



# THE NEWS

OF THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

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## COMMITTEE NEWS

### TREASURER

The financial statement at the end of June was as follows:

Bank balance: \$4071.75 Fixed deposits: \$2000

### CONSERVATION GROUP

A motion was passed by the Committee allowing a sub-committee to spend up to \$500 securing legal advice regarding FCV use of federal money that they get under the REDS scheme. It is not intended that all the money be spent - it being the maximum before reporting to Committee.

NB: The next meeting of the Conservation Group will be in the Clubroom at 7pm on Monday July 28th.

### FEDERATION REPORT

(1) Federation still require an editor for Federation News, and a chairman for the Conservation Committee, both positions providing an excellent opportunity to do something positive for conservation. Please see Geoff Mattingley for further information.

(2) The National Parks Service has complained to Federation about a recent incident at Wilson's Prom, where 3 persons - members of three different Federated Clubs - left a track (itself a breach of regulations) and climbed Mt. Latrobe. At the top they left a jar containing their names and clubs, and one person scratched his name in a rock. Federation has asked all clubs to ensure that when in National Parks, the regulations are strictly observed, as this sort of incident puts the bushwalking movement in a bad light.

### SEARCH AND RESCUE

Please note that from July 12 to September 7 the Club Contacts will be as follows.

No 1. Norm and Edna Richards	857 6793
No 2. Geoff and Jenny Kenafacke	294 667
No 3. Rex and Sue Filson	883 683

### SOCIAL PROGRAMME

August 6th - Slides of the Flinders Ranges by Rob Harris

August 20th - Slides of New Zealand, Nelsons Lakes, Tongariro, Mt. Cook etc. by Graham Thornton

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## GRONOW'S GUIDE TO GREASY GRUB JOINTS

This is in the process of being prepared. MORE INFORMATION IS NEEDED. The News Convenor will accept all contributions on behalf of the compiler.

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### FLAT TO SHARE:

Tyrone Thomas wants to share his 2 bedroom, modern flat at 4/28 Arnold St. Sth. Yarra with another male.  
12 months lease  
Telephone Norman Thomas 848 4985 to pass on a message,  
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All correspondence should be addressed to:-

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

JULY WALK PREVIEWS

August 3 MURCHISON FALLS - STRATH CK. - DIGGERS GULLY Medium

Leader: Bob Steel (p) 473 743  
Transport: Van from Batman Ave. 9.15am Fare \$2.50  
Expected time of return: 8.00pm  
Map reference: Kinglake 1:50 000  
Approximate distance: 12 Km.

A pleasant walk in interesting gorge country not too far from Melbourne. There are some interesting geological formations in the area, and a spectacular waterfall. Come prepared for cold conditions as it has been known to SNOW in this area.

August 9 SATURDAY SNOW WALKS - LAKE MOUNTAIN - TAGGERTY RIVER Easy/Med  
-KEPPEL FALLS -TALBOT DRIVE - CASCADE TRACK

Leader: Stuart Hodgson (h) 244 230  
Transport: Van from Batman Ave. 8.00am Fare \$3.00  
Expected time of return: 7.00pm  
Map reference: Taggerty/Juliet (FCV) OR Thornton/McMahons Ck. 1:50000  
Approximate distance: 10miles

We're keeping several alternatives up our sleeves, depending on where the snow-line starts and how far the Groaning Gronows Gondola can make it up the Lake Mountain road. Time will be made available for those wishing to manufacture snowmen, igloos, chase yetis or throw snowballs at the leader. Those intending to come are advised to bring plenty of warm, waterproof clothing and boots.

There will be some bushy ups and downs, but hopefully more downs than ups.

August 17 BELLS BEACH - PT. ADDIS - ANGLESEA Easy

Leader: Darrell Sullivan (p) 338 6325  
Transport: Van leaves Batman Ave. 9.15am Fare \$3.00

See Darrel in the Clubrooms for further details when booking.

August 24 RAVENSWOOD - MT. HERBERT - VIEW HILL Easy/Med

Leader: Kevin Greaves (p) 825 094  
Transport: Van from Batman Ave. 9.15am Fare \$3.00

Kevin says it's a pleasant walk through a forested area. See him for further details.

WEEKEND WALKS

July 31- THE BLUFF - MT. HOWITT - CROSSCUT SAW (LANGLAUFING)

August 3 Leader: John Siseman (b) 673 354 (p) 876 1839  
Transport: Private (Note Thursday night departure)  
Map reference: VPTC King-Howqua-Jamieson

A 3 day trip to visit Mt. Howitt and the Crosscut Saw in winter, via Mt. Lovick and Mt. Magdala. It should be an interesting trip if the weather's fine - probably be more interesting still if the weather's bad. Be prepared to camp out in the snow. The party will leave Melbourne on Thursday night and return Sunday night, so here's a chance to use up some of those sickies.

August STRATH CK. -LADES HILL-DIGGERS GULLY-TUNNEL HILL Easy/Med  
1 - 3 -MURCHISON FALLS-WILD DOG CK.

Leader: George Telehin (b) 387 1066 ext.366  
Transport: Van from Batman Ave. 6.30pm Fare \$6.00  
Map reference: Kinglake 1:50 000  
Approximate distance: 18 miles.

A walk taking in four waterfalls - Diggers Gully Falls, Tunnel Hill Falls, Murchison Falls and Strath Creek Falls - as part of a round trip from "Strath Ck.", crossing the eastern tip of the Red Range and Wild Dog Ck. We will be camping on Diggers Gully Ck. about a mile upstream from its junction with Strath Ck., and returning via Lades Hill. A walk generally off the tracks, with occasional views other than waterfalls. A suitable weekend walk for beginners or semi-retired ski-tourers.

August THE BLUFF (LANGLAUFING)

8-10 Leader: Tim Dent (b) 697 073  
 Transport: Private  
 Map reference: VMTC Watersheds of the King, Howqua, Jamieson  
 Approximate distance: Depending on snow conditions

This trip is for those who have had ski-touring experience and preferably who have camped in snow conditions. The start is at Rocky Ridge just north of the Bluff, and involves a steep climb, carrying skis till the Bluff summit is attained. From here it is hoped to traverse east, possibly as far as No.1 divide, depending on snow conditions. Bluff Hut or Lovick's Hut will be used as camp sites. Return trip is by approximately the same route.

August MT. FRANKLIN-GLENLUCE SPRINGS-ELPHINSTON

Easy/Med

22-24 Leader: George Telehin (b) 387 1066 ext366  
 Transport: Van at 6.30pm from Batman Ave. Fare \$6.00  
 Expected time of return: 8.00pm  
 Map reference: Castlemaine 1:63 360  
 Approximate distance: 19 miles.

A walk through undulating, open whipstick forest with occasional heavy undergrowth. This area is covered with a maze of old mining tracks and diggings. Walking down the spur to Nuggetty Ck. there will be views overlooking Fryerstown. Camp will be near Central Springs, (about 1/2 mile from Glenluce Springs) on the Loddon River. Our route continues along the ridge, (up the spur which starts between Central and Glenluce Springs) south to south-west to the Vaughn-Daylesford road. After 1 1/2 miles we drop into Taritta Ck. valley for lunch, continue S to SW along the ridge to the west of the creek to the top of Mt. Franklin where we will meet the van at approximately 5.30pm. (Hopefully!) The ascent of Mt. Franklin will be our biggest climb for the weekend. Bring your waterbottles and I suggest you wear boots, not sand shoes - your feet will appreciate it.

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BUSHWALKING DESCRIBED: SHOULDERING THE PACK

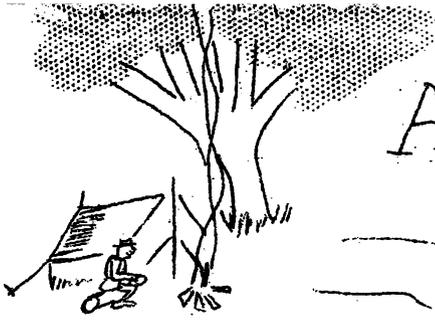
1. Take a standard H - frame pack loaded with tent, pegs, sleeping bag etc. and all the one-hundred-and-one items usually carried along.
2. Stand feet apart facing the frame of your pack which should be right way up on the ground.
3. Bend knees until reaching a squatting position, grasp uprights with both hands rise, and lift pack to chest level.
4. Slide right hand under pack, letting it take the weight, then half turn to the right slipping left arm under strap. Bending slightly forward allow left shoulder to take weight. Continue turning and insert right arm under its strap.
5. Bend forward to ease weight (no more than 90 degrees), groan and follow leader for next six hours (or six days depending)

(Unshouldering will be described in a later issue)

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\* MALE OF THE MONTH \*

This month - JOHN FRITZE - At Barmah Lake, Saturday morning, he crawled out of his tent, and came 100 yards across the camping area just to make a fire for his Mum. (and the rest of the bods in the area)



# A LONG THE TRACK

## "MOUNT MACEDON"

After much running back and forth from Flinders to Spencer St. stations to locate "lost bods" (we missed 2 of them then it appears) our leader eventually collected 19 of us and away we trundled in Gronow's luxurious newly upholstered van. In the crisp, June Melbourne morning, we could see our destination shrouded in fog. All too soon, we had to "prize" ourselves off the padded seats, do a quick change, and start climbing Mt. Powrong. Along we went, down to the saddle, where after much huffing and puffing with wet wood (and after some-one upsetting her billy on it) a fire was coaxed into life and we fed the "inner man".

With some persuasion from "you-know-who" we then climbed the Camel's Hump, where in between the swirling clouds we were able to snatch tantalising glimpses of the sun shining in patches on the plains below.

Suddenly a big, black, boggy stretch appears in the middle of the nice, cleared path. Max whips out his compass - Yes! - This is the turnoff. In we all plunge, mud to our ears! After 10 minutes, with only the whites of his eyes showing through the mud and whiskers, he bids us halt while he does a quick reconnaissance to make sure it was the right track. Straight to the top - we are promised tea and scones with strawberry jam and cream at the tea-house when we get there! Unfortunately, it never eventuated - the stove (or something) had gone "kaputt".

Max, I'll keep you up to the tea and scones another time, but thanks for a memorable "welcome home" walk. With all the grand and majestic scenery I have just seen in other countries, there is still no place like home.

Joyce Dunn

## THE TRAIN WALK THAT WASN'T

It was with relief that I saw Fred (though I couldn't remember his name at the time) in the queue at the ticket barrier. Melbourne Bushwalkers, conspicuous in any gathering, had been conspicuous by their absence from the crowd in the booking hall. But I have faith! So I followed the advice in the May "News" and bought my own ticket - "return to Woodend, \$1.95".

Through the barrier we compared notes. "Where is everybody?" "Haven't a clue!" "Probably on the train." A gentle bludge along the corridor soon dispelled that notion. Meanwhile, the train had started to move. We sat down to contemplate the ridiculous idea that we were the only two people interested in the June 15 train walk - "sure it was June 15?" - or that everyone else was out canoeing with Geoff Crapper!

We decided to have our circle (straight line?) of mateship on the train, taking the opportunity to comment on the futility of the traditional ceremony in which one hears about 43 names and remembers one. "Why doesn't the club use name tags? or club badges with the members name on them?" In addition to the circle of course!

Neither of us possessed the Lancefield map. Fortunately Fred had brought his compass. "We can probably buy a Broadbents in Macedon." Arrival in Macedon about 10.45am revealed two shops. One sold maps but wasn't open. The other was open, but.... Fortunately there is a map on public display at several points in Macedon. We studied this carefully, memorized a couple of compass bearings and struck off for a pleasant stroll through the township and across the golf course. Had we taken the shorter, but unattractive alternative of sticking to the main road we might have had a surprising encounter with a Gronow's furniture van. However, this tantalizing glimpse into the might-have-been was denied us, at least until much later in the day.

The ascent of Mt. Macedon from the south is very steep and through dense scrub, until you come out into a pine plantation where mature trees are being harvested, with all the attendant devastation. In the clearing, and just beyond, we got some good views until the swirling mist obliterated everything. A few minutes later a very un-real looking cross loomed out of the mist above us and we started to circle the wall beneath it. Then we saw the people, hundreds of them, from Grandma to baby Jo, all in vivid nylon windjammers, muffled up to the ears, speaking in strange tongues and all making this weird pilgrimage - apparently to see the cross, for there was nothing else to be seen. It was all so grotesque! We quickly found the summit, a little way from the cross, pointed ourselves toward Woodend and dropped into the mist.

The descent down the north-west spur is rocky underfoot through fairly light timber with some good views of the valley, until one meets a zigzagging logging track and eventually the road and railway. An hours walk along the railway reserve through pleasant open farmland completes the walk to Woodend station where we arrived about 5.00pm. Not quite! For in the town we spied a Gronow's van and with the help of the driver we unravelled the mystery of the train walk that wasn't.

In conclusion I would like to make two points about this walk. First, train walks are good! The club should have more of them. Second, thanks Max, for the ride back.

.....Gerry Allott

#### THE BRUSSEL SPROUTS BATTLE OF BARMAH (OR THE BALMY BARMAH BLUDGE)

As is common practice, the dawn broke to give us our bearings.(and to everyones surprize we discovered that we had camoed only 50ft. from the Murray) The leader didn't want to let it be known that he didn't have a clue where we were or where we were going to go.

As Dennis unloaded the 4 bright green canoes from the roof of the Gronow's van, everyone surged forward to have a try. The Murray was flowing very high, apparently because of flushing operations at Yarrawonga weir, and the Barmah Lake was a beautiful expanse of shallow water surrounded by flooded tributaries and backwaters.

The leader gathered his scattered group together and laid out the course of action to be taken. The 4 canoes were to be paddled upstream about ½mile to the proposed Base Camp, while the other people followed on foot in convoy with the pack - bearing cars. It was alright in theory, but in practice, the canoeists got slightly carried away and the last we saw of them they were disappearing around the bend behind a clump of reeds.

After an abortive attempt to find a good campsite, the leader settled for the first reasonable spot we had sighted. Tents were pitched and things made liveable while everyone contemplated the fate of the canoes. After about 3 hours, Mark returned triumphantly after locating the nine absconders. After lunch, a short trip was organised to Bucks Sandhill while the remainder paddled around the shallows exploring the maze of estuaries and lagoons abounding with birdlife. By teatime, everyone who had scrupulously kept their feet dry all day realised that they would have to get them wet anyway in the course of hauling water from the lake.

After tea was taken care of, the main fire was stoked up and the evenings socialising began. A momentous sing-song was initiated by Clyde and Mr. Hodge and soon about 30 bods were around the fire joining in the choruses, the scene brightened up considerably by John's Tilley light.

On Sunday, moods were varied, most choosing to bludge around camp or go with John and Graham to the Top Swamp by car. The disenchanted leader got eight people together and set off on an exploration of the north west shores of the lake. Everyone was ferried across and we headed up the narrow isthmus walking through lush grass strewn with fallen timber, quite different to the terrain near the campsite. Lunch was had in the sunshine near a beautifully grassed and wooded peninsular that juts out into Barmah Lake. This spot has been earmarked as a future campsite. After lunch we continued upstream, crossing a few tricky rivulets and tributaries. Venturing across one stream we surprized a dozing emu who took off at 40kph on spotting us. It would be a great walk to circumnavigate the Lake, but it would also take the best part of a day.

That night was a bit quieter than the previous and everyone had turned in when along comes Peter and decides that he is going to camp out under the stars. The cracking of wood could be heard and then the thump, thump as he stoked up the fire to incredible proportions so that he would be nice and warm for the night. As the fire reached a crescendo, Peter stripped off and performed a primitive dance, waving his arms in the air and emitting strange, animal-like noises. The sights you see when you haven't got a gun! Anyway, he finally turned in, but he didn't get much sleep because he had to dodge all the sparks that were shooting in all directions from the inferno.

Monday morning, and the inhabitants of the campfire were just about to sit down to their bacon and eggs when suddenly Geoff was struck by a U.F.O. behind the right ear. Carol copped another one a few seconds later, then everyone was being pelted by a spray of grenades, later identified as Brussel Sprouts. Graham H. had declared war from the shelter of his Flinders Ranges Fortress and the sneak attack was locked upon with great disfavour.

White onions began to rain down upon us with great profusion as everyone gathered their senses and prepared to retaliate. Graham's tent was impregnable and the pile of Brussel Sprouts and onions was growing as the battle escalated to flying carrots. Things were looking pretty grim as the final confrontation ensued. Graham had threatened to use his ultimate weapon - the thought was too horrible to contemplate. Half a pumpkin emerged from the tent - Paul came to the rescue by braving life and limb to remove Graham's tent poles. The battle was all but over for poor Graham! He was subjected to all kinds of torment as the heavy artillery homed in. Soon a white singlet was emerging from the fallen ediface, waving frantically.

An unconditional surrender was ordered as Graham sheepishly emerged from his tent to face the consequences.

We packed up, a last short walk, a bit of a paddle and off we went. Dennis was on time as usual as we arrived back at the van. The canoes were strapped up on top again and we said goodbye to Barmah.

The canoes were a great investment it was agreed, and there were no complaints about the extra hire charge.

....A B.B.B.

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The Editor,  
"The News"

Life is becoming difficult. Margaret Grogan and I possess the same initials and a similar profession, but the views of the other "MG" on the subject of medium hard ladies are not necessarily the same as mine. I doubt that anyone would confuse us (I cannot claim a noble lady headmistress) but, just in case I would like to make a few comments on last month's article.

Granted that we find women on walks, rather than ladies, I don't quite see how the transition from easy/medium to medium/hard walk results in a substantial difference in the type of woman found - from a relatively lady-like woman (requiring charm on the part of the male) to a fiercely independent female who will probably spurn all male overtures. Why should the standard of the walk determine the degree of female independence, and why for that matter, should it be supposed that if medium/hard males are competitive, the medium/hard woman must be also? They don't have to join in any competitiveness to appreciate the enjoyment of a walk which simply happens to be a bit harder than usual. Neither independence nor competitiveness necessarily relate to degree of difficulty, and certainly there is no reason why female behaviour should be contrasted with male behaviour on a walk.

Therein lies the problem - we tend to think of male versus female, with some quantitative and qualitative difference between them. And yet, especially in bushwalking, I am impressed by individual differences, and I suspect that these could be largely independent of sex. I am even tempted to suggest that International Women's Year serves more to polarise males and females than to contribute to any mutual understanding. We so readily perpetuate unnecessary and uninvited animosities, expectations and put downs between the sexes that even articles like Margaret's, albeit valuable in bringing ideas into the open, give me the impression of basically continuing our half-sensed myths.

I am not sure of the way out of that one, because discrimination on the basis of sex is a reality and needs to be tackled.

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SHADY SCORPION

One thing about Bob Chadwick, he sure is a considerate leader. On his recent Sunday walk it was pretty chilly so he let everyone go on a little side trip. Up and down a few hills and ridges and along a few familiar tracks that got more familiar the further you went, till, there everyone was, back at the start again twenty minutes later all nicely warmed up. That's Bob's story and he's sticking to it!

An example of impromptu mass hysteria was shown by the Barmah Bludgers near Pretty Sally on the way home. There was a traffic jam (as could be expected) and the Gronow's van found itself in a moving lane, passing all the stationary GT Monaros and XL Falcons. Geoff M. opened a window and made an innocent comment regarding a "bird". Suddenly the whole van was a mass of Farmyard noises, hands poking out of windows and wanton wakkiness.

The 43 budding ski-tourers who went on Rodney's Mt. Stirling trip were lucky enough to be treated to the first real snow of the season. A very sociable campfire on Saturday night at Sheeppyard Flat set the casual debauched mood for the weekend. Really now! Tilley lights, Car fridges, full length lilos, portable BBQ's and gallons of that mysterious red fluid. What is the Club coming to?

On Sunday, an incredible sight was seen! A figure zoomed down the road toward them at high speed. It resembled the yeti recently spotted on the Cathedrals trip, only this one was clad in a luminescent orange parka down to his knees where snow gaiters took over and two wooden planks were strapped to its hooves. This poor creature was subjected to a concentrated barrage of snowballs until it was beaten into submission.

Following countless requests and numerous pleas from interested parties in our midst, Geoff Crapper informs me that the latest, seasonally adjusted Zodiac figures of the club's membership are now available.

The top five is as follows:

SCORPIO	13.3%
GEMINI	12.1%
PISCES	10.3%
VIRGO	9.7%
AQUARIUS	9.1%

Quotes of the Month:

Committee Quirp: REX, arguing against paying \$40 to insure the treasurer for the possible loss of his fictitious \$600 wristwatch in the event of being mugged while in charge of the Club's money. (Phew - follow that one )

"But what if he was only wearing his \$4.50 Incablock!"

SYLVIA: "I like doing strange things"

G.C. "I'm not interested in the walking, I'm only in it for the women"

At least one inhabitant of Badger Creek didn't get too much sleep the other night - not while '70 odd, heavy footed bushies were jumping up and down on his ceiling anyway. The event being the Annual Square Dance, the ceiling being the floor of Badger Creek Hall, the inhabitant being a rather distressed wombat. He didn't do too badly though - Sam's bunch of bananas didn't last very long in his unattended pack and those assorted, discarded cakes made tasty munching for the friendly little marsupial.

By the way, the Social Secretary tells me the night was a great success in the tradition of previous Square Dances. Those who stayed the night were treated to a generous helping of left-overs, pies, pasties, cakes, bikkies and a nice sleep in before the Sunday walk.

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The problem is one of emphasis - we are all people, and our differences as individuals should ultimately be more important than our differences (real or imagined) as male or female.

As you can see, I have decided to take seriously Margaret's article, despite its aura of light-heartedness. I would hope that MBW encourages all its members to express their individuality, without fear of invidious comparison due to sex or any other factor.

.....Michael Griffin

The Editor  
"The News"

6/24 Lascelles Ave.  
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I wish to express my surprise on being honoured as the initial "MALE OF THE MONTH". I modestly think that the selection committee have been a little over praiseworthy in their choice of a drunken, fifth class kitchen hand.

Speaking of food, or the excess of it, any bod who foolishly accepted our invitation to call again could have devoured the 43½ stale sausage rolls, ever ready for guests, going mouldy in the oven. Also, from the wine cabinet, a fine selection of sour moselle, reisling, coca cola or dry ginger. On the way out, a farewell gift of a dozen empty, dead marines to dispose of on the northside of the Yarra. PLEASE!

Finally, I (we) look forward to the initiation of a living colour centrefold, liftout, "Female of the Month" supplement to "News" in the near future.

The Birdman for June.....Peter Clunas

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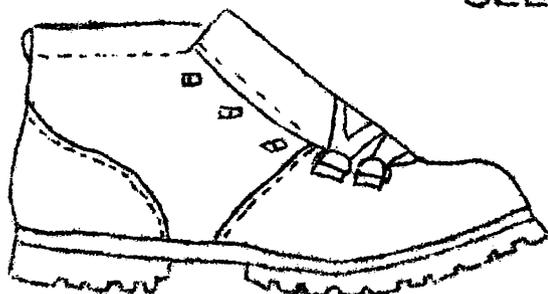
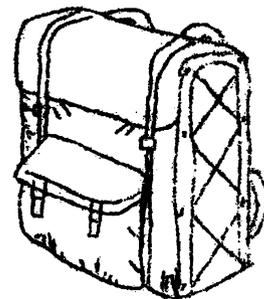
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CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

The Club shall be known as the Melbourne Bushwalkers.

2. OBJECTS

The object of the Club shall be:

- (a) to bring together those who esteem bushwalking and mountain climbing;
- (b) to encourage a wider appreciation of the wild life and natural beauty of this country and to assist in its preservation;
- (c) to foster walking tours;
- (d) to foster social activity among the Members.

3. BADGE

- (a) The Club badge shall be in the shape of a vertical rectangle with the following design: A man with a pack, walking uphill, (in silver), silhouetted against a light blue sky. The sky is divided from the hill mass by a thin blue line sloping down to the right, starting 2/3 of the way from the top of the badge. The hill mass is dark blue, with MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS imprinted in silver on it. A thin silver border encloses the design.
- (b) The badge shall remain the property of the Club and shall be returned to the Committee on demand.

4. ASSOCIATIONS

The Club may, when it is deemed advisable, affiliate, co-operate or associate with any other body or organisation for the purpose of furthering the aims of the Club, provided that affiliation with any other body or organisation shall not be effected except by a decision of a majority of members present at a General Meeting. At least fourteen (14) days notice of the proposed affiliation shall be given in writing to each member. All affiliations with other bodies or organisations shall be listed in the Honorary Secretary's annual report.

5. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to persons of both sexes, and in this Constitution words importing the masculine shall include the feminine also.

- (a) A full member is one who fulfils all the following requirements:
  - i) Qualifies, by completing to the satisfaction of the Committee, three Club programme day walks, each of qualifying standard, or two Club programme week-end walks, necessitating camping out. All Club walks shall be deemed qualifying walks except those marked non-qualifying on the programme.
  - ii) Pays the prescribed fees;
  - iii) Is of the full age of sixteen years.
- (b) Life membership may be conferred on any person as a mark of esteem and in appreciation of exceptional services, ~~on~~ ~~notice of motion at a General Meeting.~~  
*A. H. [Signature]*
- (c) Honorary membership may be conferred by the Committee in special circumstances for such a period as the Committee deems fit.

- (d) Applications for membership shall be made on the prescribed form, such form to include an indemnity clause removing from the Club or its agents the responsibility for and/or liability in respect to any injury, loss or damage suffered by persons participating in Club activities. Applicants shall be proposed and seconded by two members, each of at least six months' standing in the Club.
- (e) The Committee shall have the right to refuse membership to any person provided that the proposer shall have the right of appeal to a General Meeting.
- (f) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Constitution, a person participating in not more than three qualifying walks in any Club year may be classed as a visitor without any obligation to become a member. No non-member shall participate in more than three qualifying walks in any Club year until he has submitted an application for membership to the Committee. He may then participate in walks while the Committee is dealing with his application. The Committee may fix a scale of charges for visitors.
- (g) The Committee may class certain minor walks, etc. as social activities. Any person may participate in such activities as a visitor.
- (h) The Committee shall have power to discipline members in such manner as may be deemed fit should a member's conduct warrant same. All reports, complaints and charges shall be received and dealt with by the Committee, provided that the member concerned shall have the right of appeal to the next General Meeting.

6. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- (a) The entrance fee and annual subscription for the ensuing twelve months shall be determined at each Annual General Meeting.
- (b) Subscriptions for the ensuing year shall be due and payable at the Annual General Meeting, and any member whose fees are due and unpaid for two months shall cease to be a member. In the case of new members, the entrance fee and subscription shall be due immediately upon notification that the application has been accepted by the Committee. The Committee may, if it is deemed warranted by special circumstances, extend this period in the case of any individual member, such extension to be for a definite period, which may be extended from time to time as the Committee deems fit. Any such arrangement shall not be binding after the following Annual General Meeting, except as the incoming Committee shall decide.

7. OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE

- (a) The Office Bearers shall consist of
  - President
  - Two (2) Vice Presidents
  - Honorary Walks Secretary
  - Honorary Treasurer
  - Honorary Magazine Editor
  - Honorary Secretary
  - Honorary Social Secretary
  - Honorary Lodge Manager
  - Honorary "News" Convenor
  - Honorary Membership Secretaryand shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, to hold office for one year or until their successors shall have been elected. No President shall hold office for more than four years consecutively. The Committee shall, as necessary, define the duties of each Office Bearer.

- (b) The Committee shall consist of all Office Bearers and in addition five members of whom no more than three shall be of the same sex. Such members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, and shall also hold office for one year, or until their successors have been elected.
- (c) The Committee shall regulate its own procedures, and shall meet at least once during each calendar month. Seven members shall constitute a quorum. Any vacancy on the Committee shall be filled at the next General Meeting, except that vacancies in Office Bearers shall be filled at an Extraordinary General Meeting, of which seven days notice has been given, such meeting to coincide with the first General Meeting after the expiry of the seven days notice.
- (d) Absence from three out of five consecutive Committee meetings without reasonable excuse shall cause a Committee Member's seat to be declared vacant.
- (e) The Committee shall arrange all activities, keep a record of them, keep Club members and the public informed, and generally manage the affairs of the Club as provided for in this Constitution. The Committee is empowered to form such sub-committees as may be necessary. The Committee or Convenors of sub-committees may co-opt any person whose assistance may be deemed valuable.
- (f) The Club may buy, sell, hold, hire out, receive on hire, lend or receive on loan, or trust, any goods, real, personal moveable property or real estate, and enter into agreement with other persons or groups of people, incorporated or unincorporated, or undertake any action it deems fit, in pursuance of its objects.
- (g) The Committee shall at all times and in all matters, including the powers contained in the preceding paragraphs, be subject to the direction of the Club, and shall put into effect any resolution passed by a properly called and constituted General Meeting as provided in this Constitution.
- (h) The Committee shall amend or rescind any resolution, rule or appointment made by it by direction of a majority vote of a General Meeting called for the purpose, and at which are present not less than 20 percent of those members of the Club who are entitled to vote.
- (i) When a written agreement is entered into which is required to be signed on behalf of the Club, whether such agreement requires to be sealed or not, such agreement shall be executed by the President, and witnessed by the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Walks Secretary.

#### 8. TRUSTEES

The property of the Club shall be vested in three Trustees, each to hold office for three years, to retire in rotation and to be replaced by one elected at each Annual General Meeting.

#### 9. MEETINGS

- (a) The Annual General Meeting, of which at least fourteen days notice shall be given in writing to each member, shall be held between the 14th and 28th days of February each year. The business shall be the reception of the Annual Report and Financial Statement, election of Office Bearers and Committee, and any other business that may be brought forward.

- (b) A Half-Yearly General Meeting, of which at least seven days notice shall be given in writing to each member, shall be held between the 14th and 30th days of September each year for the transaction of general business.
- (c) A Bi-Monthly General Meeting shall be held in the last week of April, June and November each year for the transaction of general business.
- (d) The Committee, in relation to any business, may also, whenever it thinks fit, and shall, upon receipt of a petition signed by at least ten members and stating the business of the meeting requested, call an Extraordinary General Meeting for the purpose of discussing such business. At least fourteen days notice thereof shall be given in writing to each member, such notice to specify the nature of the business aforesaid. An Extraordinary General Meeting called pursuant to such a petition shall be held within thirty days after the Committee meeting following receipt of the petition.
- (e) Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum. The usual Parliamentary procedure shall be adopted at all meetings.
- (f) Election of all Office Bearers and Committee members shall be by secret ballot. A secret ballot may be held on any question if at least five members demand it.

10. YEAR

The Club year shall end on the last day of January.

11. FINANCE

- (a) Accounts shall be opened in the name of the Club with a reputable bank, and any two jointly of the President, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Walks Secretary shall operate on the accounts, provided that the signature of any one of them shall be sufficient endorsement for cheques, etc. paid into the Club's accounts. A Financial Statement shall be submitted to the Committee monthly.
- (b) Two auditors shall be elected annually, and shall audit all books, financial records, stocks, etc. at least half-yearly. Auditors may not hold any other office in the Club.

12. BY-LAWS

The Committee shall be empowered, subject to the provisions of this Constitution, to make such By-Laws as are deemed necessary.

13. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- (a) This Constitution shall not be amended except by a 60 percent majority of those present at an Extraordinary, Half-Yearly ~~or Annual General Meeting~~. For a meeting at which an amendment is to be debated, fourteen days notice, in writing, setting out the proposed amendment in full, shall be given to each member.
- (b) All proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be delivered in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least 30 days prior to the appropriate meeting as defined in Clause 13 (a).