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OF THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

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CHRISTMAS DINNER



WHERE ? The SWAGMAN Restaurant
Burwood Highway, Ferntree Gully
Melway Reference 74 B4

WHEN ? Monday Night, December, 13th

HOW MUCH ? \$9.00 per head, \$10 double

TUCKER ? 3 Course Smorgasboard, licensed

WHAT TIME ? 7pm till midnight

DRESS ? Who cares these days

BOOKINGS OR MORE DETAILS ? Geoff Crapper (B) 615-4262
(P) 95-5793

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

A BI-Monthly General Meeting will be held in the Clubrooms at 8.00pm on Wednesday 24th November,

P.S. Not a Slide Night as mentioned in October "NEWS"

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NOVEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES.

TREASURER: Bank Statement as of 31st October, 1976.

Fixed Deposit	\$2 000.00
Investment Saving Acc	\$2 000.00
Cheque Account	<u>\$2 620.56</u>
Total	<u>\$6 620.56</u>

WALKS SECRETARY: For the month of September there were 212 walkers, made up of 137 members and 75 visitors. During the month we made a loss of \$40.00 on walks.

WILKINSON LODGE: Art Terry has purchased a "pre loved" Septic Tank for \$140.00. It is a fibreglass tank 8ft x 3ft 6" square, and will be installed next summer.

FEDERATION OF VIC. WALKING CLUBS: There is a meeting about Alpine National Parks at 7pm on Tuesday 23rd November, 1976.

CONSERVATION: Plans have been announced a fish hatchery, Deer Park, and "mock historical village" at the junction of Stoney Creek and Ovens River at the foot of the N.W. spur of Feathertop. Permits have been issued and work done already.

The next CONSERVATION MEETING, 22nd Nov. in clubrooms at 7.00 pm
Austriex Mining Co. has applied for a mining exploration licence over part of the Little Desert. Objections have not yet been lodged.

WALKS EDITORS: The printers have approximately half of the Magazine.

EQUIPMENT: Proceeds from equipment hire were \$8.50 during October.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from Jerry Grandage was received regarding the Clubs role on Conservation issues. He believes that anything the Club can do to further the preservation of bush for future generations is a step in the right direction.

All correspondence should be addressed to:-

The Secretary,
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.

DECEMBER WALK PREVIEWS.

Day Walks.

Dec. 5th MARTIN POINT - LITTLE YARRA RIVER - THE BUMP Easy/Med

LEADER: The Burtons
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave. 9.15 am Fare \$2.00
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.00 pm
MAP REFERENCE: Neerim 1:50,000
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 8 miles

The Bump Tramway follows the Little Yarra River, is very pleasant walking and an area of much Lyrebird activity.

Our route includes the Tramway and traces a circle from Martins Point to Powelltown and back to The Bump, using pleasant shady forest roads. (Going off the track involves Leeches galore, scratches plenty and violent loss of temper and all humor - the scrub is B----- awful.)

Bring yourself, food and water for lunch.

Dec. 12th LAKE MOUNTAIN - KEPPELS FALLS - TALBOT DRIVE Easy/Med

LEADER: Fred Halls (P) 97-3724
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave. 9.15 am Fare \$2.00
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.30 pm
MAP REFERENCE: McMahon's Creek 1:50,000 & Taggerty
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 10 miles

The walk commences from Garretty's Dugout, just below the Alpine level. Then from the vicinity of Lake Mountain mostly down to the level of the Taggerty River and Keppels Falls finishing the walk at Talbot Drive, (elevation 1,600 feet) a loss of height of 3,000 ft.

It should be Spring at the higher levels with the flowering of some Alpine plants.

Dec. 19th MT. STINTON - PARADISE PLAINS - KEPPELS LOOKOUT - STEVENSONS FALLS

LEADER: Rosemary Price Easy/Med
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave. 9.15 am Fare \$2.00
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: ?????
MAP REFERENCE: Broadbents Marysville, McMahon's Creek 1:50,000
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 14 miles

It is a rather long walk starting at Tommy's Bend and following jeep tracks through beautiful tall forests. Towards the end of the walk we will have some spectacular views of Marysville. The finale is a downhill section leading to Stevensons Falls.

Bring water for lunch.

It is an easy walk because it is mainly downhill and on tracks; the medium is for the distance.

Weekend Walks

Dec. 3rd - 5th MT. BOGONG - ROPERS HUT - GREY HILLS - QUARTZ RIDGE. Hard.

LEADER: Geoff Law
TRANSPORT: Private
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 10.00 pm
MAP REFERENCE: Algona Bogong High Plains
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 32 miles.

..... This is an unpreviewed walk which offers an obvious challenge to those who are fit and relatively experienced. Water should be carried - some of the ridges are dry - but don't neglect the possibility of bad weather blowing up. Campsite is at Ropers Hut. If anyone has the energy to look the views should be superb.

Dec. 11th - 12th BACCHUS MARSH - LERDERBERG RIVER - TRENTHAM. Med/Hard
 LEADER: Michael Griffin
 TRANSPORT: Train leaves Spencer St., Saturday 8.30am - Single to Bacchus Marsh.
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 9.30pm Sunday (Spencer St.)
 MAP REFERENCE: Ballan & Daylesford 1:63,360 M.S.
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: Medium-Hard.

Not only a Saturday morning start, but a train trip as well. Fantastic! The walk is long (about 35 miles) but otherwise is not particularly difficult. You may be pleasantly tired by the time we reach Trentham on Sunday evening, but hopefully you will also have enjoyed some good walking country. Please be fit if you intend to come and put your name down on the list. You will need to carry water for lunch on Saturday.

TRANSPORT Saturday morning we travel on the Horsham line train to Bacchus Marsh. Train leaves Spencer St. at 8.30am. (0.75¢) Return journey is by train leaving Trentham station at 7.19pm (\$2.90). Thus total fare from Melbourne is only \$3.65.

SATURDAY The first part of the walk entails a road bash but we soon climb up into the Blackwood Ranges for lunch. Some excellent views. After lunch we continue north along the ranges, heading for Mt. Blackwood. The track rises and falls considerably before levelling out near the "mountain". A quick descent brings us to an excellent campsite on the Lerderberg.

SUNDAY A steep climb out and some scrub as we head north towards Frenchmans track. This is followed for a while until we head across country to the Lerderberg "tunnel" for lunch. We will then go via Shaws Lake to the Old Blackwood Rd, and eventually into Trentham. This latter stage can be either along tracks or through the bush, depending on time available. This is a long day! Overall - plenty of variety, good views, and some solid walking.

"CHRISTMAS TRIPS"

Dec. 26th - CANBERRA - WILKY Med/Hard
 Jan. 10th LEADER: Alex Stirkul
 TRANSPORT: See Leader
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 175 miles

A reasonable stroll along the Australian Alps. This is not a trip for Beginners or once-a-year-men. People who are short of time may wish to do only certain sections of this walk. See the Leader for details.

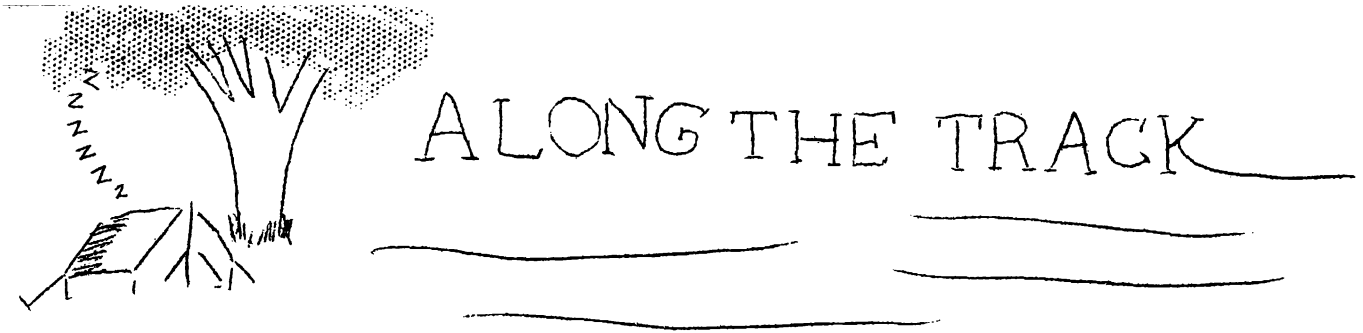
Dec. 23rd - GEEVESTON - FEDERATION PEAK - PORT DAVEY Med.
 Jan. 3rd LEADER: Charles Knight (B) 68-0571
 STANDARD: Medium - experienced walkers only.
 PARTY LIMIT: 6

Jan 5th - PORT DAVEY - PRECIPITOUS BLUFF - LUNE RIVER
 Jan 12th LEADER: Charles Knight (B) 68-0571
 STANDARD: Medium - experienced walkers only.
 PARTY LIMIT: 6

Dec. 26th PRECIPITOUS BLUFF (S.W. TASMANIA)
 Jan. 6th LEADER: Peter Bullard (P) 509-8359
 TRANSPORT: see Leader.
 MAP REFERENCE: South East Cape Huon: 1,100,000
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 70 miles Med/Hard.

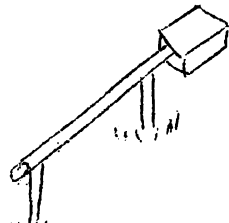
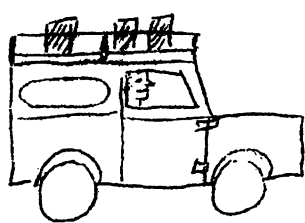
The trip will leave Melbourne on the morning of the 26th and hope to get to Ramsgate that night where the walking starts. The walk goes via the South Coast Track to New River Lagoon and up the West side of Precipitous Bluff and returning via Mt. Wyllly, Pandani Knob, Pinders Peak, Mt. La Perouse and along the Moonlight Ridge to Lune River.

This trip is almost full and if you want to come please contact me by 25.11.76 at the very latest. We hope to be back in Melbourne by 6.1.77 and as we cannot get airdrops we must carry all our food from the very start.



Since there have been no "Along the Track" articles forthcoming from any of the 150 or so members who have been on the 8 Club Walks since "News" last went to print, I have no other alternative but to remind people that they will be seeing more and more blank spaces and less and less pages in "News" until more people start contributing.

..... Caroline Strickland
NEWS CONVENOR.



MAYBE IF YOU LET THE AIR OUT OF THE TYRES YOU MIGHT MAKE IT

SHADY SCORPION

There were a few sore arms after last month's NEWS printing when all the 350 odd Address Labels had to be written by hand. It seems Ken Briscoe who usually supplies the computerised labels, had been off work with Hernia troubles and couldn't get them done. Hope your well again soon Ken and I bet the News staff echo those thoughts.

On a late arrival at Rocky Valley Dam one recent Friday night, it was found that the C.R.B. winter barrier was still down. Not to be deterred, Mick and Hugh discovered that the barrier would lift up just enough to allow an Escort and a Corolla to get under. Poor Rob and Shelly, who arrived earlier, hadn't realised this and had to make the 9 km journey on foot.

Geoff's walk from the Goulburn to the Howqua turned out to be a bit of an anti-climax to the 13 participators who were expecting a Medium/Hard slog with difficult river crossings. The Goulburn was waded without hardly any shorts being dampened, most of Saturday's climbing was done in about 1/2 hour and the lunch spot and camp spot on the Jamieson was reached by 12.30. Fortunately for John, who had left his steak on the Van, a sidetrip to the Jamieson General Store was organised and it was Milk Shakes and Icecreams for afternoon tea. Felix did things the easy way and hitch hiked the 16 km distance to and from Jamieson in an old Holden Ute.

Congratulations and more silver spoons go to Peter and Sissel, Stan and Verle-Ann following their Weddings recently. Best wishes for the future.

All those who attended the Sheep Roast down by the Avon River will agree that it was a great weekend in the magnificent secluded camp spot, with plenty of eating, drinking swimming, liloing, and even a bit of bushwalking. Thanks Sue, Sylvia, Dave, Rod and Geoff for all the trouble you must have gone to in organising things.

There were a few casualties in the Clubrooms last Wednesday night when Dr. Hugo Mackay gave his talk on First Aid in the Bush. Whether it was the gruesome details of the talk or the stifling atmosphere in the room we'll never know but at least one person fainted and several more were looking pretty white around the gills by the end of the night.

In typical Club response, the Walk Magazine Committee were overwhelmed and swamped with pictures and slides for the coveted front cover photo. In all they got about three slides with Mick Mann getting the nod, with a scenic shot of the Grampians.

As you may have gathered from page one, bookings for the Christmas Dinner to the Swagman are being taken now. Be early to secure your place as the Social Secretary had to turn about twenty people back from last years Dinner at the Baron of Beef.

THE SOUTH-WEST NATIONAL PARK OF TASMANIA:
WOODCHIP ACTIVITIES IN THE HARTZ MOUNTAINS AND HUON VALLEY.

1. Hartz Mountains. The Melbourne-based company APM (Australian Paper Manufacturers) is forcing the Tasmanian Government to yield APM the rights to raze prime rainforests in the Hartz Mountains National Park in South-West Tasmania for woodchipping.

Further, APM will not relinquish their "rights" to the Precipitous Bluff area forests until after they have taken their fill of timber in the Hartz, in two years time.

2. HUON VALLEY. The Tasmanian Forestry Commission (FCT) is preparing to build a road along the Upper Huon Valley, to Blake's Opening in the next 12 months - and thence to the Anne River, and also South-West along the Craycroft River.

This will place construction roads and woodchipping activities within the shadow of Federation Peak and Mt. Anne.

If you've ever been to the South-West you'll realise just how serious this threat of new forestry roads and woodchipping is on the Wilderness value of this unique region of Australia.

VOICE YOUR PROTEST TO THE MINISTER FOR CONSERVATION, THE "AGE" PAPER OR A.P.M. DIRECTLY.

WE DON'T WANT TO SEE ANOTHER PEDDER-LIKE-ISSUE SLIP THROUGH OUR HANDS.

ACT NOW BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

NEW MEMBERS

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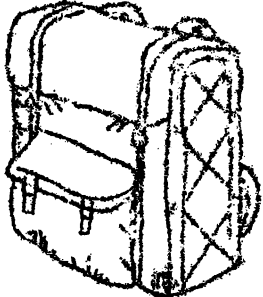
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WANTED: Company for Weekend at Wilky.
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