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## MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

FROM THE EDITOR AND STAFF OF NEWS

Official minutes will be posted in the Committee room in due course,  
Some points which came up:-

**TREASURER:** Balance 30 Nov. 78 \$6,509.14. Bills passed for payment at the meeting totalled \$347.00 November Gronow's bill and the bill from the printer for "Walk" 1979 not yet to hand.

**WALKS SECRETARY:** Oct: 86v + 174n = 260 = 102d + 70w/e. Profit \$113.

**NEWS CONVENOR:** Closing date is Jan. 10. 79 More "Along the Track" items required please.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:** 303 financial members.

**WILKINSON LODGE:** A further \$200 was advanced for ancilliary equipment.

**"Walk" 1979:** Date of publication was 20 Nov. 78. Sales tax exemption certificate has been obtained and will be passed on to printer. Expected to be reviewed (together with "Melbourne Walker") by Sandra Bardwell in Age Weekender of 8,15 or 22 Dec.

**CONSERVATION:** MDW Committee, as reported at GM 29 Nov. 78, held an extraordinary meeting in the clubrooms 22 Nov. to elect our representatives for the CCV meeting of 1 Dec, as Christine Nicol, Conservation Convenor was not able to attend. Our reps: Rex Filson, Gerry McPhee. Rex reported back on the CCV meeting as follows: the 5 names to be put forward to Minister of Conservation from which 2 to be selected as conservation reps on the Land Conservation Council are: H.R. Johnson, W.N. Holdsworth, J. Lindross, I. Penner and P. Sutton. The 2 retiring reps are J. Landy and Prof. Turner. Christine is convening a submission to LCC on North Central Study Area, which includes Mt. Cole area, Melville Caves, Whipstick, Mt. Macedon etc.

**F.V.W.C.:** Special Meeting 14 Nov. 78 was attended by 9 MDW members - the biggest representation from any member club. The Chairman ruled that the meeting could not pass any resolutions or make any decisions. There was discussion. (For those who missed the MDW GM 29 Nov. that meeting decided that MDW would nominate Gerry McPhee for the vacant position of FVWC President. Election to take place at Council meeting 5 Dec. 78).

**DUTY ROSTER:** 3 Jan. Elizabeth MacKenzie, Libby Quarterman; 10 Jan. Caroline Strickland, Alison Blaker; 17 Jan. Shelley Hayes, Christine Nicol; 24 Jan. Arthur Francis, Graham Wills-Johnson.

MEETING HELD 4 Dec. 78

NEXT MEETING 0 Jan. 79 14 Hosier Lane, 7. p.m.  
G. Crapper to chair.

VISITORS ARE WELCOME

All correspondence should be addressed to -

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Melbourne, Vic. 3000.

Meetings are held in the clubrooms, 14 Hosier Lane at the rear of the Forum Theatre, every Wednesday night at 7.30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

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#### Day Walks.

January 1, 1979      LERDERDERG GORGE      Easy/Medium

LEADER: Bob Ayre  
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 9.15 a.m.  
FARE: \$3  
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7.30 p.m.  
MAP REFERENCE: Forest Commission - Lerderderg Gorge Forest Park  
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: Uncertain - probably 10 km.

For those who cannot get away on Saturday - don't despair! You have a second chance to come to the Annual Lilo Derby; a fun time is guaranteed. The Lerderderg River at this time of the year is normally reduced to a string of waterholes, and will walk up along the riverbed until we find the weekend group camped beside one of them. We should arrive in time for a quick swim and a leisurely lunch before the first race. Bathing and a sturdy rockproof lilo are recommended additions to your usual load, and bring plenty of drinking water - the local product is not the best in mid-summer. If the weather turns foul and the Lerderderg becomes a raging torrent come anyway, but forget the lilo. There is plenty of good walking country in the park.

January 14      FYANSFORD - MMOORABOOL RIVER - BAKERS BRIDGE      Easy

LEADER: Graham Hodgson  
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 9.15 a.m.  
FARE: \$3  
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 0.00 p.m.  
MAP REFERENCE: Geelong 1" = 1 mile  
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 16 kms.

A pleasant stroll alongside the Moorabool River. Plenty of time for swimming and loafing.

January 21      BELLS BEACH - PT. ROADKNIGHT - MOGGS CREEK      Easy

LEADER: Caroline Strickland  
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 9.15 a.m.  
FARE: \$4.00  
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 0.00 p.m.  
MAP REFERENCE:  
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 12 km. approx.

A pleasant day walk. Bring bathers for swimming and water for lunch.

January 20      BULLARTO - CURRYS HILL - DAYLESFORD      Easy Medium

See notice board in club rooms for details.

#### Weekend Walks

January 6-7      LILLO DERBY - LERDERDERG RIVER

LEADER: Caroline Strickland  
TRANSPORT: Private  
\* Please note this is a non qualifying walk.

This will be a nice bludge trip with lots of swimming. An ideal walk for beginners as we will only be carrying packs for a part of Saturday morning. Saturday afternoon will be spent swimming, sun baking and generally lazing around. Sunday we will be joined by the day walkers and the annual lilo derby will begin. Please see leader in clubrooms for information regarding the Saturday morning meeting place.

## Weekend Walks cont.

January 12-14 BUNGALOW SPUR - MT. FEATHERTOP Easy/Medium

LEADER: Bob Steel  
 TRANSPORT: Private  
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: about 8.00 p.m. Sunday  
 MAP REFERENCE: Algonia Map - "Feathertop" or FCV Feathertop  
 1" = 1 mile  
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 20 km.

We will leave cars at the foot of Dungalow Spur and walk up the Old Horse Track up the spur to the Old Feathertop Hut, where we will camp. Saturday afternoon can be spent climbing Feathertop and surrounds. On Sunday we will leave camp about midday to descend to the cars and then head for Melbourne. This walk is suitable for beginners to weekend walking as although we will be climbing about 7 metres with packs, the track is well graded and climbs fairly gently up the spur. It is important, however, that all participants come equipped for any kind of weather. It can snow any time of the year up there. Come along and climb Victoria's finest mountain.

January 12-14 MT. FEATHERTOP - RAZORBACK - BON ACCORD SPUR Medium

LEADER: Otto Christiansen  
 TRANSPORT: Private  
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: ?  
 MAP REFERENCE: Algonia Map 114 Gogong High Plains.  
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 30 km.

After a quick and invigorating climb up Dungalow Spur to Mt. Feathertop, we will amble along the Razorback to our campsite near Mt. Hotham. On Sunday we will return to Harrierville via. Don Accord Spur.

January 19-21 ECHO FLAT-GREEN HILLS-FIRELINE-SUGARLOAF-CATHEDRAL RANGE Medium

LEADER: Cameron Paine  
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 6.30 p.m.  
 (if numbers insufficient, will have to be private transport)  
 FARE: \$0.00  
 MAP REFERENCE: Thornton-Taggerty 1:50,000 Taggerty 1:63,360 (FCV)  
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 25-30 km.

This particular walk is (I'm told) a first for the club so I shall endeavour to make the introduction as interesting as possible! Friday night will see us camping at Echo Flat, an area named because of its undulating nature. We set off from here on Saturday morning to Keppel Hut and then on in the general direction of Sugarloaf Peak camping somewhere at the base of Said Peak. Come Sunday morn we will climb Sugarloaf and stroll along to the Cathedral eventually dropping down to Little River Bridge where the van will be waiting. The actual route we take on Saturday depends on the water situation. I'll check this out just prior to the walk and let you know.

January 26-29 WATCHBED CK.-MT. NELSE-NEW COUNTRY SPUR-BIG RIVER Easy Medium

LEADER: Rod Mattingley 350 1222 x 721  
 TRANSPORT: Private  
 MAP REFERENCE: "Feathertop" 1" to 1 mile on "Nelse" and "Mount Wills"  
 1 to 25,000.  
 DISTANCE: 23 miles if you bludge on Sunday or 30 miles including Mount Wills side trip.

This particular area has not to my knowledge been featured on our program before and thus this walk should attract some of the "hard-core" as well as more tender walkers. Starting at Watchbed creek on the High Plains, we will follow the jeep track to Mt. Nelse and then New Country Spur to Datty's Hut. Then Datty's Spur to the junction of Whitehorse Creek and the Big River, where we will camp for the next two nights at a first class campsite. Sunday will present a bewildering array of choices -

1. Spine bashing along the Big River, liloing, fishing or whatever
2. Strolling out along the jeep track to Glen Valley (about 4 miles) and inspecting the old gold mines or
3. Best of all, a day trip to the magnificent Mt. Wills - the summit area reminiscent of the Cobberas. On Monday, we climb out of the valley to The Lanes, Kellip Yards and back to the cars at Watchbed Creek.

Summarising - a trip not to be missed by the discerning bushi

January 26-29 HOWMANS GAP-SPION KOPJE-NEW COUNTRY SPUR-BIG RIVER-  
KELLYS HUT-HEATHY SPUR

Medium/Hard

LEADER: Graham Wills-Johnson

TRANSPORT: Private.

MAP REFERENCE: Trappers Creek & Mt. Wills. 1:25,000's.

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 35 km.

Looking at the map I realised that as far as I am concerned the well-worn track is Watchbed Creek, over the Nelses, Ropers Hut and Duane Spur or Trimmis Spur.

The gaps on my map run across this line at right angles. Streathy Spur, Datty's Hut, New Country Spur and whatever lies to the east of Kelly's Hut. So for a couple of years I've been mumbling to various Walks Secretaries about the above route without any noticeable effect. Now all of a sudden there's a breakthrough and you have two such walks to choose from! There will probably be time to visit Mt. Wills from our camp on the Big River on the Sunday.

POSITION VACANT - IN THE NEW YEAR.

WANTED: A willing and hard working male or female

QUALIFICATIONS: Ready to do all sorts of unusual tasks, also plenty of imagination.

Need to be of an organising nature and to be able to sell all the various entertainments.

DUTIES: Organising 2 dinners -- Mid-year and Christmas Dinner and any in between that may be necessary. Film evenings wine-bottlings and bar-b-ques. Also occasional talks and slide evenings in the clubrooms.

TIPS TO THE LUCKY PERSON: This is a very enjoyable job and is lots of fun.

Plenty of time and occasions to meet various people also to get rid of any excess aggression. Be warned, the bushies leave everything to the last minute. But it usually turns out for the best.

I'd like to take this time to say thank you for all the help and co-operation I've had in the past two years.

Good luck to the new Social Sec. Shelly Hayes

#### ACF NEWSLETTER

The Annual General Meeting in Hobart of the Australian Conservation Foundation declared the Franklin-Lower Gordon (Tasmania) campaign its prime focus for 1979. It called on the Australian Government to recommend the area for World Heritage status immediately and on the Tasmanian Government to declare it a wilderness within an enlarged South West National Park.

The ACF is asking for people to write to the P.M. seeking a public enquiry into the proposed expansion of bauxite mining in W.A. The W.A. Government has already approved Alcoa's proposal to build a new alumina refinery at Wagerup and expand bauxite mining in the northern Jarrah forests of the Darling Range.

From "Letters about the environment" one letter says:-

"Since nature's systems are self-regulating, it does not matter what people do, but there seem to be two basic options available: either to fill a 'need' as a consumer and never mind the consequences (the earth may be uninhabitable after the party is over) or else the conservation way in which it is accepted that limitations are necessary for the further existence of humans on this planet.

I would be tempted to bet that the take-off point for collapse has been passed and that Sir Macfarlane Burnet is right: let us sell our uranium. People can then kill themselves as fast as possible so that the world will have a chance to recover before the next humanoid era descends on it.

The Navigation Weekend. To add a few more words on this valuable weekend:- Some of us found (the hard way) that it is better to aim for the middle of the side of a square clearing, than to aim for the middle of the side of a square clearing, than to aim for its corner, and miss it by as little as fifty yards. An experienced navigator barely uses a compass, he just sets off with his shadow at the right angle, and keeps it in the same position until he arrives at his destination. Graham (Mascas) wouldn't mind how many turned up to go around his course. The limitation on numbers applies to the classes and not to the weekend, so anyone who fancies a refresher course can come on the walk.

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## A LONG THE TRACK

### "TYRONE'S CHALLENGE"

Nine people arrived at various times during the Friday night at "Lankey's Plain" on the "Dargo High Plains". Next morning, leaving two cars behind we all then drove or were driven to the start of the walk at "Mt. St. Bernard". It was a perfect morning with the sun shining clear blue sky, and with views of snow drifts on "Mts: Feathertop, Hotham and Bogong".

After a very pleasant 1/2 mile sauntering along, chattering and getting into the feel of my pack again, the leader says "Up and up it went straight for 700 ft. It was "the Twins". I could see a "black hairy thing" sitting atop the "post" in the distance. On arriving at the top, found it to be young Geoff! Being that bit higher than "Mt. St. Bernard" the views of the surrounding blue Ranges and mountains were glorious.

A few more ups and downs and then a nice long lunch break, with the promise of a lovely swim at our camp site. We stood at the top and looked 3,000 ft. below to where somewhere we were going to camp that night. It was a scramble down over fallen branches and twigs with a rather steep drop off, or roll off it nearly was, straight into the roaring torrent of the "Wongungarra River". As both sides of the river were so steep we had to flounder along it for about 400 yds clinging to what vegetation and rocks we could so as to be swept along, or away with the current. This was our "camp-site!"

A couple of boys scrambled up top for a quick re-connaissance, came back down again, no good, but on the next Spur over "the rocks" looked flat enough on which to pitch our tents. Back into the river again, ha, for that lovely promised swim? Hand in hand they waded in waist deep this time though.

Struggling out up the other Spur now people eventually found themselves assorted pieces of ground in which to lay themselves down for the night. I myself built a platform of branches and wedged myself against a nice big gum tree to stop rolling back into that torrent. Other tents were tied to branches and rocks. Even a puff of wind would have had disastrous results for our precariously pitched "homes". Instead we had a calm, warm, beautiful night.

With the promise of a warmer day ahead and a 3,000 ft. climb out, plus "that river" to cross again, we made an early start next morning. However, it was easier than anticipated to the top of the "Blue Rag Range". And oh, what a reward it was with a 360° view of all the highest peaks and ranges of Victoria, laid out before us.

Only a 3 mile walk out along a jeep track and we were back to the cars. There were two claps of thunder of an approaching storm which seemed to arrive from no-where just as we drove away. Heavy rain with hail lashed the cars and we couldn't help but think how that would have affected us the night before on our bed of rocks and our flimsy pitched tents.

Tyrone, we forgive you because of those superb views and because of that piece of fruit cake you gave me for lunch.

Thank you for a challenging but very rewarding weekend.

N.O. Arrived back in Melbourne on the Sunday evening to find it had been 37° that day.  
JOYCE DUNN

WHERE THE WONGUNGARRA RISES

"You can do it" the leader said  
 "It's just your kind of country,  
 A wild place, an unknown vale  
 Lonely and secluded."

"There's a bit of a climb up the Twins" he said,  
 (Ch what an understatement!) He didn't say  
 That we dropped straight down  
 Then up another mountain.

In the snow gums' shade we took our ease  
 And I smiled as we lunched and rested  
 For from now on it was all downhill  
 Straight going to the campsite.

It was straight alright and downhill too  
 That spur went on forever  
 It flung us down and it tossed us out  
 Straight into the river!

Oh waters cool, oh rocky cliffs!  
 We're all exhilarated!  
 But the leader's off, for his chosen camp  
 Is not as anticipated!

Hand in hand we waded down  
 The Wongungarra's torrent  
 The infant stream was a bouncing bane  
 With a wet and slippery bottom.

Now take a tip from one who knows  
 When next your map you study  
 Don't believe it when it shows  
 Banks along a river!

At last we stopped and we all looked up  
 There was no where else for tenting  
 We climbed a bluff, and a rocky ledge  
 Was our bed and breakfast lodging.

Ch, the wicked grin on the leader's face  
 As he told me in the morning  
 "It's a long climb up to the Blue Rag Range  
 But you've got all day to do it."

I will draw a veil on the next four hours  
 As I struggled ever upwards  
 Till I reached (the last!) the top of the spur  
 And my fit and fast companions.

C the BlueRag Range it was up and down  
 As I walked along the ridges  
 With the Twins in sight and views all round  
 And the river in the valley.

If adventure you seek but your maps are dull  
 And your walks lack stimulations  
 Go on one of Tyrone's weekend trips  
 He'll fulfill your expectations!

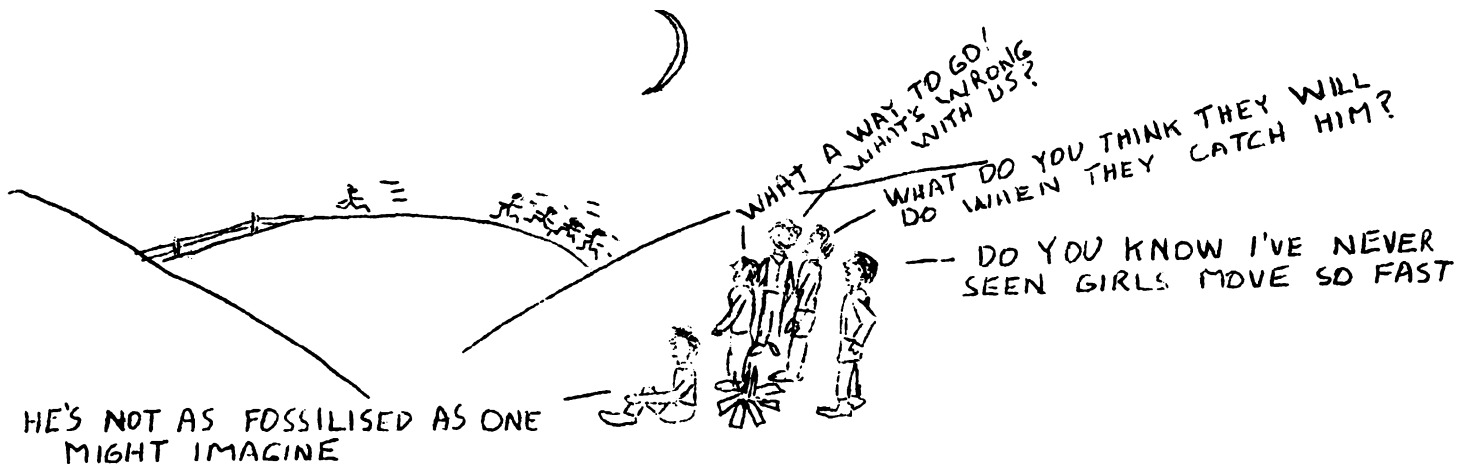
ALMA STRAPPAZON.

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I would like to thank all those people who have submitted Articles for the year, particularly "Along the Track". Keep up the good work. I would also like to thank Darry and Gwenda Short for all their hard work in printing the magazine and putting it together and also to their helpers. Darry does a marvelous job printing the magazine as well as all those fantastic drawings.

To all readers of "News", have a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. You will all be able to write an article over the Christmas break of all those holiday adventures, for the January issue. You can hand them to me in the Club Rooms or forward to 53 Riverside Avenue, North Balwyn, 3104.

ALISON BLAKER



## L O P E Z

On Tyrone's base camp, Neil Priestly put a bottle of cream into a creek to cool it off. No sooner had he let it go than it went swimming downstream. After a few hundred metres and a lot of cursing, Neil caught up with the cream on a snag. First time I've heard of anyone having sausages and cream for tea!

Chris Murphy, Kristina Walters and Phil Coleman won the mixed team event and came 4th overall in the S.T.R. Annual Rogaining event. After walking for 24 hours, Kristina said that she had enjoyed it so much that she wants to do it again.

Shelly Hayes doesn't seem to be letting her "delicate condition" affect her going out on walks. The baby is due in mid July and the betting is 100 to 1 on that (s)he will have curly hair. So much for next ski season, Shelly.

The tradition of catching taxis to chase vans on Sunday Walks was continued on Art Terry's day walk to Lorne. Ross Hoskins was delayed by Vic Rail on his way to the walk and arrived at Batman Ave. at 9.25 after the van had just left. He ran over to the station, hailed a taxi and went charging off towards Dynon Road after the van. Meanwhile, the van was chugging towards West Gate Bridge and parts beyond. After reaching the limits of the money in his pocket, Ross bade the taxi to whoa at about Laverton and then he returned to Melbourne via The Bridge.

At the Spaghetti Theatre the other night the waitress took orders for vienna chocolate then foolishly turned to that ace one-line unit, Max to confirm the order: "Right, that's four vienna coffees isn't it?" Max (shyly) "No I only ordered one, actually!"

The President's weekend on the Avon River turned out to make a bigger splash than was intended. We arrived at the campsite before lunch on Saturday, after Ian H. had a flat tyre and a hill climb in the best tradition of car racing (with dust substituted for the mandatory mud). With much muttering, everyone followed Graham down a trail towards "The Channel" and we stopped for a swim and lunch at a waterhole about 2 km short of the destination. After a lot of swimming, jumping in and out of the water etc. lunch was taken and the hardy walkers proceeded to the channel with the others staying behind "to make sure they all came back". After returning to the camp for dinner and demolishing most of the food, the group sat around the campfire and sang and read poetry. After that the party started to lie down and then "the new games" started, with everyone lying down on their backs, with hands in the air to pass one person down the row. Then came the dancing, accompanied by Stuart Hodgson playing his organ. After that, Graham H. came bursting through the pack, jumped over the fire and ran off into the darkness. At that stage it was realised that he had "streaked" and half the women went out to chase him through the scrub. In trying to dodge the screaming hordes he ran into a fence that left nasty welts across his chest and hips! Later, after the President had been noticeably absent, the same wild women marched over to his tent, after a good night kiss. When they discovered that he wasn't in his tent they decided to wait for him. Meanwhile, Little Willie was getting some peace and quiet further up the hill. After waiting for about 10 minutes in his tent, Kristina was sent to fetch him. Imagine Willie's surprise as upon trying to climb into his tent he was met by the sight of wall to wall nubile nymphs. The rest of the weekend continued in the same vein, and ended with the "Avon Ladies" doing callisthenics in the middle of the Avon River.

Lopez has had his ear to the ground for so long that he has ended up with Lop ears!

ASSORTED WAFFLE

Well - the moment so eagerly awaited by Concerned Member and others has arrived: this is the last batch of Assorted Waffle. I shall be away in January, and the President's report in February will doubtless be quite enough to be going on with for those who are not among the 399 who read only Lopez.

I have really enjoyed my two years as President, and would certainly like to continue. However, as I indicated nearly 12 months ago, I believe this would be very bad for the club. On the basis of a number of objective criteria I believe no walking club in Victoria enjoys greater vitality than ours - but this state of affairs will continue only if we avoid the dreaded rut; only if we do not allow the club to become set in its ways. Alex and Bob have both promised me that they will run for office again in 1979, so, with continuity provided for in the two most important positions, the club's stability is assured.

You are looking for a new President; I hope we will see a complete change of style. With 400 members to choose from the possibilities are endless. For example - how about a woman member for President? I can think of a dozen brilliant choices immediately. VMTC has a woman President, and there is not the slightest doubt that she is one of that club's greatest assets. Or again - how about someone under the age of 25 for a change? Let's see some imagination, some daring innovation.

Well - that as a club is your job. Mine is to bow out gracefully - that is, to refrain absolutely from trying to influence events, particularly while the new incumbent is establishing her/his own style. Do not mistake silence (I wonder if I really am capable of it?!!) for lack of support.

Meanwhile, may I wish you all a Merry Christmas, and happy and safe walking (or climbing) over the holiday break.

-----W-J.

WALKING WAFFLE (An irregular feature)

It appears that our club is becoming afflicted with an unusual malady. Our membership is at an all time high, yet leaders for walks are becoming increasingly hard to find. We can only hope that this is a passing phenomenon and that more leaders will emerge from the proverbial woodwork in the near future. To those members who have never led a walk before, we ask you to shed your inhibitions and have a go. It's not as difficult as you might think. Experienced members always accompany new leaders on their first walk just to keep an eye on things. Contact the Walks Secretary for further details.

Some experienced leaders seem reluctant to lead an occasional trip, sometimes for no apparent reason. This only places an unfair burden on the reliable few who end up being asked to lead more than their share of walks. The message should be clear. Don't wait until you are cornered by your pleading Walks Secretary, but volunteer your services if you have not led a walk within the past few months. Towards the end of February and early March, leaders will be required for the winter programme. So how about it?

In conclusion, a matter concerning walk refunds was brought up at the last General Meeting. Apparently some club members are unfamiliar with the Club Rules and By-laws pertaining to refunds. The relevant part states:-

WALKS AND TRIPSC. "MOTOR TRANSPORT"

8. "Any refunds of deposits on fares to persons not occupying their seats in the van will be at the discretion of the leader and any two of the executive present in the Clubroom at 9.30 p.m. on the Wednesday following the walk in question and shall be determined in the light of the leader's Walk Report. The following general principles shall apply:-

- (1) Refunds will not be made if the reason for non-attendance is deemed to be frivolous.
- (2) The idea behind demanding deposits is to protect the Club against undue loss; accordingly the financial outcome of the trip shall be considered relevant to the issue.
- (3) Deposits may be refunded in whole or in part, and the amount refunded may vary



between persons, as principles here outlined.

MEMBERSHIP "WAFFLE"

Change of Address -

Ian Hargreaves, 29 Halsbury Street, Glenroy, 3046. Phone 306 1650  
Prue Hardiman, Phone 484 776  
Ken Briscoe, 544 0433 Ext. 214.  
Tom Kvalnes, Lot 36, Lavelle Drive, Logan Village, 4206. Q'land.

Welcome to the following New Member :-

Vivien Pells, 5/34 Drewster Street, Essendon, 3040.

A special welcome back to Paul and Pat Gray who have just returned from England.  
See you on the beach Paul.

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COME AND HAVE SUPPER WITH ALL YOUR OLD FRIENDS  
ON DECEMBER 20, 1978 AT 8.30 p.m.  
IN THE CLUBROOMS.

HERE IS THE CHANCE TO CATCH UP ON ALL THE LATEST  
NEWS WHILE MUNCHING ON CHRISTMAS CAKE AND DRINKING  
COFFEE.

EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME  
VISITORS, OLD AND NEW MEMBERS

See you there.

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CRADLE MOUNTAIN RESERVE

Is anyone interested in a trip through the reserve in the second half of January?  
The (very tentative) plan is to follow the overland track down to Pine Valley, then  
out via the Cavier Valley. The walk would be done in easy stages, (as a couple of  
infrequent walkers may be coming) and would take 6 or 7 days (negotiable) which allows  
plenty of time for side-trips. Contact Rob Ayre. (P) 93 4204.

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FVWC

At the December meeting Gerry McPhee was elected President of the Federation of  
Victorian Walking Clubs.

Neville Byrne of LaTrobe Uni. Mountaineering Club was also nominated and is  
representing his club on the new Priorities Committee to be chaired by

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A new snow pole line has been proposed from Falls Ck-Pretty Valley-Mt. Jim. The  
Alpine Resort Development Committee has asked for comments from interested persons.  
New snow poles will be put in from Ropers Hut to the Summit of Mt. Bogong.

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