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## FIRST ANNUAL CLUB DINNER.

Saturday, 8th May.

Where: Alfreds Homestead, Warrandyte. Melway Map Reference 35J3  
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All correspondence should be addressed to:-

The Secretary,  
Melbourne Bushwalkers,  
P.O. Box 1751Q, G.P.O.  
MELBOURNE, VIC. 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.

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MAY WALK PREVIEWS.

May 2 YOU YANGS Easy  
Leader: Max Casley (P) 52-3111  
Transport: Van from Batman Ave. at 9.15 am. Fare \$2.50  
Expected time of return: 6 - 7 pm  
Map Reference: Meredith 1 inch = 1 mile. (Out of print)  
You Yangs - Forest Commission, available  
1 Treasury Place, MELBOURNE.

Approximate distance: 8 miles

This is a popular reserve close to Melbourne and Geelong and so it attracts rather a large number of day-trippers. We will try to avoid the crowds as much as possible. Some fairly easy climbs with good views ( on a clear day! ). See Max in clubrooms for details. Remember to bring water with you.

May 9 CANTY'S ROCK - GOOD MORNING HILL - MT. TICKATORY - HABBIES HOWE. Easy  
Leader: Paul Gray (B) 949-6124  
Transport: Van from Batman Ave. at 9.15 am. Fare \$2.50  
Expected time of return: 8.30 pm  
Map references: Both Yea and Longwood 1:50,000  
Approximate distance: 7 miles

This is a new walk for the club. I don't know who recommended it to us, but they must either be cross-country runners or live in the district! I can see no way for us to do the whole walk in daylight and so I have shortened it so that we shall now finish at Dropmore.

This still leaves us with three fairly gentle hill climbs in pleasant dairy farming country. Good Morning Hill is particularly interesting, being littered with massive boulders, and we will probably take a break there for independent explorations. Please bring water for lunch. No recommendations for footwear, but I shall wear gym boots unless it's been raining.

May 16 THREE BRIDGES - MT. BEENAK - TORBET RD. Med.  
Leader: John Sparksman (P) 758-1589  
Transport: Van from Batman Ave. at 9.15 am. Fare \$2.50  
Expected time of return: 7.30 pm  
Map reference: Gembrook Military. 1:50,000  
Approximate distance: 13 miles.

The walk is virtually all along tracks, although there are not many flat areas. The steepest section leads to the lunch spot on top of Mt. Beenak, one of the few summits in the area with a view (and a fire tower). The last 2 miles are guaranteed a gentle descent.

May 23 SCARSDALE - CHERRY TREE HILL - FLAGSTAFF HILL. Easy/Med  
Leader: Otto Christiansen (B) 350-1222 x370  
Transport: Van from Batman Ave. at 9.15 am. Fare \$3.00  
Expected time of return: 8.00 pm  
Map reference: Ballarat 1:100,000  
Approximate distance: 15 km

This is an easy walk along tracks and through lightly timbered country; it's only the distance which makes this an Easy/Med walk. Bring water for lunch.

May 30 ANGAHOOK PARK - AIREYS INLET Med.  
 Leader: Les Markham (B) 699-2108  
 Transport: Van from Batman Ave. at 9.15am Fare \$3.00  
 Expected time of return: -  
 Map Reference: FCV, Angahook Forest Park.  
 Approximate distance: 17km

The Angahook Forest Park lies in the hills behind Airey's Inlet and within its 3000 ha are preserved sandy heathlands rich in wildflowers; forests of ironbark, blue gum, stringybark and messmate; fern gullies; a rare example of melaleuca swamp and a spectacular gorge all connected by a track system designed and constructed for pleasant walking. Our walk follows a circuit of 11 kms through the forest with a further 6 km along an old coach road now a sandy track, to finish at the beach on the Great Ocean Road.

WEEKEND WALKS.

Apr 30- MT. TAMBORITHA - LONG HILL - THE CRINOLINE. Easy/Med  
 May 2 Leader: Tyrone Thomas (P) 267-4160  
 Transport: Van from Batman Ave. at 6.30 pm. Fare \$9.00  
 Expected time of return: 9.00pm  
 Map reference: Moroka Lands 1": 1 mile (Majority of walk)  
 Wellington FCV 1": 1 mile (Small section of walk)

Approximate distance: 14 miles (23 kms)

On Friday evening we will camp at Tamboritha Saddle where there is no water supply unless private transport replaces Van usage in which case we will camp at Breakfast Creek and so have a good water supply. Saturday will see us climbing Mt. Tamboritha initially then making the long descent onto the Long Spur. Much of Saturday's walk is along a very interesting and beautiful ridge and cliff rim, but there is no lunchtime water supply. We will camp at a point 2.0kms south of Long Hill beside a creek and next to magnificent views of the Crinoline and the Macalister & Wellington Valleys. (Saturday's distance 16 kms) Sunday involves a rocky walk south for 2 kms to the Crinoline which is again a very rocky and interesting peak. A little scrambling is necessary. We will then descend to Breakfast Creek for lunch and the walk finish. (Sunday's distance 7 kms) (For further information read "100 Walks in Victoria" Walk suggestion No. 65, page 90.)

May 14-16 HORSEYARDS- MOROKA GORGE - CROMWELLS KNOB. MED  
 Leader: Graham Wills-Johnson (P) 52-4720  
 Transport: Private  
 Expected time of return: Who knows?  
 Map reference: Moroka 1": 1 mile.

Does anyone know where I can get a year with 63 weekends in it? I hope I will be able to find a weekend to preview this one before it happens - otherwise I will have to preview it from the Walks Reports file! (Survivors have emerged from the area in the past!) Anyway, I've missed the "News" deadline, so I'm afraid it's a case of "see the leader in the (upper or lower) Club room".

May 28-30 MT. MOLIAGUL - BEALIBA RANGE - DUNOLLY. Easy/Med.  
 Leader: Peter Bullard (P) 509-8359  
 Transport: Van from Batman Ave. 1830 hrs. Fare \$ 7.00  
 Expected time of return: 1930 Hrs.  
 Map reference: Dunolly 1:100,000  
 Approximate distance: 21 miles

An easy walk with only 2 hills, not over 800 feet and mostly along roads on Saturday while on Sunday I hope to follow along the top of the Bealiba range almost into Dunolly where the walk will finish.

NOTE. Please see the booking form or ask me about Saturday's night water supply. On Saturday we will also visit a couple of monuments.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN.

Beware of the dreaded F.B.

Early morning sun strikes the tent, you rise and light the fire. Feeling pleased with yourself for being the first up you go back to your tent for a billy to make your morning cuppa. Little do you realize what is happening behind your back. You turn towards the fire and find that it is covered from end to end with billys and frypans - the dreaded Fire Bludgers have struck again. These points will help you to recognise the F.B. 1. Never asks permission to use your fire, 2. Moves into your spot at a second's notice, 3. Has a habit of hurling tins onto your fire and immediately developing amnesia about their ownership, 4. are frequently seen committing that deadliest of sins, putting aluminium foil onto your fire, often cunningly disguised inside paper packets. An F.B. will argue to the point of physical violence that aluminium foil will burn in a fire, refusing to acknowledge the fact that although it melts at 660°C a rapidly formed oxide film on its surface prevents further combustion.

It seems from recent weekend "walks" that some club members have forgotten that we are Bush Walkers. These individual insist on tearing on ahead of the leader, certainly not walking, at a pace where they hardly see the bush let alone appreciate it.

Finally an appeal to leaders of walks, both day and weekend, surely it's not too much to ask that you are in the clubrooms by 7.30pm on the two Wednesdays before your walk. This is one of the responsibilities of a good leader.

..... Dave.

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FEDERATION - D.Y.S.R. DAY WALK. MAY 2nd.

The Federation Day Walk is this year being run in conjunction with the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation as part of the departments current "get fit" campaign. As such, it will be open to the general public. V.M.T.C. is organising it on behalf of Federation, and it will be in the Gisborne-Riddell area.

As between 200 and 500 people are expected to attend, members of federated clubs are required to act as marshals. If you could assist, please phone Keith McPherson (of V.M.T.C) on 439-9461 (P) or 48-7231 (B) as soon as possible. Further details are obtainable from Geoff Mattingley.

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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS - HELP IS NEEDED.

Cleaning and general attention to the clubrooms is urgently needed - no doubt you've noticed, particularly if you've been into the kitchen or toilet.

We now share the clubrooms with 2 other clubs - Melbourne Amateur Walking and Touring Club and the Catholic Walking Club - and it's Melbourne Pushies' turn to do the cleaning - LONG OVERDUE.

We ask all members to do their bit and come to the clubrooms on THURSDAY, MAY 6th between 5.00 and 8.00 pm.

More members, less work.

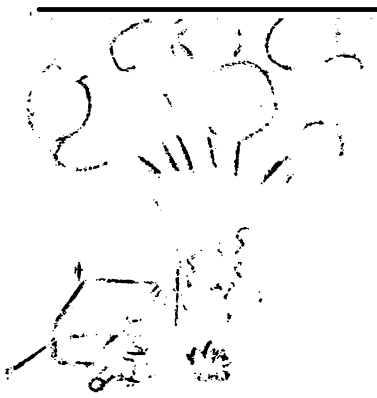
Max Wilkinson & Janet White will be on deck with a list of jobs and the equipment necessary.

We suggest you come with well-greased elbows, nose pegs, and not in your best clothes!

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ARTICLES FOR "NEWS"

All articles and walk previews to be printed in "News", should be sent to the News Convener C/- 29 Barcelona Ave, KEILOR. 3036.



# A LONG THE TRACK

## BAW BOREAL BUMBLINGS

"I didn't ask what time you are getting up," said Granddad crossly. "I asked what time we are leaving." "Well, in your case", said the leader soothingly, "it will do if you leave ten minutes before you get up." Poor old Granddad - I think he must have been quite put out. Anyway, he went and camped on the far side of the hill where a stiff breeze nearly carried his tent away before tea time.

Actually, there was something very peculiar about the weather. I looked at Michael. He looked at me. We both looked at the sky. No doubt about it - the sun WAS shining. No doubt about it - both of us WERE on the walk. Where was all the rain and snow, then? Desperately hurrying to get there in time to give us what we after all expected, judging by the strength of the wind; but somehow it never made it, and for once we caught old Hughie napping. This moved Michael to bravado bordering on lunacy. "What about Tassie at Easter, then?" he suggested. Hastily, before the sky could fall on us, I declined.

So much for the weather notes. On to the gossip column. Both of the Gallping Grandmas were there, and so were the People from Peru, and, for the first time since the Yackandandah Epic, the wife of the Bearded Bushgear Bushwalker. It's been a long time, but she still seems to walk as strongly as ever. All weekend a certain young lady walker has a strangely dreamy look on her face. Come to think of it, so did the Social Secretary. Now THAT'S a piece of gossip you probably won't pick up in the Shady column. If the News Convenor's ears are burning as she types this up, you may not get it in this one either - it all depends on whether the wax on the stencil melts! The President and his good lady were in attendance - which reminds me: there were times when it was quite difficult to see through the thin blue haze which now and then surrounded the party. I've never seen so many chimney pots on the one MBW walk! From blue haze to hot air: there wasn't any. Spencer was there, but apparently nobody activated him by mentioning huts, and he had next to nothing to say. Most unusual.

There was another mutiny. This will have to stop. The result this time was that camp was made in an exposed location on the ridge on the outer edge of Mustering flat, with a precipitous outlook over the Thomson Valley in one direction, and a view across the Flat in the other. Quite salubrious when you got used to the idea. The Leader had an interesting way of dealing with mutinies, apparently not known to the author of the Leadership article in Walk 1976. Simply join it. It then ceases to be a mutiny, and there are no further problems. He had another interesting ploy, although it is hard to say whether it should be judged successful or not. This was to say "Well I'M going to do such and such", in a tone of voice that made it clear that he was going to, no matter what his party did. This seems to work in situations where the party's options are not clear or the terrain obviously requires careful navigation; but when there is a beaten track back to the campsite the outcome is rather different. Thus it was at the scrubby summit of Mt. Karnot that the Leader looked round to find that his followers

cont. overleaf.

numbered but two, and they of dubious sanity. The other twenty five had silently deserted, opting for the comparative comfort of their camp on the windy ridge instead.

Sunday, as we traversed the northern, or boreal, section of the Plateau, was relaxing. Apparently fearing that we might strain ourselves, our leader refused to let us walk more than three miles at a time, and made sure that we took nice long rests in between times. Any suggestion that Mt. Whitelaw should be climbed was firmly discouraged. I didn't hear any complaints. The van was faithfully waiting at Stronach's so we didn't have to strain ourselves walking the extra three miles down to the bridge. Still, maybe the low-key approach was slightly overdone: just five minutes less at the Noojee Pasty Shop and the Gronows van would have overtaken that number 69 tram it so hotly pursued down Glenferrie Road! They only run, alas, every half hour on Sunday-nights.

.... Yeti Borealis

(UNSIGNED NEWS ITEM FOR "NEWS")

On the outside under SENDER'S NAME & ADDRESS it said "Stan Klusic, Afghanistan, Asia." Inside, some of the more-or-less printable things it said: "Well now I'm in Afghanistan in the capitol Kabul. It's surrounded by all the big mountains but no time to climb any there about 15,000ft-ers. We were going to go to Paimian but the roads closed and I'm spewing. Since Delhi 2 weeks ago almost every one on the bus has come down with diahoearea (spelt some thing like that). I still have mine but have recently got rid of the acute stomach pains that come with them. ... We stayed on a house boat for 3 days and I almost bought this beautiful silk Kashmir carpet for \$400 but forced myself not to. ... There was this small town called Dacca which made all sorts of guns. Hand guns, 22's, 303's, shot guns, SIR's, Lugers, Sten guns, Bren guns every bloody thing. ... Almost every one around this area has a gun so naturally we are all on our best behaviour. Tommorrow we are of to the Pakistan border and then to Iran across the Southern Iran Dessert. I would be reall glad if you and Garry and any one else in the club would send me letters as I am a bit homesick I want to know everthing that's happened. The more letters the merrier. Hope the snow's down. Im conteplating a climbing course in Austria or Switzerland, and plan to get plenty of down gear in France. Keep smiling. Stan. Stan's address in London is C/- 161 Glenarm Road, Clapton, LONDON. E5.

AMMENDED TREASURERS REPORT.

Errors on Treasurers report, as stated at A.G.M. 1976.

1/ Stationary & Miscellaneous	\$106.86
Should be -	\$100.86
2/ Bank Balance - 1175	\$2697.91
Should be -	
Bank Balance - 1175 (Less \$600 Bond)	\$2697.91

SKI-TOURERS INTENDING TO USE WILKY.

Don't forget that each party staying in Wilky during winter must supply their own briquettes - 2 packets per weekend or 8-10 packets per week.

It is also advisable to supply your own detergent and toilet paper.

...Rod Mattingley



SHADY SCORPION

History repeated itself on the Clubs picnic to Hanging Rock when two of the most experienced walkers (the appointed whips as well) disappeared without trace.

Pandamonium broke loose when it was discovered that someone's watch stopped at 12 noon.

Visions of Peter wandering off aimlessly and "Steptoc" gyrating through the ferny glades in his underpants were a bit much to take. All's well that ends well and our heroes rematerialised in the vicinity of Camels Hump with some story about stopping to pick blackberries.

Those three anonymous bods from last month were at it again on the Lickhole Gap Walk. This time (with three accomplices) they decided that instead of scaling Eagles Peaks and the main ridge back to Sheeppark Flat they would take the 20 km road bash back to the van.

All was forgiven though when the main group arrived back at the Van footsore after a hellish descent from the jeep track and were greeted with a hot brew and bikkies by the wayward 6.

Boy was the leaders face red on the way home from Wilhelmina Falls, having told everyone to put their packs in the Van he promptly forgot his, thus adding an extra 16 km onto the homeward trip.

The Wilkie Easter Bludge trip turned into an unofficial Work Party when the water supply system pipes cracked up, by a mere coincidence the inhabitants of the Lodge included 4 Board of Works Hydrological Engineers and 1 Hydrographer. They quickly set about the task of finding the fault and rectifying the position. Wilkie began to resemble a rabbit warren, that is, there were tunnels and trenches everywhere.

Rob had his movie camera and the traumatic events were captured on film subsequently titled "The Great Drought of Easter 1976" starring Hugh Duncan and a supporting cast of thousands.

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SOCIAL PROGRAMME.

- Wed. 28 April - General Meeting.
- Wed. 5 May - Slides of the Western Arthurs by Rob Harris.
- +++++ Sat. 8 May - FIRST ANNUAL CLUB DINNER.  
See page 1 for further details.
- Wed. 18 May - Slides of South West Tassie/Port Davey Area by Alma Strappazon

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COMING SOCIAL ATTRACTIONS.

- Wed. 16 June - Talk and Slides of the M.M.B.W. Upper Thomson Project and future land use policies of the area.  
Guest speaker will be Mr. Pat O'Shaughnessy, Senior Forestry Officer from the Board of Works.
- Sat. 10 July - Square Dance at Badger Creek Hall.

FROM AN ORDINARY MEMBER'S PEN.

Dear Mr President,

I am sure members will be greatly encouraged by your statement in last month's News that if we drop a line to the News Convenor, even without the cloak of anonymity, our views will be printed. General statements like the one you made always bring the paranoid and the egocentric scurrying out of the woodwork, of course. All the same, somehow it DID almost seem like a personal invitation. How kind!

I have not had occasion to use the words "secret society" myself since your term of office commenced. We no longer hear the formerly hard-worked sentence "It is an Unwritten Rule of this club that....." How such an absurd concept as the Unwritten could survive in a supposedly rational society is beyond me. If it's important enough to be a rule, it's important enough to be written down. How such a noxious concept as the Unwritten Rule could survive in a supposedly democratic society is beyond me. If it's a rule it should be written down where everyone has an equal opportunity to examine its exact content and the basis of its legality. It was always remarkable how those who most eagerly promulgated the Unwritten Rules were those who were also most keen to dispense with the rules that WERE written "to save time". As I say, our club seems to have recovered from the Unwritten Rules disease, although there seems to be an imminent danger of it spreading to another body.

I applaud the innovation whereby minutes of committee meetings are now displayed in the committee room. This, however, has nothing whatever to do with my reason for having at a number of General Meetings of the club recently asked for brief details of committee meetings to be printed in News. Comparatively few members will find the time to make a special point of going down to read the minutes in the committee room. On the other hand, many will glance through a brief summary of the Club's affairs when it is in News and they have the chance to do so uninterrupted in some moment of leisure. The result will be a much better-informed general membership (and hence a club whose affairs are in a much healthier state than they can sometimes become when the general membership is not aware of what is going on), and a much better appreciated and understood committee. We don't need to know that yet another Gronow's bill has been passed for payment (anyone who does can check in the committee room) or that last month's News from the Brisbane Bushwalkers has arrived - just a one-sentence report of each of the non-routine points that have come up, either in Reports or in Motions. There is also the point that while the display of minutes in the committee room may satisfy section 7e of the Constitution in respect of keeping the membership informed, it hardly does so in respect of the Public record. The importance of the Public record may not be nearly as obvious to some members as it was to the very wise people (whoever they were) who originally framed our Constitution, but the fact remains that until it is changed, it still remains part of the Constitution, and the only currently-employed method of satisfying the requirement is the sending of News to the Public Library. I hope we will see brief notes of committee meetings in future issues.

Yours sincerely,  
GRAHAM WILLS-JOHNSON

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APRIL COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES.

Reports:

Treasurer - Bank Statement as at the 31st March, '76 = \$7515.57

Walks Secretary - 102 Visitors & 176 members attended club walks during the month of February,

"Walk" Editor - Quotations for the printing of "Walk '77" are at present being sought from printers.  
To date, one article has been received.

Wilky - Eight mattresses have been installed. See Rod Mattingley for details of work done.

F.V.W.C. - A walk is being organised on the 2nd May for the Department of Youth Sport & Recreation. See page 4 for further information.

It has been decided to hold a Seminar entitled "Bushwalking, has it a future?" on the 4th & 5th of September, 1976, as this years Federation Weekend. Details of venue and speakers will be worked out by a sub-committee consisting of Dave Oldfield, Malda Jakobsons and Ross Hoskin.

Search & Rescue - A successful practice weekend was held on the 3rd & 4th April.

Equipment - Three new packs and poles for the tents have been purchased.

General Business:

An invitation is to be issued to the Swissair Walking Club to visit us and join us on a weekend walk next February/March. This will not involve the club in any expence as their fares will be paid by Swissair.

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HELP !

STOP THE RENEWAL OF THE EDEN WOODCHIP LICENCE.

DEMAND AN ENQUIRY.

This year the Woodchip Export Licence granted to Harris Diashowa, comes up for renewal. Write to the Australian Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development senator Ivor Greenwood to enforce the Environment Protection (impact of proposals) Act.

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CONSERVATION GROUP.

Twenty four letters have been sent by the club to members of parliament urging them to supply Funds for the Environment.

The next conservation meeting will be held in the Clubrooms at 7.30pm on Monday the 10th May.

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"T" SHIRT COMPETITION.

Peter Bullard is printing "T" Shirts for the Club but is urgently requiring designs.

The person submitting the winning design, will receive a free "T" Shirt from the club.

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

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(B) 67-9607
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- Hayes, Richard - 21 Bishop Ave, DIAMOND CREEK. 3089 (P) 438-1694  
(B) 866-201
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- Vary, Lynne - 4 Fintonia St, N. BALWYN. 3104. (P) 857-9556  
(B) 267-4706

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- Mobbs, Lance - 29 Thomson St, MAIDSTONE. 3012. (P) 37-4297

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

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- Chesterfield, Debbie - 6/18 Miller St, W. MELBOURNE. 3003
- Fritze, John - (P) 202-240 (B) 652-8292
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