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OF THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

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MEMBERS NOTE:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WED. FEBRUARY 22nd, 1978 8 p.m.

Victorian Railways Institute

2nd Floor Room 236

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR ALL POSITIONS

FEBRUARY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

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

TREASURER: Balance 31JAN78 \$2664-81. Bills passed for payment at the meeting totalled \$397-50, including \$300 provision for forthcoming Gronow's bill. The above balance is the final balance for 1977, since the club's year ends 31JAN. It compares with last year's final balance \$6213-78. The difference is largely accounted for by the fact that bills for the printing of both "Walk 1977" and "Walk 1978" have had to be met in the one year, and by advertising revenue that has still not come in. Ross outlined the recommendations he will put to the AGM re next year's subscription rates.

WALKS SECRETARY: NOV: 198m + 65v = 263 = 149d + 114w/e. PROFIT \$10
DEC: 135m + 38v = 173 = 110d + 63w/e. LOSS \$51
Cumulative loss for the year is \$872, and reflects the fact that van charges were increased during the year. (The figure will not agree precisely with that in Treasurer's annual report because of a difference in the way in which monthly bills are offset against revenue).

NEWS CONVENER: Closing date, 8 March (provisional).

"WALK" BUSINESS MANAGER: Current deficit of approx \$3500 roughly comprises \$1200 outstanding on "Walk 1977", \$1200 on "Walk 1978" and \$1200 worth of stock on hand. 1800 copies of "Walk 1978" have now been distributed, but not all accounts paid.

WILKINSON LODGE: There is a work party 25-26FEB. Use of the lodge has increased over this summer. Thought will have to be given in about 12 months! time to the purchase of a new stove.

DUTY ROSTER: 15FEB Rod Mattingley, Graham Wills-Johnson; 22FEB Janet White, Shelly Hayes; 1MAR (provisional) Bob Douglas, Eileen Ayre.

MEETING HELD: 6FEB78.

Correspondence should be addressed to:-

The Secretary,
Melbourne Bushwalkers,
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 7-00 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

MARCH WALK PREVIEWS

Day Walks

March 5 TALLAROOK - GOULBOURN RIVER - SEYMOUR Easy

LEADER: Harald Goetz
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 9-15 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Tallarook 1:50,000
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 8 - 10 kms.

A walk along the Goulburn River. Please bring bathers and lunch.

March 5 TALLAROOK - CHERRY TREE RANGE - SEYMOUR Medium

LEADER: Graham Hodgson
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Av. 9-15 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Tallarook 1:50,000
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 10 miles 16 Kms.

Unfortunately I have not been able to preview this walk in time for its inclusion in News, however I can assure people of a very picturesque trip up into the surrounding hills to the west of the Goulburn River. We will stay at about 600m all day so there will not be too many ups and downs. For those with maps, we will be commencing the trip at 432853 and finishing at Tallarook.

March 12 SUNBURY - JACKSON'S CREEK - RIDDELL (Labour Day W/E.) Easy
Medium

LEADER: A leader is still required for this walk.
TRANSPORT: Train

March 19 FEDERATION DAY WALK

Walk not finalized and details not available for publication.
See Bob Douglas if interested.

March 19 FRENCH ISLAND

LEADER: Art Terry Easy
TRANSPORT: Train. 9.25 a.m. from Flinders St. No.1 platform.
FARE: \$5.40 Return to Tankerton, French Island via Stony Point. (includes ferry fare).
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8-15 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Broadbent's Phillip Island No. 148.
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 8 miles.

This is an interesting easy walk gradually climbing to the Pinnacles - about 150' A.S.L. The highest point on the island is Mt. Wellington 210'. From the Pinnacles a good view of the island and Westernport Bay is obtained. We encounter a little scrub so be prepared with a pair of longs for about a mile. From the Pinnacles we descend to the beach for a swim and a stroll via the beach back to Tankerton. Time on the Island is now cut to about 5 hours due to the 6 p.m. ferry from Cowes being discontinued - hence a short walk and a short lunch break. Bring water, long pants and swimming gear. We catch the ferry back to Stony Point at 5-30 p.m.

March 19 FRENCH ISLAND - CYCLING TOUR Easy and
Medium

LEADER: Tony Morris
 TRANSPORT: Train. 9.25 a.m. from Flinders St. Station
 Platform No. 1.
 FARE: \$5.40 Return, ferry cost included.
 \$1.00 extra for your bike ticket.
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.15 p.m.
 MAP REFERENCE: Broadbent's 'Phillip Island' No. 148.
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 35 kms.

We will cross from Stony Point to Tankerton on French Island by ferry. As gradients are gentle all over the Island we will be able to push right to the northern and eastern beaches. Four or five bikes will be available for hire, which I will arrange. Traffic density is low on the Island and the locals seem well-disposed towards bicyclists. This will be a very leisurely ride with the bonus of a boat ride as well. So dust off the old 'Malvern Star', check that it is still 'roadworthy' and be there!

March 26 MONBULK - SHERBROOKE FOREST - BELGRAVE (Easter Sunday)

LEADER: ANY VOLUNTEERS PLEASE?
 TRANSPORT: Train

March 3-5 HOWITT HUT - WONNANGATTA STATION - GUY'S HUT

LEADER: Graham Wills-Johnson
 TRANSPORT: Private
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 18 miles.
 MAP REFERENCE: Howitt 1:100,000

Blackberries big as basketballs? When Werribee's answer to Ed Hillary last led this standard item from our repertoire two years ago the bushes down at Wonnangatta Station were loaded. However, that was a couple of weeks earlier in the year, so I'm not promising anything. I think I will be strongly tempted to reverse the direction of the circuit from that on the program, finishing at Howitt Hut.

March 10 - A.W.T. PROJECT NO. 7 (LABOUR DAY W/E.) Medium
 13 COPE HUT - MT WILLS

LEADER: Dave Andrews
 TRANSPORT: Private \$15
 MAPS: Mt. Wills 1:25,000 Algonia Mt. Bogong and the High
 Plains.

The first day from Cope Hut to Bogong Creek Saddle via Mt. Nelse and The Grey Hills. The Second day to Mt. Bogong via the Quartz Ridge then a long descent to Mt. Wills creek via the long spur. On the third day we go over Mt. Wills, a short day as it is a long way home. Here is an opportunity to see some of the best walking country in the state at a steady pace.

March 10 - MARYSVILLE - BLUE RANGE - THORNTON (LABOUR DAY WEEKEND). Medium
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LEADER: Rob Harris
 TRANSPORT: Public Bus.
 Walk preview not received.

March 23 - BLUE MOUNTAINS N.S.W. (EASTER) Medium
 27

LEADER: Harald Goetz
 TRANSPORT: As arranged
 MAP REFERENCE: Katoomba, Jamieson, Jenolan 1: 31,680.
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 45 kms.

March 23 - BLUE-MOUNTAINS N.S.W. (Cont.)
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I'm planning an Easter trip to see the Blue Mountains in an approximately 4 day walk. At the moment I have contacted several places for more maps and information. If interested please see me in the club rooms or ring A.H. 380-2658. The walk should be very rewarding - weather permitting

March 23 - EXPLORATORY W/E. DARGO HIGH PLAINS (EASTER) Easy
27

LEADER: Rod Mattingley
TRANSPORT: Private 6-30 p.m.

Walk Preview not received.

March 23 - A.W.T. PROJECT NO. 8 MT. WILLS - TOM GROGGIN (EASTER) Hard
28

LEADER: Michael Griffin
TRANSPORT: Private

Walk Preview not received.

LATE WALK PREVIEWS

Feb. 19 WESTBRIDGE - WOMBELANO FALLS Easy

LEADER: Jim Wilcock
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue 9-15 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.00 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Glenburn 1:50,000
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 7 kms.

Note short distance to conform to "EASY" classification. Walk involves about three hours walking, generally uphill - some scrub-bashing, tracks and rock-hopping along river bed. With a long lunch and plenty of rests we should fill in the day quite pleasantly. Bring water for lunch, NO FIRES ALLOWED IN AREA, wear boots and as wet feet could also be an additional bonus, spare footwear for trip home is suggested.

Walk starts at WESTBRIDGE, GR 435803 and picks up ridge line to WOMBELANO FALLS between GR 414796 and GR 369774.

FLATMATE WANTED

Flatmate wanted to share a large furn.

2 BR. Flat in PARKVILLE next to Royal

Park and close to Melb. Uni.

\$28 p.w. + costs. Non-smoker only.

See me in the club rooms or call at

29/92 The Avenue or telephone

350-1222 ext. 370.

Otto Christiansen.

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As I see it, the two most important positions in the club are those of Treasurer and Walks Secretary. Without proper and efficient management of its financial affairs the continuation of the very existence of the club would not be possible for very long. Given that this essential condition for its survival is met, however, nobody bears more responsibility for what it does, as a walking club, than the Walks Secretary. Without an interesting program and smooth operation the upward trend in membership would very soon be reversed.

Unfortunately both Ross and Graham have indicated that they will be unable to carry on in these positions in the coming year. The general call for nominations for the elections to be held at the Annual General Meeting on 22nd is therefore particularly strong in these two cases. The general nature of the work each entails has been outlined in recent issues of "News", and more information could be got by having a chat with Graham or Ross, as the case may be. For the sake of continuity I would hope that the positions are eventually filled by people who would be able to carry on in them for a couple of years at least. A moderate degree of change is always necessary and desirable, but to lose experienced incumbents in both these positions in the one year is, I think, unfortunate.

-----W-J.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

January 19, 1978.

Dear Edita,

For those as aren't that well eddicated I thort membas mite like to know that "entropy" (menshuned in January Lopez article) means...."measure of the un-availability of a system's thermal energy for conversion into mechanical work".

Referring to Marilyn Blizzard's letter on the venues of Club dinners, I thoroughly agree with Marilyn that the functions would be more attractive to more members if they were held in a central location.

Yours faithfully,

Janet White

(Signed)

ARTICLES FOR "NEWS". Closing date for March issue - WEDNESDAY, 8th. (provisional).

Sincere thanks to Janet for kindly typing the 1977 Annual Reports.

Special thanks to Gwenda & Barry Short for printing the "News" during the last twelve months and to their many helpers who assisted in collating the newsletter.

Thanks also to members for their contributions this month and to all other members who have sent one or more articles in during the last year. Without your continuing efforts we would not have a "News" to receive each month.

Thanks all.

Alwyn Bloom

News Convener.

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ALONG THE TRACK

CHRISTMAS WALK - BOGONG HIGH PLAINS

After weeks of waiting for that holiday of a lifetime we headed north on a rather wet 26th December. The weather however, improved as we went on towards Falls Creek, and so did our hopes for a good walk.

Next morning while going up, things didn't look that bright, but I consoled myself thinking it to be low clouds. Half an hour later I was proved wrong because the rain became stronger and Steven and I had to seek refuge at Wallace's Hut. At 9-15 a.m. we left finally for the walk with a difference - where all 16 participants were never again together during any day. We left, during - what was now pouring rain, for our first destination. But we never arrived there. Crossing the High Plains we had hail coming towards us in such a strong and unpleasant manner that my glasses fogged up and I was not able to see where I was staggering to. Of course - the weight of my pack, which felt as though it was rocks, did not help at all. After taking refuge in a hut for morning tea and a last pep talk from Graham (who then left us) we proceeded down towards Weston's Hut dropping off 4 of our members on the way. (Later that day I would envy them for being at heated Wilky Hut while we kept battling the elements.) At Weston's Hut again we found refuge from the hail and rain and an opportunity to warm ourselves up and dry our clothes. As we had lunch the sun came through the clouds and some of the more ambitious members wanted to go on. But, it was not meant to be, because as soon as the fire went out - the sun disappeared too. Finally the sun came through just long enough for Marijka to press on to Cabungra Hut where we put our tents up for the night.

Next morning we found our tents covered with snow and a changeable sky. Marijke decided to miss Feathertop and return to Blair's Hut with the option for a daytrip to Mt. Feathertop. Tim, Peter, Steven and Jeff decided to take the original four up Mt. Hotham across the Razorback to Mt. Feathertop and down to Blair's Hut. The walk took them 12 hrs. for the 19 miles, and everyone was delighted to see them stagger back at night. Marijke, Cynthia, Jeff and Harald set off on the same morning to Mt. Feathertop but made it only to High Knob (except Marijke who turned back). The view from High Knob was found to be very rewarding and I was surprised to see snow still at Mt. Feathertop.

After a very short night in bed, the next day dawned sunny and clear and Marijke took us up to the High Plains to dispose of us to Graham who, was impatiently waiting for us. But we lost Jeff Greenwood who wore himself out the day before and was only found again at camp that night. We proceeded to Mt. Niggerhead, Mt. Fainter (well named for those exhausted from all the morning's climb!) and Mt. Fainter North. Going downhill was a relief, but I'm still trying to work out why Graham moved on every time I came near him.

Next morning's descent started quite pleasantly along a lovely track down to the Kiewa Valley Road. But when the road had been crossed - guess what? Right back up the other side! Graham took us on the way to Bogong Creek Saddle, up along the aquaduct on a rather hot day. (The temp. must have been 50C!:) While having lunch most walkers decided to have a shower in a nearby waterfall. Meanwhile I decided to take a bath instead which was appreciated by those other walkers who did not appreciate my garlic input coming out in perspiration. After lunch we took off to the Saddle which took us longer than expected - it was a wonder any water was left in the creeks on the way after we had finished refilling ourselves.

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CHRISTMAS WALK - BOGONG HIGH PLAINS (Cont.)

The final day, towards Wilky walking was more pleasant since the overcast sky made it less difficult, however Graham's special scrub-bashing made up for it. Coming along Crows Nest, and Mt. Spion Kopje we had a spectacular view to the right and left side (infact we discovered Robert who had decided to go it alone along the road.) Again as in the last 2 days, we lost Jeff only to find him that night again at 7 p.m. Most others of the party made it some time before that.

To everybody's delight Marijke and her visiting Mother cooked a delicious meal for all of us, to which however, we had only access after a shower and change of clothes. We were only too glad to oblige, and had cause to celebrate our return and seeing in the New Year at Wilky. New Year's day 'arrived' for some at 9.40 p.m. and the others at 10 p.m.

To all those who rushed everytime I dragged myself up the next mountain because they had already been waiting for hours - all is forgiven. Now we can just look forward to the trip again next year.

H.G.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS: "NEWS" CONVENER.

This position entails arranging and typing of the "News" which is, as you know, received monthly. The easy part is the typing; the difficult part is arranging the articles, so they all fit, with consideration to the appearance; to look neat and well spaced.

The typist depends greatly on the response from club members in forwarding Walk Previews, 'Along the Track' articles, members' advertisements, the 'news' page and reports on social events; special club activities such as Navigation Weekend Courses etc. The regular features of President's article, coming social events, brief committee meeting notes, welcome to new members, changes of address, club clean-up notices, all come from committee members.

Usually I have found approaching members personally, with a request to write a report, produces pleasing re-actions. Members generally are quite happy about this so long, I feel, I seek different members when possible, so that a person may only be approached, once or at the most twice, in one year. Of course it is great to receive the material, which oftens happens, without having to ask for it. It is always a marvellous help to receive as much information as early as possible before the actual closing date, as this allows a chance to read it through before commencing typing the stencil, to make any small corrections if and when necessary, and then depending what it is, roughly type it to use as a spacing guide. Most members are really considerate in printing or writing clearly. This to me was a very pleasant, but unexpected surprise. Some times, even typed copies are received!

About 10 - 12 hours are spent, following the Wednesday closing date until the next Saturday, working on "News". Early Saturday the stencils are railed to Barry Short, for completion.

The job is rewarding and both the preparation of the "News" and being on the committee were far more enjoyable and challenging than I had imagined they might have been.

Alwyn Bloom

This position is now vacant and the club requires some-one for the job. If you feel you would like to assist the club in this way please speak to one of the Committee Members. I would be very happy to be of any assistance, but really once you have got your first edition out, from then on it's really plain sailing.

The club's typewriter, although a portable one, is excellent. A large dictionary can be of considerable help!

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THE CHRISTMAS DINNER

On Saturday, December 17th, the cool of the mountain evening descended on Sherbrooke Forest to transform what had been a glorious day into a memorable evening. The "Gypsy Princess" was just beginning to swell to the numbers of arriving people including 64 Melbourne Bushies.

The clever ones had arrived early and checked into their salubrious guest rooms and showered, etc. at leisure while waiting for the others. It was good to see that the "racehorse brigade" arrived in their "semi formal" gear as requested by the advertisement in News - "semi formal" gear to them of course being in gymboots with jeans instead of shorts. As our group filtered indoors they were ushered to tables of various sizes and shapes and as it turned out due in part to an imbalance caused by Hodgson's Harem the large table ended up with 5 blokes and 12 girls. Geoff scored pretty well with 3 girls on his right and 5 on his left, needless to say this table was popular with the likes of Ed and Harald loitering around. Speaking of Harald, he was one of the early starters on the dance floor as the violinist had just begun his recital. The music had a distinctive Hungarian ethnic flavour which suited the decor and surrounds and everyone was wondering when Harald was going to burst into a wild Cossack toe kicking squatting fling.

The food service was quite good although it varied remarkably from table to table. The soup was served in a large bowl with a ladle and then it was help yourself, after that the entrees came randomly. On some tables the main course came within minutes of the entree while on the large table the main course didn't arrive till an hour later. That didn't stop anyone from getting stuck into the dancing however and it didn't stop them from enjoying their meals after, either. By this time the music had got into full swing with the two man band going through their paces with the Bushies being well represented on the dance floor. The singer/guitarist (who bore a strong resemblance to Ronald Biggs) gave it everything he had and wailed his way through several brackets bringing the house down with a Dean Martin song and an undistinguishable Hungarian version of 'Sweet Caroline' that would have given Neil Diamond a sleepless August night. To those who weren't dancing, the music sounded a bit off, but to those on the dance floor, it still sounded off actually, but anyway everyone was too busy keeping on their feet through dances like the Mexican Hat Dance, Zorba and the Can Can to worry about the quality of the sound, it was the quantity that mattered.

The inevitable "announcements" were made and somehow the Phantom Fossil managed to sabotage the show with some bogus message pertaining to the prospective maternal condition of a large number of lady Bushies present (perhaps it may have some Freudian overtones pertaining to the Fossil himself). Back around the tables the photographer was having a bad night, after finally getting someone to pose for a photo he came back later on to the same table and in typical Bushie fashion everyone had swapped places and he couldn't find any familiar faces. The dancing continued and the Soc. Sec. was getting danced off her feet, her husband had the situation under control though, he was keeping a close eye on the bloke dancing with her. As the clock approached the pumpkin hour sadly all the festivities faded after one last encore and everyone disbanded (the lucky ones to their rooms across the driveway).

In spite of anything I may have written it really was a great night and thanks again Shelly.

The Shady Scorpion.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

ALLOTT/TELEHIN, Shirley & George - 111 Maroondah Hwy. Healesville, 3777.
 CHESTERFIELD, Debbie - 3 Wilson St., Murrumbena, 3163. (P) 568-3086.
 FRITZE, Vyrall - (P) 380-5005
 WILSON, Thea - (P) 335-1490

ANNUAL REPORTS 1977PRESIDENT:

I don't think there is much doubt that the club is in a very healthy state - a state of vitality which might almost be described as "bursting at the seams". Membership is at an all-time high. The Alpine Walking Track Project (AWT) has given a "theme" to our walking which has had effects extending far beyond the immediate walks and the direct participants. The social life of the club must at least be termed "active" - though there have been times when maybe "frenetic" would be closer to the mark (or am I just getting too old to be able to keep up with the pace?!). "Walk 1978" appeared well back in 1977 and has been favorably received by both press and public; perhaps the real litmus test is that we now have new advertisers coming forward spontaneously wanting to buy space in the next edition. I think the club can look back on a very good year indeed.

Well - who shall we blame? Certainly the committee has been very active, and many of its members were willing to tackle things well outside the range of their assigned portfolios. However, the reasons for the success of the club extend far beyond the formal committee. If I were to try to begin to acknowledge people's efforts individually, either on the committee or behind the scenes, this would be a very long report. For example: members who made their places available for club social functions; a member whose efforts under the club insignia drew favorable comment from one of the most prominent (and fastidious) of Australia's bushwalking cartographers; a member who, in spite of heavy commitments, has come to our rescue on the conservation scene at least twice during the year; the phantom cartoonist who brightens up NEWS every month; people who were willing to give up time to drive for the AWT..... just to mention at random a few of the many less-obvious but vital contributions. There are many others. I can only say that for as long as the club can continue to draw on such a vast pool of energy and enthusiasm I have no fears whatsoever for its continued prosperity and success.

It seems a pity to have to end on a pessimistic note, but the present condition and future prospects of the country in which we walk seem to me as dismal as those of the club itself seem bright. AWT stage 4 traversed country which I first saw about eight years ago when I had recently arrived in Victoria. It was impossible to avoid contrasting "then" and "now". Then most of it was remote wilderness, with only very few incursions to mar it. Now, in every direction the eye can trace, it is a shattered, blasted landscape. IT IS ALREADY TOO LATE to talk about conservation in the Alpine area. Nevertheless, even our efforts to shut the stable door after the horse has escaped are being resisted and compromised at the level where the future of this ruined region is being decided. The picture in Tasmania is just as bleak...no part of its "wilderness" which I traversed this summer (and I was off tracks most of the time) has escaped similar, if so far perhaps less severe, compromise of its values. I think we should try to put things in better perspective by dropping the word "conservation" and putting the word "restoration" in its place. We must keep trying, but I am afraid I cannot see things improving in our time.

..... Graham Wills-Johnson

SOCIAL SECRETARY:

This year has been quite a successful one, both in slide nights, dinners and wine tastings. I wish to thank everyone for their help and support. Any suggestions for future social events will be gratefully received.

..... Shelly Hayes

WALKS SECRETARY:

For the first time in many years we have had a reduction in the total number of walkers. The statistics for this year and last year for comparison are:-

Year	Day Walks		W/week & Longer		Totals	
	Trips	Walkers	Trips	Walkers	Trips	Walkers
1977	60	1835	47	770	107	2605
1976	53	2133	40	808	93	2941

Thus there were 340 fewer walkers most of whom were not on day walks. Additionally this reduction is reflected in the numbers of visitors - 826 for 1977 against 1068 for 1976.

As a matter of policy we have increased the number of trips in an attempt to avoid the ecological disaster of 50 walkers on one walk. This part of the club activities has lost money (approx. \$900) over the year. Unfortunately a rise in transport charges coincided with a fare rise which was designed to correct the situation mid year. The series of walks covering the Alpine Walking track have been added to the program and have provided the harder walking element with a challenge.

My thanks go to the many leaders who volunteered or were pressed into service and to the two walks sub-committees - day and weekend - who helped provide such varied programs.

..... Graham Mascas

WALK 1978 EDITOR:

This year we were lucky enough to receive quite a large number of articles, thanks to all the people who wrote. Thanks also to Fred Halls, Arthur Francis and Bob Douglas who all helped to make the editor's life so much easier. The budget for printing 3000 copies was:-

Printing cost	\$2950
Advertising revenue	1000
Sales to members (hopefully)	200
Sales to retailers	<u>2000</u>
Estimated Profit	\$ 250

..... Sue Oldfield

WALK BUSINESS MANAGER:

WALK 1977:	Published February 1977 3000 copies printed 660 in stock at February 1978
WALK 1978:	Published October 1977 3100 copies printed 1200 in stock at February 1978
Value of old stock.	\$1500 (approx)
Value of Walk 1978 stock . . .	\$1200 "
Payments outstanding	\$2400

..... Bob Douglas

SEARCH & RESCUE DELEGATE:

I am pleased to be able to report that there is very little to report! The last 12 months have been very quiet and no calls have been made on S & R members. Hopefully the preventative education I have spoken of before is having an effect, and that this trend will last.

All that I wish to say is thanks to those members who are on the call-out list and I hope you will be prepared to continue your support of this valuable service. Thanks also to the contacts, Graham and Sue Errey, Geoff and Jenny Kenafacke and Rex and Sue Filson for their support in this important area.

..... Shirley McInnes

SECRETARY:

I would like to thank those who have helped me during the year. The club is currently a member of, or affiliated with, the following organisations:-

Kosciuzko Huts Association
 Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs
 Australian Conservation Foundation
 Victorian National Parks Association
 Environment News
 Ski Touring Association of Victoria

..... Rob Hayes

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:

MEMBERSHIP AS AT FEBRUARY 8, 1978

Single members	264
Married members	108
Total membership	<u>372</u>
NEWS subscribers	7

Club information has been sent out in response to 116 written enquiries. I would like to thank Peter Bullard for his help during the year and Ken Briscoe for printing the computer address list each month.

..... Sylvia Withall

WILKINSON LODGE MANAGER:

Wilky continues to be used more often every year, in particular this year by some family members. No major maintenance work was done this year. The SEC, without any request from us, has repaired the access track from the main road to the lower barrier. This work has solved the erosion problem that was developing on the steep parts of the track.

The committee decided to increase the lodge fees from last December, being the first fee increase in about 8 years. The additional revenue will be needed to purchase a replacement kitchen stove in the near future.

..... Rod Mattingley

JOINT CLUBROOM COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT: (COM)

COM attended to the business of running the clubrooms. The sharing of the rooms with a third club, the Catholic Walking Club who meet two Tuesdays a month, seems to be working to our mutual satisfaction.

At COM meetings during the year we discussed the possibility of painting the clubrooms but felt there would be too much work involved as well as problems with the Greater Union Organisation which owns the rooms, so we shelved the idea.

The grill above the blackboard just inside the entrance was found to be lifted, but it is now securely screwed down to prevent any ambitious thieves, thanks to John Hodges.

MBW's turn to clean the rooms comes up every three months and we have found it convenient to hold the working bees straight after work at 5 pm on Wednesdays before the club opens. Clean-ups this year will be in February, May, August, November, and notice will be given beforehand in the appropriate issue of NEWS.

..... Janet White, George Telehin

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Membership Subscriptions	\$2450.00	Rent	\$ 408.00
Interest on Term Deposit	165.00	Insurance	127.96
Advertisements in "News"	96.00	PMG box	42.00
Newsletter sale	.20	General Admin. Expenses	
Sale of old Duplicating Machine	30.00	(postage, phone, stationery, etc)	262.45
Club badges	2.50	Duplicating Machine	203.00
Social Activities	1533.50	Newsletter printing & postage	507.75
Equipment Hire	122.00	Newsletter paper & ink	479.96
Navigation Course	104.00	Bank Charges	6.18
Auction Proceeds	48.77	Subscriptions FVWC, VNPA, ACF, etc	61.00
		Social Activities	1639.04
		Miscellaneous Refunds	12.00
		Maps	46.10
		Conservation Material	8.20
		Auction Reimbursements	10.80
CLUB INCOME TOTAL	\$4551.97	CLUB COSTS TOTAL	\$3814.44
Walks Receipts	8553.80	Transport incl. Refunds (\$58)	9468.91
WALKS INCOME TOTAL	8553.80	TRANSPORT COST TOTAL	9468.91
Misc. Magazines	18.40	Misc. Magazines	24.60
"Walk" Magazine	2022.46	"Walk" Magazine	5589.00
MAGAZINES TOTAL INCOME	2040.86	MAGAZINES TOTAL COSTS	5613.60
WILKY (FEES)	469.50	WILKY COSTS	268.15
TOTAL RECEIPTS	15616.13	TOTAL PAYMENTS	19165.10
<u>B A L A N C E 1977</u>			
Receipts	15616.13	Payments	19165.10
Bank Balance 1.2.77	6213.78	Bank Balance - Investment Savings Ac	1000.00
Petty Cash 31.1.78	0.00	- Cheque Ac	1664.81
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