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BUSHWALKING HAS IT A FUTURE?

A Seminar organised as the 1976 Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs' Weekend by the Melbourne Bushwalkers.

Are YOU concerned about the decreasing areas of BUSH ???

Do YOU want to hear the FULL story ???

Do YOU want to DO something about it ???

If you stay away there may be no bush left TOMORROW.

Speakers already arranged include,

Dr.R.G.Downes, Director of Conservation, Victoria.
Ronda Green, Nature Trail Development, ACF.
Dick Johnson, Honorary Secretary, VNPA.
Stuart Calder, Recreation Officer, FCV.
Ken McInnes, N.E. Alpine Working Group.
4 Wheel Drive Association Speaker.
AMTRA Trail Riders Speaker.

WHERE: Gilwell Park, Gembrook.

WHEN: 10.30 am Saturday 4th September — 4.00 pm Sunday 5th September.

HOW MUCH: Registration Fee \$3.00, includes tea and coffee.

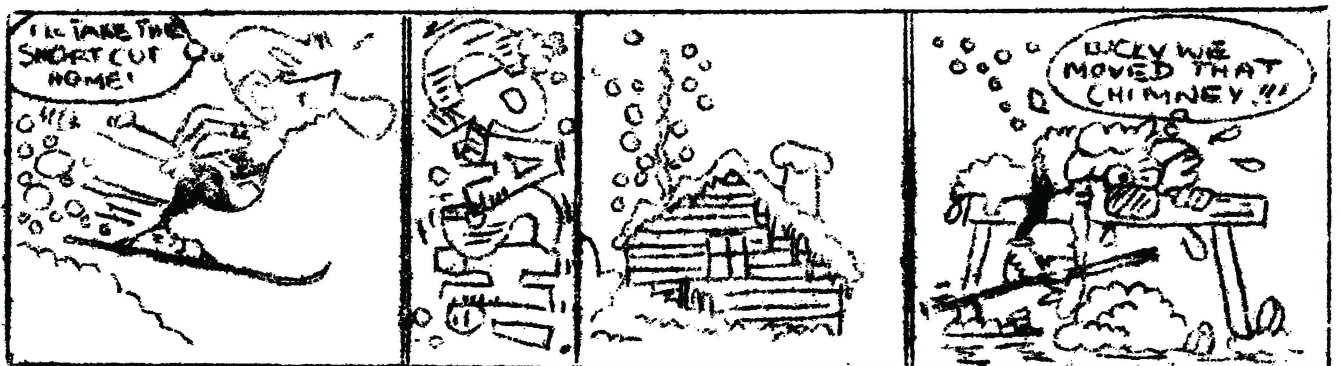
BRING: Your own FOOD, kitchen facilities available. (No alcohol please).

ACCOMMODATION: In bunk rooms or your own tent.

DON'T PASS UP THIS CHANCE TO QUESTION ALL THESE SPEAKERS.

ACTION GROUPS WILL DISCUSS WHAT WE CAN DO.

.... Turn to page 4 for the draft program set out for the Federation Weekend Seminar.



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 7.30pm. Visitors are always welcome.

SEPTEMBER WALK PREVIEWS.

Day Walks.

September 5th MASONS FALLS - SHERWIN RANGE - HOWATTS LOOKOUT. Easy/Med

LEADER: Andy Price.
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave. 9.15am. Fare \$2.50
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: ??????
MAP REFERENCE: ??????
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: ??????

Walk preview not received.

Sept. 12th BOSTOCK RESERVOIR - MOORABOOL RIVER. Easy.

LEADER: Otto Christiansen.
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave. 9.15am. Fare \$2.50
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 1900 hours.
MAP REFERENCE: Orienteering Map - Mt. Egerton, Stage 2. 1:20,000
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 16 km.

A round-trip through lightly timbered, gently undulating country. Bring water for lunch.

Sept. 23rd. SHOW DAY... MT. MACEDON - CAMELS HUMP - STONEY CREEK. Easy.

LEADER: Any VOLUNTEERS.
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave. 9.15am. Fare \$2.50
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: ??????
MAP REFERENCE: ??????
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: ??????

Anyone interested in leading this walk please contact Remember, No Leader No Walk.

Sept. 26th MOUNT ST. LEONARD - MT. MONDA - DONNELLY'S WEIR. Easy/Med

LEADER: Stuart Hodgson - not definite.
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave. 9.15 am Fare 2.50
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: ??????
MAP REFERENCE: ??????
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: ??????

This walk has not been previewed as it is not definite that Stuart will be leading it. If you have any queries contact Alex.

WEEKENDS

Sept. 4/5th FEDERATION WEEKEND SEMINAR:- "Bushwalking - Has it a Future"
See page 1 and 4 for further details.

Federation Weekend Seminar, "Bushwalking - has it a future?"

Draft Program.

Saturday 4th September.

- 10.30 am Registration.
11.00 am Opening Address - Dr. R.G. Downes, Director of Conservation.
12.00 Lunch.
1.00 pm 'Nature Trails' - Mrs. Ronda Green, ACF.
2.00 pm 'Metropolitan Parks' - T. Arthur. M.M.B.W. .
3.00 pm 'Recreational Uses of Victorian Forests' - Stuart Calder, FCV.
4.00 pm Afternoon tea.
4.20 pm 'N.E. Alpine Working Group Activities' - Ken McInnes, FVWC.
5.15 pm Panel Discussion.
6.00 pm Tea.
7.30 pm 'S.W. Tasmania' - Les Southwell.
8.30 pm Camp Fire.

Sunday 5th September.

- 9.30 am '4 Wheel Drive Recreation' Speaker from 4WD Association.
10.30 am 'Trail Riders in the Bush' Speaker from AMTRA Trail Riders.
11.15 am Coffee.
11.30 am 'Alpine National Parks' Dick Johnson. V.N.P.A.
12.15 pm Lunch
1.15 pm 'Pulpwood or Forests?' Speaker to be announced.
2.30 pm Action Groups
4.00 pm Close

The F.V.W.C. are compiling a book titled "Family Walkabouts near Melbourne - Book 1", which will provide a guide for family groups intending to go bushwalking. The following are urgently needed so that the proposed publishing date of the end of October can be met.

- 1/ Suggested regions for coverage for walks.
- 2/ Detailed tracknotes and photos.
- 3/ Names, addresses and phone numbers of people willing to help with field work, writing notes and checking drafts.

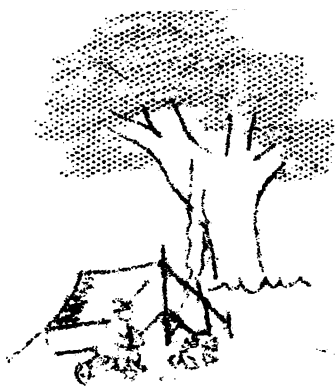
Incentive payments will be paid to the authors and travelling expenses in conjunction with field work will be reimbursed.

Contact Don Baker 844-3941
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ATTENTION.

Notice is given for the next General Meeting - 29th September - that:- "The Melbourne Bushwalkers affiliate themselves with the Ski-Touring Association of Victoria providing their views don't conflict with ours."



ALONG THE TRACK

A TRUDGE IN THE SLUDGE

This is a report of an investigation carried out by your fearless reporter into that manifestation of group insanity known as "Snow-walking". The victims of this terrible psychosis appear in some ways normal in fact some are even employed and receive salaries.

Day 1.

We left the car park at Feathertop wearing winter gear, Balaclavas and intrepid mountaineers goggles, some clasped intrepid mountaineers snow axes in their bemitted hands. We climbed steadily to the old Federation Hut where we had lunch. The Leaders Wife suggested that we camp there, but the following objections were raised.

- 1/ Not cold enough.
- 2/ Not exposed enough.
- 3/ Not enough snow.
- 4/ Much to sensible.

We plodded personfully peakwards resting at Federation Hut where our clairvoyant climber cleverly camped. Onward we ploughed to the Razorback and hence to the Diamantina Spur where we camped in a howling gale on 1 ft of snow. We lit a fire, cooked and most people were in bed by 6 O'clock.

Day 2.

Arising from my iceblock of pain I cut my guy ropes from the snow, bent my tent and packed it. We then waited 4½ hours for Simon and Peter who loved the cold so much they wouldn't leave.

We then returned to the carpark -- some hardy souls visiting the top on the way. The view was superb and I'm sure the snow buffs enjoyed themselves.

Day 3.

Stayed in bed with a cold and sore back.

Day 4.

As day 3.

.... C.K.

14 DAY XMAS WALK - CANBERRA TO WILKY.

The walk will commence just south of Canberra on the 27th December, 1976. The route will cover the Brindabella Range, Tangtangara, Jagungal, The Main Range and down to Tom Groggin where there will be a food cache. From Tom Groggin the route will go over Mt. Pinnabar, Sassafrass Gap, Dartmouth, Bogong and then finally to Wilky.

From Melbourne we will travel to Canberra by bus. Wilky to Wangaratta will be by taxi in the absence of any other forms of suitable transport. We finally arrive back in Melbourne from Wangaratta by Train. The overall grading of the walk would have to be considered as Medium/Hard. for further information contact Alex Stirkul.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN.

If you want to see the club publish our annual magazine "WALK" this year its time you did something positive to help rather than sitting back and leaving it all 'to the other chap'. We URGENTLY need Articles, Photographs, Slides, Track Notes or Humorous Items. All you need is a bit of determination and the ability to put down one word after another. No matter how short the piece it will be welcome, maybe a walk you have good or bad memories of, some little known facts about the bush or even how you see the rest of the club.

This is no idle threat, if we don't get A LOT of material in by the middle of September there won't be a magazine this year. All effort will be gratefully received by Rob Hayes.

Another practical way to serve the club is by leading a walk, come along to the Navigation and Leadership Introduction Course next month to start on the path to competent leadership. Each walk presents a challenge and there is a certain feeling of satisfaction when you read the end of the first walk you lead. We are always looking for new leaders, help us to reduce the numbers on a walk by having several leaders.

..... Dave.

AUGUST COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES.

Reports.

TREASURER. Bank Statement as at the 31st July, 1976.

Cheque Acc.	\$5,632.82
Fixed Term Dep.	\$2,000.00
	<u>\$7,632.82</u>

A Savings Investment Account has been opened for the Club and \$2,000.00 from our Cheque Account deposited.

WALK SECRETARY: 144 Members and 86 Visitors attended Club Walks during the month of June. A profit of \$12.00 was made during this period.

SOCIAL SECRETARY: The Club Square Dance, which was held on the 10th July, was a huge success resulting in the Club making a profit of \$35.36. 55 people attended the function.

WALK EDITOR: Malda has resigned and we are in desperate need of a new Editor.

So far we have very few articles for "Walk '77". Up to date the Club has received one quote, from Humphrey & Formula Press, to print a magazine the same size as "Walk '76". The cost would be \$2,600.00.

EQUIPMENT: The takings for the month of July amounted to \$27.50. Approval was given for the Equipment Officer to purchase a new pack and some foam mats which will be for hire to all Club Members and Visitors.

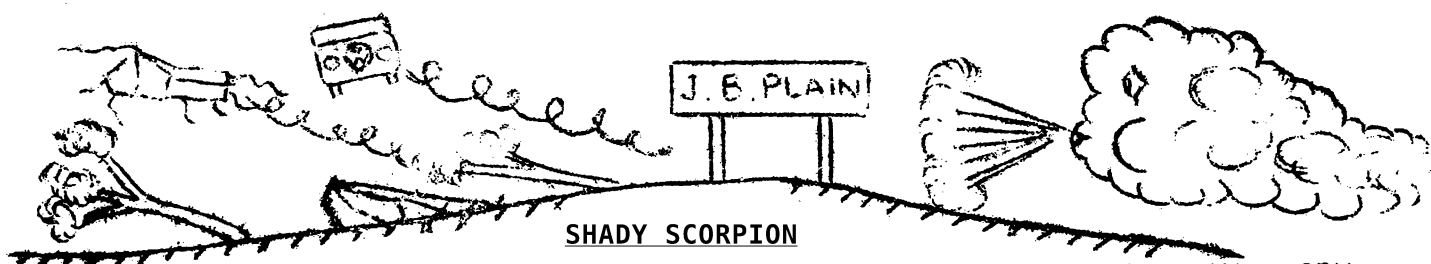
WILKY: Geoff Kenafacke has purchased a combustion stove to be installed in Wilky when the present one burns out.

SEPTEMBER SOCIAL FUNCTIONS, ETC.

Wed. 1st - Talk on Leadership, Equipment and Bushcraft by Charles Knight with reference to the Navigation Course to be held on the 9th and 16th September. See July News for more details or ring Charles on B/ 680571

Wed. 15th - Annual Personality Slide Night - all contributions welcome. This is where we find bods in interesting poses, moods or situations. See Geoff Crapper in the Clubrooms with any slides you may have, any real old slides would be of humorous interest.

Wed. 29th - Half Yearly General Meeting.



Attendance records for Club trips were shattered on the 24th - 25th July when over 100 bushies were out on Club activities, over 50 were on Rodneys Skiing Trip, about 25 on Daves Feathertop Snow Slog and 25 on Robs Sunday Ramble.

The beginners Langlaufing Trip at Hotham was held in rather blustery weather and a few had their door hinges modified as the gale raged at Loch Car Park.

Saturday was spent battling the frustrations of wind and wrongly waxed skis but the worst was yet to come, as the group were settling down for the night on J.B. Plain, The wind which had subsided began to gust again in full fury. The experience could be likened to being in the middle of a cyclone, the tents and flys flapped incessantly all night and by the morning nearly everyones tent had come down at least once. Even Bob and Brian in the Kombi Van were having some anxious moments as it gyrated back and forth. Micks tent pole couldn't stand the strain and snapped in half. Alls well that ends well though, Chris Hellerud arrived on Sunday morning and the rest of the day was spent learning the finer arts of the diagonal stride, the "helicopter turn", slalom and obstacle courses and a tour through the trees in the afternoon.

Robs walk was led in his inimitable tourist fashion with the group having two afternoon teas, the second about halfway up the mountain. To quote Harold G. - "This looks like the last base camp before the final assault on the mountain."

Mike Griffin was in the wars with the weather on his day walk on August 1st. Pouring rain, gale force winds, sleet and snow buffeted the intrepid walkers as they made their way along the ridge with mighty trees crashing down all around them.

The Committee finally weakened the other night and adjourned the August meeting to the warmth and comfort of the Tamani Bistro with Gerry chairing the meeting and acting as custodian of the Green Ginger Wine.

It looks like marriage isn't going to change John and Malda much if their "going-away-clothes" at the reception were any indication. They both turned up in bright orange parkas, check shirts, jeans and boots John reckoned they were going to turn up the next day for the Sunday walk just for a stir.

Congratulations to Geoff and Jenny Kenafacke on the arrival of their new son Wayne Andrew recently. (by the way the S.S. believes the Kenafackes might have started something amongst their regular Wilkie goers) Stay tuned for future developments.

The silver manufacturers will have to start smelting down more ore if current trends in the club continue. The Committee have all decided they want silver spoons, Malda started the ball rolling, now our Secretary and Walks Secretary have put in their application. Congratulations to Rob and Shelley, Alex and Margaret respectively.

G.W.J. has recently received a request from the Land Surveyors Journal for permission to reprint his "Walk '76" article in their official publication. Being a humble Chemistry Lecturer and not a high powered cartographer or something he was somewhat amazed at the whole thing pointing out to them that it wasn't aimed at a technical audience. Nevertheless they are going to print it with suitable credits.

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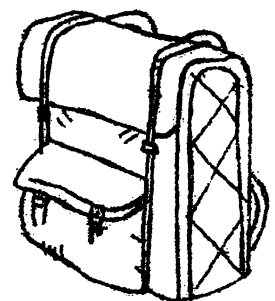
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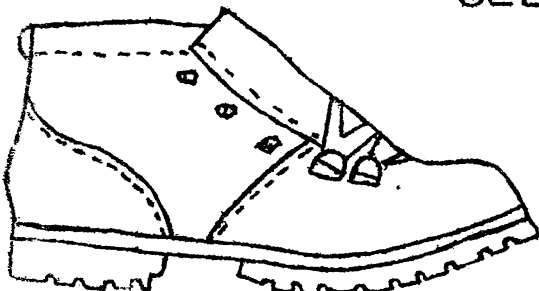
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