcome.

MAY WALK PREVIEWS

DAY WALKS

First a late one for April...

April 29 REEDY CREEK - WILD DOG CREEK - DIGGERS GULLY SPUR

Leader; Dave Andrews (b)379 4055 Medium
 Van leaves Batman Ave. 9.15 am. Fare \$2.00

The route will follow tracks from Reedy Creek until a hill overlooking Diggers Creek is reached. After descending in to the valley, a track then follows Diggers Creek. Diggers Creek is left and a short climb to a track which leads to the van. The walk is classed as medium with some quite lovely views, wather permitting. Approx distance 9 miles.

May 6 MT. MACEDON - CHEROKEE

Leader; Chris Milne Medium
 Van leaves Batman Ave. 9.15 am Fare \$2.00

May 13 MT. JULIET

Leader; Gerry McPhee Easy
 Van leaves Batman Ave. 9.15 am. Fare \$2.00

May 20 TOBOORAC - MT. KOALA - PYALONG

Leader; Stan Attwood (p)232 6246 Easy - Medium
 Van leaves Batman Ave. 9.15 am. Fare \$2.00

UNFORTUNATELY THERE HAS BEEN NO PREVIEWS RECIEVED FOR EACH OF THE ABOVE WALKS This is probably an appropriate place for me to complain about the continual lack of co-operation of leaders who fail to submit walks previews. People rely on News to supply the latest information about the walks for the coming month and if the leader of each walk does not give this information to the editor it becomes the task of him/her or the overworked Walks Secretary to dream up some nice little description of the walk.

I dont doubt that each of the above walks will be very pleasant and enjoyable as are most walks, and well worth attending, but I am unable to supply any more useful details. These three leaders are not the first or only offenders, this has been happening for months.....only half the previews are recieved. So if you are leading a walk soon and the Walks Sec, hands you your walks preview form, get to it right away and save him the job of writing about it, as well as programming it.

May 27 COBAW RANGES

Leader; Darrell Sullivan (b)67 8428 Easy - Medium
 Van leaves Batman Ave, 9.15 am. Fare \$2.00

This walk will follow the length of the Cobaw Ranges along pleasant forest tracks with views of distant rolling hills. Bring water for lunch. Map; lancefield and Pyalong 1" = 1 mile Expected return; 8.00 pm.

ALL MEMBERS please take note that the

APRIL 31- MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

will be held in the club room on Wednesday MAY 2nd. at 8 pm. sharp.

Please note also that the clubrooms will be closed on April 25 (Anzac Day)

NOTICE OF MOTION for April Bi-monthly General meeting.

I wish to move that Rex Filson be granted Life Membership of the club.

Proposed - Art Terry
Seconded - Fred Halls

MAY WALKS PREVIEWS

WEEKEND WALKS

May 4 - 6 SAWMILL SETTLEMENT - MT. BULLER - HOWQUA RIVER (8 MILE HUT)

Leader; Graham Wills-Johnson (p)52 4720 Medium - Hard
Van leaves Batman Ave. 6.30 pm. Fare \$6.00. Expected return 8.00pm
Map; F.C.V. Mt. Buller Area 1 mile = 2 inches
Approx dist; 11 miles.

Ascent is by way of Round Hill. Social climbers may make a side trip to Mt. Timbertop as a tribute to the Prince of Wales if they so desire. On Saturday night we will camp very quietly below Kofler's and if no one notices us the walk will continue from there on Sunday morning. Sunday might turn out to be a rather funny day. The aim of the exercise is to walk over Little Buller and finish up at 8 - mile hut. Do not let the fact that the last MBW party to attempt this finished up somewhere over near Macallister springs deter you - we will probably end up somewhere like Mt. Cobbler, but just think how much of the state you will have seen for the price of just one van fare!

May 4 - 6 FEDERATION SEACH AND RESCUE PRACTICE

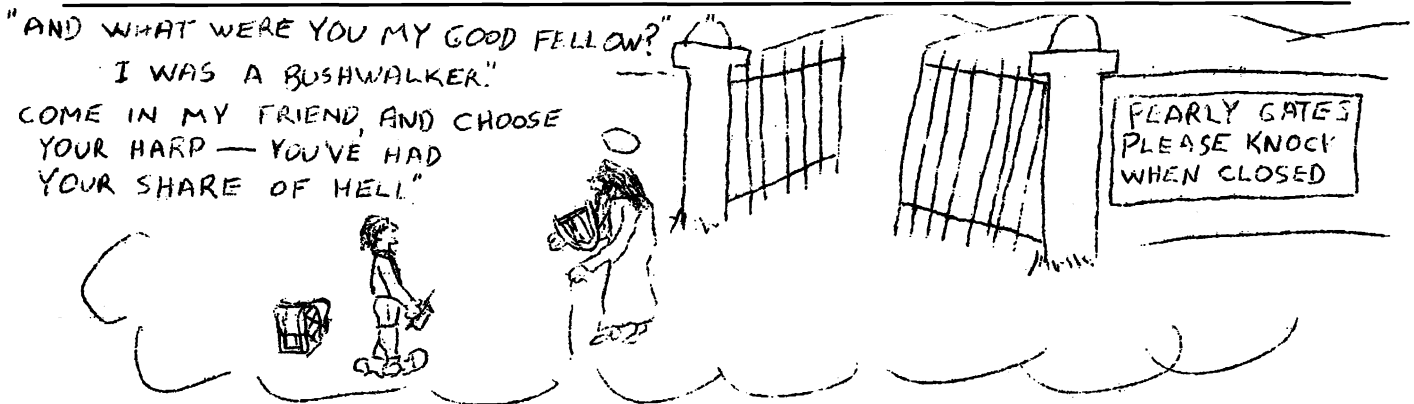
This has been changed from the date listed in the program.
The week end will take the form of a combined lecture and practice at the St. John Ambulance Training Centre, Britannia Creek Road, Yarra Junction. It will commence at 9.00 sharp on the Saturday morning, so those who wish to arrive on the Friday evening may do so. The week end is open to all club members as well as those already in S & R, so if you have been thinking of joining the S & R team this is a good opportunity to go along and find all about it. You will need to bring normal weekend gear, Juliet and Gembrook 1:50,000 maps and \$1. Please let Tim Dent know if you are interested in attending.

May 12 - 13 SQUARE DANCE.....See front page.

May 18 - 20 MT. COLE - VICTORIA MILL - BEN NEVIS - ELMHURST

Leader; Graham Hodgson (p) 728 1734 Medium
Van leaves Batman Ave 6.30 pm. Fare \$5.00
Map; F.C.V. Mount Cole Forest 1 mile = 2 inches
Approx distance; 26 miles. Expected return; 8 pm. Sunday

This differs from the programmed trip. We will commence by climbing Mt. Cole, during which some excellent views of the western district are obtained. From there we follow bush tracks and cross country to Ferntree Waterfalls (A scenic reserve) This is followed by a steep climb with more beaut views to Saturdays camp at Victoria Mill. On Sunday we follow more bush tracks to a magnificent view from the Ben Nevis fire tower then N.E. to meet Elmhurst township. Saturday will be quite a long haul with a fair amount of climbing. Bring water for Friday night.



PHANTOM FOSSIL

Rod's famous car washing trick somewhat back fired recently. Rod was attempting to cross the Buffalo River when he became stuck right in the middle with the water steadily rising higher and higher up the side of the landrover. The water entered the vehicle and neatly washed Rod's carpet, his boots, socks and a goodly portion of both legs, not to mention the engine, fortunately he pulled out of the rather tragic position just before the seats were submerged.

Alex Stirkul took (or was seen to take) a lady friend along with him on a recent, this of course had no bearing on the fact that Alex retired to his tent at a very early hour the second night...had it Alex???

The club farewelled yet another overseas traveller recently. This time it was Tyrone's turn and he like every one else plans to be away some considerable time: visiting as many places as he can.

The P.F. joke of the month was actually heard on the A.D.C.!! Did ya hear about the little boy who, on his birthday, went up to his dad and said 'What does fornication mean?' His father somewhat embarrassed by his son's question asked him where he had heard the word used. 'Oh' said the boy, 'I just heard grandma say to grandpa that we should have champagne fornication like this'.

True love has some interesting origins. Have you heard how Marion Trickett and Ian Hill (soon to be married) met? No!! OK I'll tell ya. The scene is Wilky and Marion discovers the awful truth that the lodge has no toilet paper, so she thinks 'Ah the Scout hut down the track should have some' (I don't think she can have been too desperate at this stage) So she walks to the hut and lo and behold the guardian of the Sorbent (Ian of course, stupid) stands within. After much pleading by Marion, Ian relinquished some of the precious paper, and so from this soft, gentle beginning, Ian plays his roll as a man and a beautiful story unwinds itself.

Isn't Mother Nature beautiful?

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS.....

- Nicholas William EDGE, 8 Mundy St., Mentone 3194 (p)93 9606
- Wendy TAYLOR, 64 Hartington St., Glenroy 3046 (p)306 6152
- William Folmer REDDINGIUS, 3/41 Rockley Rd., South Yarra 3141 (p)24 1289
(b)609 5119
- Frederick RODGERS, 15a Charnwood Road, St.Kilda (p)51 3011 (b)615 2956
- Tom TRUSTRUM, 364 Wattletree Road, East Malvern 3145 (b)McEwans, Promotion Dept.
- Graham THORNTON, 9 Duxton Road, Mitcham 3132 (p)874 6349 (b)544 0111 ext.137
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- Russel Ronald WILKS, 9 Roseberry Ave., East Brighton 3187 (p)92 7139
- Leigh SULLIVAN, 6 Fulham Ave, South Yarra 3141 (p)249175
- John BANKS, 76 Dresden St., Heidelberg 3084 (b) Royal Botanic Gardens

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Peter and Sue CARLYON, Primary School 951, Tabilk 3607 (p) & (b)Nagambie 184

NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE

MEETING

SO far only 80 members have paid their subscriptions.
PLEASE PAY YOUR MONEY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO HELEN DENT YUG'LL GET A RED NOSED DONKEY ON YOU "NEWS" NEXT MONTH IF YOU DON'T!

Social Secretary announced the following dates...

May 9 Geoff Crapper will show slides in the clubroom of Kosciusko N.P.,
Wilsons Prom. and the High Plains.

May 12 SQUARE DANCE see front page.

May 16 and 30. Movies from the State Film Centre have been booked for the clubroom for these two dates. Unfortunately it is not possible to say this far ahead which films will be available each night because they are all heavily booked, but they have many films on areas of great interest to us including Cradle Mountain, Freycinet Peninsula, Dognob High Plains and National Parks in New Zealand to name a few. Which ever films are shown on those dates will be well worth seeing.

Walk Magazine Sub committee is as follows; Graham Wills-Johnson - Editor, Geoff Greenwood - Business Manager, Athold Schafer - Advertising; Barry Short - distribution, Warren Baker - advisory, Fred Halls - Track Notes. More Articles are still required to give a wider selection. See Graham if you have any in progress. If any one has any interesting letters or extracts from any of our members currently travelling overseas, he would also like to hear from you.

Wilkinson Lodge A successful work party was held last month. Bookings for are filling up and any one who requires lockers should contact Darrell immediately. Cost \$4.

FEDERATION GENERAL MEETING17th. APRIL JOY SEYMOUR has been nominated as Federation Hon. Secretary.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held immediately prior to the General Meeting on May 2nd. To elect a President.

Search and Rescue Rosemary Rider is to be our S & R observer.
Search and Rescue Practicesee under walks previews.

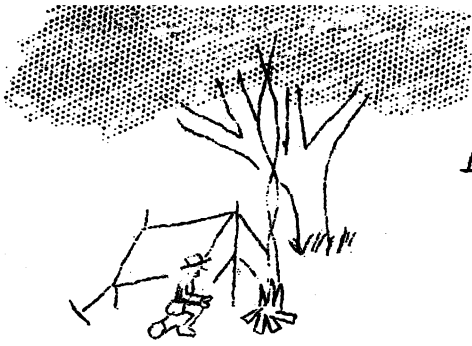
Duty Roster
April 18 Rod Mattingley, Graham Hodgson
25 Clubroom closed
May 2 Tim and Helen Dent
9 Darrell and Ann Sullivan
16 Lindsay Barrow, Peter Bullard

THANK YOU NOTE

I would like very much to thank all my friends at the bushwalkers for the numerous going away cards, presents and kind thoughts expressed. Especially do I want to thank those present on the Mt.Emu walk who said good bye in a very special way. It is wonderful to know one has such real friends.

Tyrone Thomas

Art Terry would like every one who contributed for Denis before Christmas, that he is using the money to take his wife out to dinner and also for lessons on an electric organ which he has just been given. We are sur he will enjoy both. It was all quite a surprise for Denis and he wishes to pass on his thanks.



ALONG THE TRACK

B00-B00S IN THE BAW BAWS

I suppose the preview should have been taken as due warning..... "The walk traverses the complete Baw Baw Plateau," it said cheerfully, "then finishes on the West Tyers River east of Mt. Erica." Strangely enough the map I had showed Mt. Erica to be east of the West Tyers River, but I knew that an MBW preview couldn't possibly be wrong, and therefore assumed that Mr. Brookes must have had his compass all boxed up. Accordingly, I threw my map into the wastepaper basket and joined 32 other trusting souls who had placed themselves under the care and guidance of a well-known MBW vice-president.

Well, traverse the complete Baw Baw Plateau we most certainly did in the first two days, and very pleasant it was too. The sun shone benignly; Uncle Tim gave us plenty of rests; Norbert's running battle with the English language provided comic relief; and we climbed every named peak on the plateau except Mts. St. Gwinear and Kernot. How good life as a bushwalker seemed on that cloudless Sunday morning, looking from the collection of tents high on the treeless ridge just north of Mt. St. Phillack out over Mustering Flat to ridge beyond ridge of ever fainter blue mountains across the Thompson valley. "If only life could be all bushwalking" I thought later the same day, as I lay in the drenching sun after a lunch of bean salad, Danish cheese and smoked beef. We had returned from conquering Mt. Tyers.

THAT was on the Sunday. By the time we eventually had lunch on Monday everybody felt that the rest of their lives, at least, WOULD be nothing but bushwalking. How quickly things can change. The sun was gone, giving way to a clammy fog which at times thickened into a miserable wet drizzle. The lovely open tops were far behind us as we struggled with a steep, heavily-forested mountain side upon which scrub bashing was interrupted only by clambering up tiers of slippery fallen logs. Already we had bashed down to the West Tyers River once, but the logging track we sought was nowhere in evidence and the river proved impossible to follow. Now we were bashing up to the top of the ridge again in the hope that it would provide easier going. Eventually the ridge began to lead us back down to the West Tyers River where the logging track began - but when we got there it wasn't the West Tyers River, and there wasn't a logging track, and it was 4.30 pm - an hour after the time we should have met the van, eight miles away.

Only a trained eye would have noticed a very slight stiffness of the upper lip, the merest shadow of a grim expression on his face, as our leader calmly worked out a compass bearing to walk to, and we began once more to flounder wearily in his steady wake. Five o'clock - still walking the same bearing. Five-thirty, drizzling, still on the compass bearing. Five forty-five, getting dark already with the fog, still on the same bearing, and dropping steeply again. Six o'clock, and at last we can hear the river below us. The logging track HAS to be between us and the river. Six-o-five - I can see the river! There is no logging track. It's not there. How can it possibly not be there? Well anyway. it isn't. We will be here for the night now. What an impossible place to try and camp - all logs and boulders, it drops straight into the river. We'll have to find a flat place in the next ten minutes or it will be completely dark and we won't even be able to put our tents up.

Suddenly there is a shout as someone comes across a sawn log. Then another. Then a snig-track! We yell back to the main party, collapsed miserably on the precipitous river bank. At long last the logging track which has eluded us all day has been found. There is still a six mile bash in darkness and mud back to the van, but this tenuous path will grow by degrees into a six-lane highway if we

follow it far enough.....

The van is still waiting when we reach it, nearly six hours overdue. Good old Denis - he really deserves that gold watch or whatever it was we were going to get him.

Forty hours later, Fearless Leader is bashing around in Baw Baw scrub again - out on a Search and Rescue for a man lost only three miles from the scene of our own troubles. I guess bushwalking is the only occupation which is continued in the next life, regardless of whether you score wings and harp or horns and tail!

Graham Wills-Johnson

THE NEW YEAR TRIP THAT DIDN'T GO TO DARGO

Now that we have survived the hottest driest Christmas holidays in living memory, and the Tasmanian tourers returned from hail and snow, I hope it isn't too late to mention that 18 of us did not get to Dargo, even though the club had not been on a trip there for years. When Geoff assured us that he had every thing organised, little did he know that he was speaking to an old timer who has seen many best laid plans of mice and leaders loused up at Christmas by unknown forces.

This came about on Friday night when the police at Sale informed him that the road to Dargo was closed, because of bush fires in the area, so we proceeded to the rendezvous at Iguana Creek recreation ground, and pitched camp. Next morning several other car loads arrived from back of beyond and it was decided to spend the day at Glenaladale National Park.

Leaving the cars at the picnic ground, we followed a steep but well graded path to an unusual and fascinating rock cavern known as "the Den of Nargun", according to aboriginal legend, inhabited by a mysterious creature. An excellent article about this area appears in WALK 1964 which is well worth buying; better still make plans to go there yourself if possible. The trees and plant here in this pocket of Victoria are quite unique, even under such drought conditions. Close by, the Mitchell River looked cool and inviting and we were soon swimming in its clear water.

Later it was decided to proceed that afternoon to the Lakes National Park, a reserve between Lake Victoria and the Ninety Mile Beach. Permission from the Ranger at Loch Sport was obtained to leave our cars at the picnic ground, situated about 8 miles drive through magnificent old banksia trees, to where the assistant ranger took us to a pleasant spot a mile beyond. The next two days were spent by all in the most leisurely way, paddling, bird observing, sunbaking, sleeping, bludging, ear - bashing, eating, strolling around the lake and a sing song to welcome the New Year in. It would be hard to imagine a nicer way not to go to Dargo.

Many thanks Geoff and Jenny for a weekend so varied and enjoyable.

Lorraine Richey

Heard some one saying that the reason why Sue bought a Landrover was because of all the waves and toots she gets from all the blokes in other Landrovers on the road,.....what a thing to say!

THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR THIS MONTH

APRIL GENERAL MEETING.... MAY 2nd. IN THE CLUB ROOM, 8pm. SHARP

PAY YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW. MAY NEWS will be the last you get if you don't.

Thankyou to all contributors and to Helen for typing. Closing date for articles and WALK PREVIEWS for MAY NEWS is Wednesday May 2nd. (evening iof the Gen. meeting) Those who should be thinking of walks previews are those who are leading walks in June.



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