



THE NEWS

OF THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

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JULY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES.

Reports.

TREASURER: Bank Statement as at the 30th June, 1976 is :-
Cheque Acc. \$5,695.24
Fixed Term Dep. \$2,000.00
\$7,695.24

A motion was passed to put \$2,000.00 into a Savings Investment Account with the A.N.Z. Bank.

WALK SECRETARY: 176 Members and 97 Visitors attended club walks during the month of May. A profit of \$54.50 was made during this period. Accumulated profit now stands at \$412.00 as from the beginning of this year.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY. At the end of June there were 296 financial members.

FEDERATION: The Federation weekend Seminar "Bushwalking - Has it a future" is being held on September 4th - 5th at Gilbrook Park, Gembrook. So far there will be speakers from A.C.F., V.N.P.A., F.C.V., 4WD Association and A.M.T.R.A. (Trail Bikes)

EQUIPMENT OFFICER: Hiring fees in June were \$14.50 taking the years fees to \$47.35

WILKY: A motion was passed to buy a plastic Toboggan for the Lodge and Mice are still attacking the food benches.

CHRISTMAS TRIPS

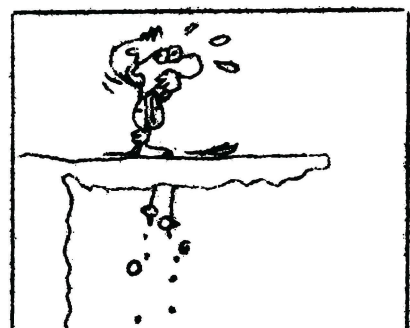
If any club member is planning a walk over the Christmas period and would like it included in the Summer Programme, please submit details of the proposed trip to the Walks Secretary, Alex Stirkul no later than the second Wednesday in September.

COMING SOCIAL ATTRACTIONS.

August 4th - DOUBLE FEATURE.

Film supplied by Peter Carlyon featuring Wilkie over the past six years plus a film by Rob Hayes taken at Easter this year.

August 18th - Slides of New Zealand featuring Stewart Island, Arthurs Pass and Mount Cook, by Geoff Crapper, Ken MacMahon and Mick Mann



All correspondence should be addressed to:-

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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.

AUGUST WALK PREVIEWS.

Day Walks.

August 1st. MT. BEGGARY - YARRA RIDGE - THE BIG HILL. Medium

LEADER: Michael Griffin (P) 435-7829
TRANSPORT: 9.15 am. Van from Batman Ave. Fare \$2.50
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 6.30pm
MAP REFERENCE: Yan Yean 1" - 1 mile.
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: Medium.

Beginning on the St. Andrews - Kinglake Road, just north of Mt. Beggery, we will walk south along the ridge to Mt. Everard. Instead of heading straight across from Everard to Yarra Ridge, I think it will be pleasanter to continue south, keeping to the west of Hunchback Creek's left branch, and then following the ridge that runs between Hunchback and Reedy Creeks. We will then choose a suitable spot from which to cross over to Yarra Ridge, which will be followed south (mostly via road) towards The Big Hill. The route is pleasant and (I think) relatively open, although a bit of scrub will be introduced to bring the walk up to medium standard. Bring water (preferably heated and with additives) for lunch and make sure you have warm clothing. This walk is in an often-overlooked area not very far from Melbourne. You are offered relatively cheap fares, a short van trip and a leader who will keep you guessing. I haven't decided whether to pray for sunshine or snow.

August 8th DELLAR HILL - YOUNG HILL. Easy

LEADER: George Telehin
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave. at 9.15 (sharp) Fare \$3.00
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.00 - 8.30pm
MAP REFERENCE: Costerfield 1:50,000
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 16 Kilometres.

A pleasant stroll through the Box and Ironbark forests to the West of Puckapunyl Training Camp (soon to be acquired by the Army to extend the camps Artillery Range). Along a low ridge of hills, generally open forest, off the tracks, not very scrubby. Bring water for lunch.

August 15th SNOW WALK - MT. MARGARET - TAGGERTY RIVER. Easy.

LEADER: Peter Goodwin (P) 848-5028
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave. at 9.15 am Fare \$3.00
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: ???????
MAP REFERENCE: ??????
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: ??????

Walk preview not received.

August 22nd TENNERIFFE - PENNINGERS MONUMENT - TUBBS HILL. Easy/Med

LEADER: Harold Grave (P) 24-3998
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave. at 9.15 am Fare \$3.00
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: ??????
MAP REFERENCE: ??????
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: ??????

Walk preview not received.

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August 29th BUNYIP WEIR - BLUE RANGE - ESTCOURT. Medium
 LEADER: Tony Morris (B)665-6308
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave. at 9.15am Fare \$3.00
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7.30 pm
 MAP REFERENCE: Gembrook "C" 2"- 1 mile
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 6 miles.

From Mt. Beenak (790 metres) approximately 15 kilometres northeast of Gembrook we will head south and then south-east along the Bunyip River to Bunyip Weir (elevation 140 metres). This walk is short and downhill all the way. However "Life wasn't meant to be easy" and when you see some of the scrub we COULD push through, you will realise why this walk is short.

There are excellent views to the South from Mt. Beenak Summit.

Weekend Walks.

Aug. 6 - 8th ELDORADO - BEECHWORTH. Easy/Med
 LEADER: Graham Mascas (P) 25-6940
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave. at 6.30 pm Fare \$9.00
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.00 pm
 MAP REFERENCE: Beechworth 1:50,000
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 24 Kilometres.

This walk is now almost established as a three-yearly event 1970, 1973 and now 1976. It is a pleasant easy walk without being a bludge into an interesting area in the North East of Victoria. Starting just outside Eldorado we will walk through lightly timbered country inspecting gold and tin mines on the way to a pleasant camp site. If we arrive too early there is an option of a side trip to Mt. Pilot with its extensive views to the North and South. Total walk for day, with packs, 11 km.

Sunday we leave camp not too early to the South-East, lunch at the impressive Woolshed falls on Reedy Creek. After lunch we follow Spring Creek to the falls then into Beechworth for ice-creams and drinks before the journey home. Total distance for the day, 13 km. Overall a very good walk and an excellent introduction to weekend walking for any of the many day walkers wanting to try a weekend for the first time.

Aug. 20-22nd LANGLAUFING - MT. BAW BAW
 LEADER: Graham Wills-Johnson (P) 52-4720
 TRANSPORT: Private.
 MAP REFERENCE: VMTC. Baw Baw Plateau.
 Lands Dept. Walhalla B 2Miles=1 inch.

Despite a momentary lapse on the part of the Walks Secretary, who apparently thinks that everyone shares his now-not-so-recently-discovered ability to be in two places at once (a certain young lady has a great deal to answer for!), the Melbourne Bushwalkers brings you its carefully co-ordinated season of snow techniques for beginners. The commendable Rodney will already have taught you how to ski. That rough diamond of the icy slope and blue crevasse, Commander Garitub RN, will finish the season with a session on survival in a blizzard without a tent on the summit of Mt. Bogong. (I believe the party is expected to dig itself in, or something equally chilly and barbaric!). The intermediate stage is, of course, that perfectly civilised and gentle activity of snowcamping among the trees upon the fluffy white stuff which we hope will be present on the Baw Baw Plateau. Please note that the date is changed from that printed in the program. The new date is 21/22 August. Those who, like the leader, set out before the pale light of dawn from Melbourne will meet at 9am on Saturday morning at Erica. Those who spent Friday night in the wilds may prefer to join the party on the road up the east side of Mt. St. Gwinear. If there is plenty of snow, we will camp on reaching the level of the plateau. (Otherwise we will head on across it looking for some, making a base as close as possible to the cars. From here we will ski madly in all directions. DON'T worry about your skiing ability - you should see the way I flounder around. DO bring two billy lids or adequate substitutes to stop your tent poles sinking into the snow, and also a proper sleeping mat which makes all the difference between a perfectly comfortable night on the snow and an absolutely impossible one.

Aug. 27-29

MT. BOGONG SNOW WALK.

Med/Hard.

LEADER: Gary Wills (P) 741-1129
TRANSPORT: Private
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: Perhaps
MAP REFERENCE: Bogong.

We will probably walk along the jeep track to Camp Creek Gap and up to Michell before a decision as to whether we go to Cleve Cole or somewhere, is made. Sunday, hopefully, will be walking in the reverse direction to Saturday. An ice-axe is essential and if you don't like cutting steps, crampons are an extra. This is a serious snow walk and not for beginners.

- NAVIGATION COURSE -

For experienced Walkers with no navigational knowledge. To assist them to become daywalk leaders.

The course will consist of:-

- 1/ Two evening sessions 6.30 to 8.30pm on the 9th and 16th of September consisting of 3 hours Navigation Instruction and 1 hour discussion on "Notes for Leaders"
- 2/ Base camp at Dunolly on the weekend of September 24th - 26th 1976, where small groups will carry out navigation exercises.

A Fee of \$3.00 is to be paid to Charles Knight by August, 31st, 1976.

Following the decision to have the "An Introduction to the Melbourne Bushwalkers" guide reviewed, the revised information sheet which will now appear in the Clubrooms, is as follows:-

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS.

This club, which was formed in 1940, has grown to be one of the largest walking clubs in Victoria, with a membership of about 300 men and women over the age of 16 years, interested in walking as a recreation. The club is a member of the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs, and is affiliated with a number of other organisations concerned with conservation, National Parks, etc.

A programme, setting out the club's walking activities, is issued four times a year. There is a day walk every weekend (usually Sunday) and a weekend walk every second or third weekend. Longer walks are planned for Long Weekends, Easter, and Christmas, visiting more distant parts of Victoria or even interstate. Ski-touring (or cross-country skiing) has become a regular part of club activities in recent years, and the winter programme will usually contain at least one such trip.

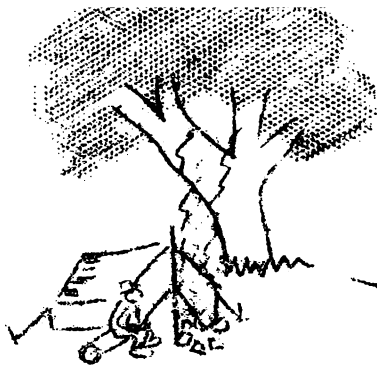
All organisation and leadership of walks is undertaken by club members on a voluntary basis, and although the atmosphere on walks is very informal, it is in the interests of all for the leader's directions to be followed. In particular, everyone is expected to co-operate in leaving the bush unspoiled for the enjoyment of others.

Visitors are most welcome on our walks, and may book for these in the clubrooms on Wednesday evenings. The conditions of booking are set out on the back of the programme, together with explanations of the membership procedure and of the "Contact" system. To assist intending members, the club has available for hire items of basic bushwalking equipment, at reasonable rates. We suggest that before purchasing any equipment, you seek the advice of walk leaders or committee members.

The clubrooms, at 14 Hosier Lane (at rear of Forum Cinema), are open every Wednesday evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, for members and visitors to meet, and for bookings to be made for coming walks. Slide shows, films, guest speakers, etc, are presented fairly regularly (commencing at 8 pm), and a General Meeting is held every second month. Social events, such as dinners, film and theatre parties etc, are organised occasionally.

A monthly newsletter is posted to all members, containing details of coming walks, social functions etc, as well as contributed articles and reports on walks which have recently taken place. An annual publication, "WALK" is produced by the club and widely distributed through newsagents and bookshops.

At the same time, it was decided to review the "Notes for Leaders". Please turn to Page 9 for the revised information sheet.



ALONG THE TRACK

CAMPING BY THE CAMPASPE or PETERS PARADE OF PECULIAR PEOPLE

After driving up and down the Redesdale Road several times the fact that the Friday night camp site hadn't been previewed was self evident. Peter finally said "Hold it" and with the help of his two henchmen a salubrious spot was found and the ritual groping around in the dark began.

Next morning, the walk got under way as we strolled up the Campaspe with Geoff and Rob marvelling at the splendid "rack marks" in the trees and pondering how many "cumees" went down the river in the flood.

The sun came out long enough to boil up a billy and have a leisurely nap during the 1½ hour or so lunch break. After a short ramble up the steep sided valley of the meandering river we reached the confluence with Pipers Creek where camp is to be made.

It had been a pleasant day's walking but everyone was still happy to be dropping packs and making camp. There were some interesting erections, Peter, Rosemary, Rob, Penny, Cam & Simon pitched their three tents together with connecting doors in an "abdui" fashion while others were content to pitch in uniform residential rows.

Apparently the walk hadn't been tough enough for Simon and Cameron so they headed off for the nearest cliff and decided to descend it after approaching it from an easy ridge. They began to lumber down the 200ft sheer precipice when they had second thoughts and decided to abort the mission, unfortunately for young Cameron his rock hand-hold gave way and he plummeted down 30ft head over heels, hit the cliff and bounced down another 20 ft with the rock following him and dumping him on the scone as he came to an abrupt stop in a clump of stinging nettles on a ledge. Miraculously he only got a gashed head, slight concussion and abrasions.

Nighttime came and after tea had been dispatched the "extras" started emerging. These included dampen and a strange ubiquitous liquid known as "gum leaf tea" which was brewed in a billy using a limited eucalypt foliage. This tea reportedly has some side effects and excitement was made when a flute was produced around the campfire.

Sunday came and time to start walking again as the weather deteriorated considerably making the advance along the cliff tops a chilly task.

The Mitchell falls in the Campaspe Gorge were visited briefly and after passing through a field, a new horn lamb was discovered with its mother in a pretty inflated and exhausted state.

Peter decided to try and inform the farmer while the rest of the group continued on to the road for lunch.

Rain was drizzling down and the shelter of the road bridge was welcomed and a small bonfire was lit.

Peter decided to send a messenger ahead to divert the Van to Turpins Falls so as to cut off about 3km and his popularity immediately soared.

The sanctuary of the Falls picnic shelter was reached just before a great cloud burst hit. It wasn't too long before that fantastic Green & Yellow Home-on-Wheels was rolling into view.

Thanks Pete, it was a great walk.

CLUBROOMS WORKING BEE.

Thursday August, 12th, 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm

Yes, it's our turn again and this time you have plenty of warning!

We ask Club members to do their bit - 1 hours work is plenty if enough conscience-stricken members come. As we share the clubrooms now with Melbourne Amateur Walking and Running Club and The Catholic Walking Club, It's been decided to clean out rooms monthly which means our turn comes every three months.

Please bring old clothes to change into.

WHAT DOES FEDERATION DO?

The following is the text of the Secretary's Report to the Annual General Meeting of the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs, for the period 1975/76.

Federation's activities during the past year have become increasingly diverse and more intensively political, imposing a heavy workload on the small band of office bearers.

The Conservation Report covers in detail the involvement in the work of the Land Conservation Council in a number of study areas, together with the controversy that continues to surround the impoundment of the waters of the Thomson River. The Forests Commission, Victoria and the Department of Crown Lands and Survey have consulted Federation on a number of questions basically concerning tracks and huts, especially the Alpine Walking Track and the maintenance of the snow pole lines across the Bogong High Plains. Negotiations are still in progress with the lands Department about the replacement of the bridges over the Ovens River at the foot of the Bon Accord and North-West Spurs of Feathertop, while a protest is being made to the Minister of Lands concerning the management of the Mt. Hotham Alpine Reserve, in particular the conditions imposed upon camping in the area and the constitution of the Committee of Management. It is likely that another protest to the Minister of Forests over restrictions on camping in the Baw Baw Alpine Reserve will be successful, though to what extent remains to be seen.

The outcome of Federation's approach to the Country Fire Authority, seeking a reduction in the minimum required depth of fire trenches, is not yet known, but a compromise seems probable.

For too long has the National Parks Service chosen to overlook Federation's existence--happily this attitude has been transformed. The successful running of a National Parks Assistance weekend in October 1975 at Fraser National Park, when some 50 Bushwalkers spent their weekend doing track maintenance and tree planting work, enhanced good relations with the Service. It is hoped that this activity will be repeated in 1976.

Discussions with senior officers of the Melbourne & Metropolitan Board of Works and the Forests Commission were mutually beneficial at least in achieving a greater understanding of each other's views, although with little favourable influence on the well entrenched policies of these two bodies concerning access to water catchments and construction and maintenance of fire roads.

The Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation is coming to play a crucial role in Federation's continued prosperity, if not growth. The Department has already financed the reprinting of the safety pamphlet, and it is hoped that funds will be granted for a wider range of activities, including additional publications and membership promotion through talks to interested groups in the city and in country towns. Federation has become involved in the department's 'Life, Be In It' fitness campaign by undertaking the organisation of a public bushwalk on the Sunday immediately preceeding the Annual General Meeting. Federation continues to be well and most ably represented in the activities of the Bushwalking and Mountaincraft Leadership Training Board.

The Education Department's invitation to Federation to participate in its Curriculum Service Enquiry was accepted with a submission broadly concerning the need for teachers involved in school bushwalking activities to be thoroughly and properly trained.

Active Co-Operation with other conservation organisations has pursued two main directions. A Wilderness Sub-committee has been formed under the umbrella of the Victorian National Parks Association, Federation taking a leading role in the formation and subsequent activities of this group. The result of a year's work by a number of people, including representatives of Federation and of affiliated clubs towards the formation of a Ski-Tourers Association of Victoria will be known in June.

Despite initial scepticism on both sides, an ongoing series of meetings with representatives of the Victorian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs, AMTRA Australian Motorcycle Trail Riders Association and the Auto Cycle Union is proving worthwhile in achieving a more balanced mutual understanding of the aims, policies and activities of both groups. A joint letter was sent to the Forests Commission concerning in the main the length of fire roads in the north-eastern alpine area, proving if nothing else that there are subjects upon which these often-conflicting groups can agree. Future discussions will most likely concern wilderness areas and the formation of a Recreational Advisory Committee for an Alpine National Park.

The protracted project initiated by Federation to establish a "National Council of Bushwalking Federations" has met with a major setback. Discussions with an officer of the then Department of Tourism and Recreation late in 1975 gave some hope of financial support for such a body could first be formed, even if only on paper. The change of

Federal Government in December 1975 and the subsequent reorganisation of government departments and changes in the programme of federal government spending have extinguished any hope of active financial support from that source. Interest on the part of other organisations likely to be involved is generally lukewarm, despite the many cogent reasons for the formation of a 'National Council'. It is hoped that a way can be found to give substance to the idea during 1976-1977.

The annual day and weekend fixtures were attended by a relatively small number of walkers. This was despite the diligent efforts of the two clubs concerned in choosing a little visited area for the day walk and in planning a generous range of activities for the weekend walk. The format of the latter event needs to be reconsidered in the light of certain constructive criticism offered, and a more educational, informative event seems to have potential.

Three new clubs were welcomed into Federation during the year: Yarra Valley Church of England School Bushwalking Club and the Geelong Grammar Mountaineering Club as full members together with the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education Union Bushwalking Club as an associate member, while the Catholic Walking Club of Gippsland renewed its hitherto lapsed membership. Unfortunately two associate members resigned and the membership of two other clubs has lapsed, leaving Federation with 22 full member clubs and 4 associate members. There have been several inquiries from clubs in both the metropolitan area and in the country about membership of Federation. Processing of applications to join has been streamlined by the adoption of a set of membership criteria. There is still considerable scope for the involvement of more club members in visiting prospective clubs to explain Federation's aims and activities and in joining their walks to check on the knowledge and experience of leaders and members alike.

The volume of correspondence handled by the Secretary alone has been substantial - some 500 separate items during the past year. The amount of work generated by this deluge is now beyond the capacity of the traditional group of Federation office bearers. It is not possible to find time to undertake any much-needed innovative projects to publicise Federation's existence and to defend the interests of all recreational walkers. A mere handful of people have worked on behalf of a total membership of 5,000 bushwalkers.

If Federation is to satisfactorily serve its member clubs they must wake up, shed their complacency and realise the vital need for this parent body to be seen and heard in each and every government department mentioned in this report, and no doubt others as well.

Federation in 1976-1977 must be a strong, dynamic body, accepting the daunting challenges that lie in the way of preserving our recreational enjoyment in the months and years ahead.

SANDRA BARDWELL

SHADY SCORPION

Stuart let lose his electronic aspirations at the Hodgsons Party some weeks back. He rigged up an ultra sonic beam between the pot plants at the front door and every time someone arrived they cut the beam and activated a circuit that started lights flashing and bells chiming. For an encore he had the base response of the Hi-Fi wired to three Psychedelic coloured lamps which flashed spasmodically as the base tones fluctuated.

And who was the ex-Walks Secretary who danced no less than four girls off their feet.

Even the Yabbering Yeti was seen to partake in kicking his paws up.

Talk about devotion to duty, Mick was on his 2nd preview for his day walk, driving down a gravel road near Wallan when all of a sudden he found himself up a gum tree. His car had somehow left the road without his permission and ploughed into a tree "writing itself" off. Mick wasn't amused.

There were a few fingers crossed and breaths held during the last minutes of the "Recycling" film in the Clubrooms the other night. It seems the reel the film was on was a 2100 ft one and the take-up reel the Projector Hire people had supplied was only an 1800 ft one. This meant that with about seven minutes to go the film was scheduled to skew off the reel and mangle itself all over the floor. Fortunately the ever alert Geoffrey the Mat was on the scene and held the film on course for the last stage of its journey, much to the delight of the frantic Social Secretary.

Talking about the Soc. Sec., he was beginning to think that everyone was going to give the Square Dance a miss this year. In typical fashion only four bushies had paid money for bookings with only 4 days to go and things were looking grim, then on Wednesday night he was inundated by people and in the end 53 turned up to make it another really great night.

CONSERVATION NOTES.

ITEM 1 East Gippsland Woodchip

In the last "News", you all received details of Government interest in the establishment of a Pulpwood Industry in East Gippsland.

You will have also read some information sheet on this question and some of you will have seen the film - "Is Re-Cycling a Load of Old Rubbish?" when it was shown in the Clum on Wednesday 6th July, 1976.

The L.C.C. has not recommended against wood-chips, but has said "That no commitments be made to supply industry with pulpwood, other than for experimental purposes, until an environmental assessment has been made that considers the scale of the operation and long term effects." (p.24 Proposed Recommendations) Recommendation F.2.

We must ensure that any such "Environmental Assessment" is not a whitewash prepared by an interested government department, or a hasty, rushed effort by a firm acting on a retainer.

Unless we demand a fully publicized and highly scientific environmental assessment, it is likely that any document that even remotely fits the description "Environmental Assessment" will be passed off as being a thorough investigation of the area.

The potential Woodchipping area in East Gippsland is at least 53% of Public Land, that is 47% of all land in Study area. (Page 6. Proposed Recommendations)

This means Woodchipping from ORBOST to CAPE HOWE.

I urge all to write to state M.P.'s urging "that the M.P. support recommendation F.2, pointing out that it will require at least the full growth life of a forest to assess the long term effects".

"A full cost-benefit analysis be prepared, published, and fully publicly debated before any commitment is made to supply industry with pulpwood.

GET AN ANSWER !!!

FOLLOW IT UP !!!

INVOLVE THAT M.P.

Item 2

That benevolent, environmentally conscious company, The Western Mining Company, has been granted an exploration licence over the Reedy Creek Chasm.

If you have not seen Reedy-Creek chasm, I suggest you do so soon. W.M.C. is presumably looking for something to mine. If they find it, I presume they will mine it.

Reedy Creek has not yet been considered by the Land Conservation Council. It is in the proposed Alpine National Park. But if you are a large mining company, or a liberal party minister for mines, there is no need to worry about such matters. Besides, any mine will be an added attraction for the tourists on the new bus routes. (see item 3)

Item 3

The Transport Regulation Board has recently granted licences for commercial four wheel tours (i.e. the tourist bus syndrome) for the following areas.

- 1/ Nunniong Rd - Bently's Forlorn, Hope
- 2/ Tin Mine Road - Cowombat Flat - (including Native Dog Flat)
- 3/ Trips to Cobbler Lake.
- 4/ Trips to Bluff Hut.
- 5/ Trips on to Mt. Stirling.
- 6/ West Buffalo Track - Barry Saddle, Wonangatta Track.
- 7/ The Bluff - King Billy, Mt. Howitt - Mt. Clear - Jamieson River.

AND AT LEAST 20 OTHER SUCH TRIPS. IF YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT THESE TRIPS, THEN DO NOT COME TO THE CONSERVATION GROUP MEETINGS.

.....Gerry McPhee.

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THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS.

NOTES FOR LEADERS.

IN ADVANCE.

1. Investigate track notes, previous walk reports, maps, etc.
2. Survey the route if possible. Work out van drop and pick-up point.
3. Notify the Walks Secretary if you expect the walk to vary from the programmed route.
4. Observe other leaders and seek their advice.
5. Write a walk preview for "NEWS".

JUST BEFORE THE WALK.

1. You must attend club night for at least the two Wednesdays immediately preceeding the walk to answer enquiries and accept deposits, or appoint a deputy to do this for you.
2. Remember that seats on vans are only reserved by the payment of a deposit.
3. You may: (a) Refuse to take any person considered unsuitable.
(b) Limit the size of the party if you think that a large party will be too difficult to manage. (Notify the Walks Secretary if you wish to do this. Consider also splitting the party into two walks and appointing a deputy leader).
4. Make sure you have maps, compass, and first-aid kit.

DURING THE WALK.

1. Make sure you turn up at the meeting place, or appoint a deputy.
2. Direct the van driver as required. No smoking on vans.
3. Assist new members and visitors, keep the party together. Appoint a "whip" if required.
4. Approach landowners and officials as the representative of the club. Ask permission to cross private land.
5. Ensure all fires are out and all litter collected. Tins, bottles, and all aluminium foil must be carried out.
6. Observe fire regulations in summer.
7. Any person leaving the party relieves you of any responsibility for them.
8. Make sure that all members of the party are accounted for at the end of a trip.
9. Collect any remaining moneys. Late fees and visitor's fees must be collected.
10. Remember - you are in charge, and have the final decision regarding route changes, how long to wait, persons wishing to leave the party, action in emergency, etc. Don't be afraid to seek the help of other experienced members. Notify the Contact of any emergency as soon as possible.

AFTER THE WALK.

1. Notify the Contact immediately on return.
2. Fill in a Walk Report.
3. Pay all money to the Treasurer, attach the receipt to the Booking List, and hand it to the Walks Secretary with you Walk Report.

July, 1976.