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ATTENTION.

Please note that the Clubrooms will not be open on Wednesday, December 29th, due to the Christmas break.

All correspondence should be addressed to:-

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Melbourne Bushwalkers,
P.O. Box 1751Q G.P.O.
MELBOURNE. Vic. 3000.

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.

JANUARY WALK PREVIEWS.

Day walks.

Jan. 9th. LERDERDERG GORGE. Easy/Med

LEADER: Clyde Mitchell
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave. 9.15am Fare: \$2.00
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: ???
MAP REFERENCE: FCV Lerderderg Gorge 1:25000
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: Up to 15 km

If the weather is fine this will be a real bludge, because we will simply walk upstream until we encounter the weekend mob, and spend the rest of the afternoon by, in, on, or under the river (it's Lilo Derby Weekend - bring bathers etc.) We'll then walk out the same way we went in.

However, if the weather isn't suitable for loafing we shall go for a proper walk, mainly, though perhaps not entirely, on tracks. I have to go overseas unexpectedly, so if this walk gets previewed at all it will be the day before.

Jan. 16th BEACH WALK - OCEAN GROVE - TORQUAY. Easy

LEADER: Caroline Strickland (P) 336-7337
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave. 9.15 am Fare: \$2.00
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.00pm
MAP REFERENCE: Keep the ocean on your left.
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 10 miles.

This will be an excellent walk for beginners with plenty of breathing time and hopefully some swimming.

Water will be needed to be carried for lunch.
For further information see Leader in Clubrooms.

Jan. 23rd. FYANSFORD - MOORABOOL RIVER - BAKERS BRIDGE. Easy.

LEADER: Peter Bullard (P) 509-8359
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave. 9.15am
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7.00 pm
MAP REFERENCE: Geelong 1:63,300
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 12 easy miles.

A very easy walk through flat farming country starting near Fyansford and picking up the Moorabool River and following it to Bakers Bridge.

Bring water for lunch.
Guaranteed no hills.

Jan. 30th. MT. JERUSALEM - MT. EVERARD - YARRA RIDGE. Easy/Med.

LEADER: Shirley Telehin
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave. 9.15 am
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 9.30 - 10.00 pm
MAP REFERENCE: Yarra Glen 1:50,000
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 10 - 11 miles.

Starting from Yarra Ridge, and across to Mount Everard mostly on tracks. Then on to Mount Jerusalem crossing "Dry Creek Gully" and finishing at Kinglake.

Walk. As the days are still long, I will not be rushing to finish the

the way. Bring water for lunch as it is unlikely that there will be any along

Weekend Walks

Jan. LILLO DERBY - LERDERBERG RIVER. Easy
 8th-9th
 LEADER: Bob Steel (B) 652-7432
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave. 9.00 am Saturday. Fare:5.00
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: about 7.00 pm
 MAP REFERENCE: Ballan 1" - 1 mile or F.C.V. Lerderberg Forest Park
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 10 kms.

* PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A NON QUALIFYING WALK.

This will be a multi purpose walk - ideal for those who want a bludge trip after the xmas walks. You can lie in the sun, swim in the river, walk, climb cliffs, eat or do nothing. This walk is especially suitable for newcomers to weekend walking who would like to try it out without having to carry packs all weekend. There will be about 5 kms walking with packs to the campsite on Saturday morning, then for those interested, an afternoon walk further up the river without packs.

On Sunday we will be joined by the day walkers and the annual Lilo Derby will be conducted. Bring your togs, Lilo waterwings, inflatable boats, luxury yachts, etc. plus usual weekend gear.

Jan. MT. RICHMOND NATIONAL PARK - CAPE BRIDGEWATER Easy/Med.
 21st-23rd.

LEADER: ??????
 TRANSPORT: A 44 seated bus (Quincea) FARE: \$9.00
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN ??????
 MAP REFERENCE: Nelson - Sheet 7121 (ed1) Series R652
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: ??????

1 LEADER REQUIRED FOR THIS WALK

Anyone willing to offer their services please see Alex Stirkul in the Clubrooms.

Jan. 1/ WONNANGATTA - MOROKA GLEN - SNOWY BLUFF - MT. KENT - BILLY
 28th-31st GOAT BLUFF.

LEADER: Alan Davis (P) 45-5453
 TRANSPORT: Private
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: ???????
 MAP REFERENCE: ???????
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: ???????

WALK REVIEW NOT RECEIVED.

Jan. 2/ BASE CAMP - EAGLEVALE - WONNANGATTA RIVER. Easy
 28th-31st

LEADER: Graham Mascas (P) 25-6940
 TRANSPORT: Private
 MAP REFERENCE: V.M.T.C. Crooked River - Dargo
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: ????

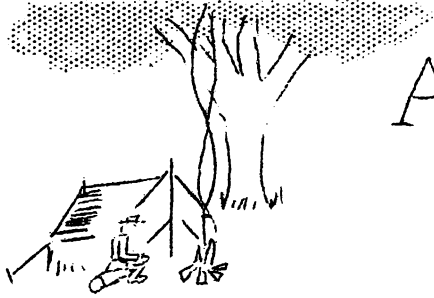
Another of those adventurous weekends where we know where we want to go but not too sure how to get there. It should suit the bludgers and those a little bit more energetic as we propose a couple of energetic day walks up either Snow Bluff & Billy Goat Bluff

See me just prior to walk for Fridays camp site and meeting place.

FOR SALE

1 Bergan Pack - in good order.

See Sylvia in equipment room for further details.



ALONG THE TRACK

FRISBEE FEVER IN THE FOG.

The Leader was diffident. "I'm not QUITE sure where we're starting from", he admitted. (We were already lost, and we hadn't started walking yet!) "So if anybody thinks they know I'd be glad to hear their ideas". There was a bit of muttering, but the fog had already thickened, and apparently nobody had a strong enough hunch to speak out. After a few minutes' hesitation the party headed in the general direction of Up. After a while we couldn't go Up any more, because we had reached The Edge. So Peter went right while the rest of the party went left and the Leader went apoplectic. The loud bellowing of a strange Indian word by the Walks Secretary soon rectified this situation, however, and Peter reappeared from the depths of the forest looking embarrassed. "I thought we were going to Castle Hill", he said sheepishly. "That's what it said on the program". "It also said on the program that we were going to Dairy Farm Flat. Did we go there? No! You shouldn't jump to conclusions like that!" we said to him severely.

Lunchtime, when it came, was notable chiefly for two things: foul fetta and frisbee fanatics. The odour of the former and the devotees of the latter were equally remarkable for their persistence throughout the remainder of the weekend. Only the fog offered any remote comparison in point of durability, and even that finally gave up the unequal struggle on the Sunday morning. The frantic frisbee flingers and the fetid fetta fragrance by then were stronger than ever!

From the frowning heights of Mt. Valencia, and from the beetling crags of the East Pinnacle, we enjoyed splendid views of the fog. Some claimed to be able to see into the Wonnangatta Valley through the murk. The eye of faith works wonders....all I saw was fog. Matters were worse at Billygoat Bluff where we camped, however. Not only did it begin to rain at the crucial moment, but as well as the rain and the fog some members of the party seemed to consider a pillar of smoke - really dense smoke - to be de rigeur. The frisbee flingers continued unperturbed - apparently sending one another telepathic messages about when next to expect the oblate rubicund plastic projectile to appear through the acrid pea soup we were breathing. Both the President and the Leader bravely did their duty and came to see how we were getting on, but apparently found the atmosphere all too suffocating and soon withdrew to the higher ground where they had wisely pitched well out of range of both flingers and fumigators - not to mention the fetta, which was still growling savagely and making its presence smelt from time to time.

On Sunday the Ashbys departed, and so, after a while, did the fog. The Ashbys went to Mt. Kent, but I don't know where the fog went to. We went to Dingo Knob. In a way it's a pity the fog didn't stay down. The views from Dingo Knob were extensive....and desolation met the eye at every turn. At least three quarters of the scenery has been shipped off to Japan. But don't worry- I understand the Japanese are going to send it back again, tastefully decorated with inspirational messages like "Use No Hooks", and "This Side Up". The FCV has built a four lane highway so that nice people in motor cars will be able, on a purely voluntary basis, to bring the scenery right back to where it came from and scatter it around again. Progress is a wonderful thing!

-----Morose Morokan Meanderer.

50 MILES FROM MELBOURNE.

A warm, pleasant day was enjoyed on our walk at Rosebud. We had an excellent group, with 12 visitors of whom 4 were on their first walk. Because of the delightful weather the views were perfect. We could clearly see right along the coast to The Rip, out to Mud Island and Swan Island.

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.... Arthur's seat, so named because of its resemblance to a mountain near Edinburgh, was used by the first white settlers who entered Port Phillip Bay to survey the then unknown land. Dorrie informed us that she last walked along the track at Bracken Wood, which commenced our walk, when she was 11 years of age. She has seen many changes to Rosebud since then,

Everyone, including our first walkers, managed the climb towards Arthur's Seat admirably. Lunch time found Thea delighting in getting a "cuppa" from her recently purchased gas stove. It was also a pleasure to be rid of the week-end pack she had sensibly?? carried for a practice for her forthcoming weekend. How clever and wise of Harold to suggest taking water, which can always be dispensed with, to lighten the load as one goes along.

After our inspection of the King's Falls at the Reserve, a possible surprise for many on a visit to Rosebud, we all had another enjoyable surprise by sighting, at very close range 4 Kangaroos. They stood, hardly moving, until after we had viewed them thoroughly and then hopped off, when we approached.

A variety of birds along with the beautiful Large Waxlip Orchid were seen.

A dip in the bay, which was really quite warm, was enjoyed by Art, Andy and self.

It was great to have Dennis, our driver, along with us on the walk.

Thank you, everyone, for the pleasure the leader received in leading such an interested and appreciative group of walkers.

..... Alwyn Bloom.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN.

There have been mutterings from the dim and dark recesses of the clubroom that we spend too much time on Conservation.. Our Constitution lists one of our objects as- to encourage a wider appreciation of the wild life and natural beauty of the country and to assist in its preservation. I believe that we do NOT spend too much time on conservation matters. Our effort may not make much apparent impact but we must continue to try to make a sensible balance between our aspirations and the exploitation of the bush by corporate "developers". Remember how much you personally have contributed the next time you notice another area of bush which we can no longer enjoy.

On a lighter note, please give us a hand to distribute our magazine WALK 1977, this is one of the major ways in which we can put the club and the views of our members before the general public.

..... Dave.

Many thanks to both Alwyn Bloom and the Morose Morokan Meanderer for keeping us in touch with the goings on, Humorous or otherwise, of recent club walks.

As you can see by the large expanse of white paper surrounding this paragraph more articles of general interest are required.

....Caroline

DECEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES.

TREASURER: Bank Statement at 30th November, 1976:

Fixed Deposit	\$2,000.00
Investment Savings Acc.	\$2,000.00
Cheque Account	\$2,030.57
	<u>\$6,030.57</u>

The \$2,000 in the I.S.A. will be withdrawn to pay for the publishing of "Walk 77".

WALKS SECRETARY: (including October figures)

Since February there have been 2714 people on walks. This is comprised of 1729 members and 985 visitors. The profit for the year from walks has been reduced to \$513.00 by lowering Van Fares.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:

The current membership of the club stands at 323 comprising of 298 ordinary members, 8 life members, 10 honorary members, and 7 News Subscribers.

SOCIAL SECRETARY:

As is customary, Wednesday night social activities in the clubrooms will be suspended until March when daylight saving ends.

WILKINSON LODGE.

A suggestion has been made to bring all the recyclable rubbish accumulated at Wilky back to Melbourne for more suitable disposal rather than dump it off at the Falls Creek Refuse Depot from where it may be taken to create pollution in the mountains.

FEDERATION: A federation project to produce a book of track notes for Family Walks in the Melbourne Area will be published after Tyrone Thomas' new book which will include about 20 family walks.

The National Parks Assistance Weekend Looks like becoming an annual event.

Federation is asking for the whole Alpine Area for the National Park. A minimum requirement is all the areas considered by the member clubs as having essential for bushwalking purposes.

SEARCH & RESCUE: Leaders of Walks over the Christmas period are asked to send a letter to the contacts advising them who is accompanying them on their walks and proposed itinerary.

CONSERVATION CONVENOR:

The Conservation Group has temporarily gone into recess and in the future will be putting its efforts more into Federation issues.

EQUIPMENT OFFICER:

Since March proceeds from equipment hire have been \$148.85. The receipts for November were \$36.00

MAP CUSTODIAN: It has been decided not to act as an agency for the Dept. of National Mapping because of the limited demand.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 1/ The Club is to purchase 4,000 letter head stationary sheets.
- 2/ A deputation is to be sent to Gronows to discuss the safety requirements on Vans in general and the purchase of a set of Bolt Cutters in particular.
- 3/ Because of the growing demand for club wedding spoons a new way of bulk purchasing will be considered.
- 4/ The Hobart Walking Club has advised that they will no longer be revising their track notes of S.W. Tassie and the current notes are out of date.

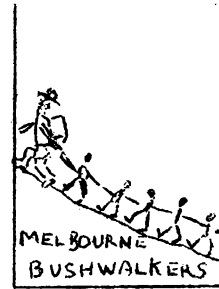
LEADERS FOR JANUARY WALKS - PLEASE NOTE:

Geoff and Jenny Kenafacke will be the number 1 Club contact for the month of January while Graham and Sue Errey are on Holidays.

SHOULD THIS
BE THE CLUB
BADGE ?



OR THIS ?



SHADY SCORPION

The sudden cold spell two weeks ago caused a bit of trouble for people venturing up Bogong way. Snow in the first weekend of Summer, what next. It made things even tougher for Geoff's Bogong Marathon when a blizzard blew up on the Saturday, resulting in a few anxious moments also at Wilky where Ralph & Barbara had to get their car towed out by Stan's 4WD.

Congratulations to Margaret J. & Brian B. who have ended the matrimonial year of the club on a happy note with the announcement of their engagement.

John & Malda certainly started something in May when they announced their intentions because after a very slow start to the year. no less than 7 couples have become engaged &/or Married in the last 7 months, quite a record. What will 1977 bring?

The Shady Scorpion has had his ear to the ground in the Halls of Power at No.14 Hosier Lane and it appears that a massive swing is predicted in the February General Election. The sitting members could be replaced by possibly 11 new office bearers in a landslide unequalled since the 1972 Elections when only 5 Committee members were returned to power.

I hope these stark figures don't disturb the membership population too much because after all you have over ten weeks to go before the A.G.M. to nominate or lobby for positions including, President, Vice President, Walk, Membership and Social Secretaries, Walk Editor, News Convenor & not forgetting General Committee (5 vacancies)

The Christmas Dinner at the Swagman was a great success with 5 bushies attending. They successfully devoured their way through the scrumptious smorgasboard and in between feasting managed to swirl a leg or two on the dance floor. The lavish Floor Show, with dancing girls in skimpy costumes, kept most people entertained all except Mick who fell asleep half way through the act.

Your Club magazine "Walk 77" should be available soon so hurry and get a copy from the Clubrooms. Better still take a few and sell them to your friends at work, if you can help further see below.

"WALK 77" MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTION

Help is needed NOW to distribute "WALK 77" to the Bushwalking Shops, Book Stores, Newsagents, etc. If you are available to deliver copies of the Magazine within the City or Suburbs to regular subscribers who take copies of Walk every year please contact.

Dave Oldfield (B)317-222 x330
Rob Hayes (B)615-4262

If you think your local bookshop or Newsagent might take a few copies (they'll usually take about 5 or 10) then here is what to do.

- 1/ Tell Dave or Rob your interested
- 2/ Get a supply of Walk Magazines and Delivery Docket Book
- 3/ Visit your local Newsagent armed with your copy of "Walk 77"
- 4/ Introduce yourself as a member of the "Melbourne Bushwalkers", say that the Clubs Annual publication Walk 77 has just been published and ask if the Newsagent would be interested in taking some copies (5 or 10 or more) Inform him that the retail price is 75 cents and that the Club charges 50¢ to the retailer (on a sale or return basis if necessary).
- 5/ Cash payment from the Newsagent is usually preferred but we can send out an invoiced bill at a later date.
- 6/ Deliver the Magazines, get a signature and collect the money.
- 7/ Return the delivery docket book and money to Dave.

NEW MEMBERS.

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 NICOLL, Peter - 67 Sonia St., Ringwood. 3134. (P)870-9563 (B)380-5136
 REED-LLOYD, Harold - 5 Alexandra Court. Glen Iris. 3146. (P)25-7294
 RUSH, Joseph & Marcia - 6/32 Grosvenor St, Moonee Ponds. 3039. (P) 370-2067
 SAMUEL, Patricia - 2/22 Westbury Grove. E. St.Kilda. 3183. (P)527-1091
 WILLS, Robert - 13 Jellicoe St, Werribee. 3030. (P)741-1129

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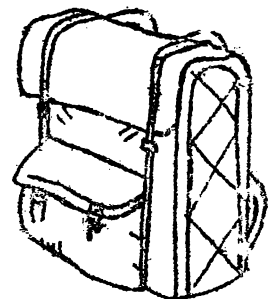
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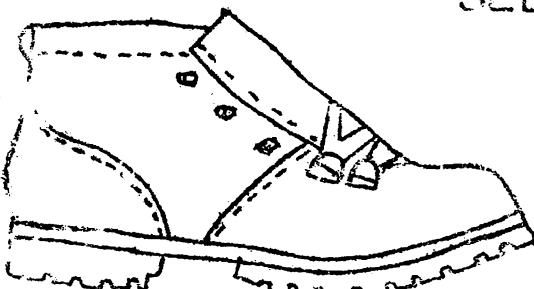
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