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OF THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

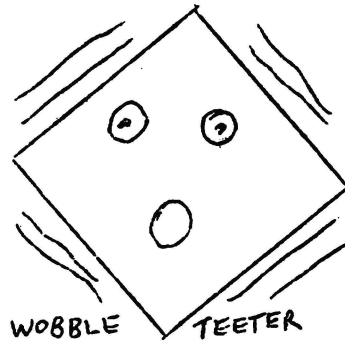
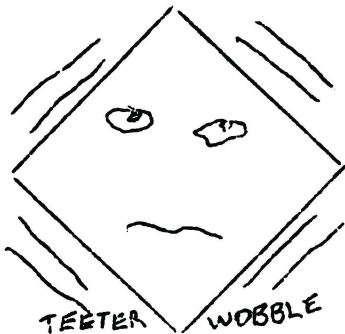
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## SQUARE DANCE



IT'S ON AGAIN — TIME TO LOSE YOUR EXTRA  
WINTER WEIGHT

WHERE : MAIN RIDGE HALL

MAIN CREEK ROAD  
MAINRIDGE

WHEN : 19<sup>th</sup> AUGUST '78

TIME : 8.00 P.M. SHARP!

CALLER : KEN HOOKE & CO.

ALL VERY WELCOME, ESPECIALLY SINGLES  
OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATION AVAILABLE

BOOKINGS — SEE SHELLY HAYES

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.

### JULY WALK PREVIEWS

#### Day Walks

July 2      YOU YANGS FOREST RESERVE (party limit 30)      Easy Medium

LEADER: Neil Priestley  
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue 9.15 a.m.  
FARE: \$3  
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: Approx. 7.00 p.m.  
MAP REFERENCE: Meredith 1" to 1 mile (Unavailable)  
                                You Yangs Forest Reserve F.C. Vic.  
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 9 kms.

The walk will commence at the main entrance to the Reserve area from where there is a climb of approx. 900 ft. to Flinders Peak via "Big Rock". Good views of surrounding countryside including Brisbane Ranges, Corin Day etc. will be seen weather perm. To appreciate the ruggedness of the area, we will visit other high peaks of the Reserve so be prepared for some scrub bashing/rock scrambling/climbing with long pants and strong footwear - will be necessary to carry "Choofer", water, thermos or whatever.

July 9      CAMPASPE RIVER - PIPERS CREEK - MITCHELLS FALLS      Easy

LEADER: Rex Filson  
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 9.15 a.m.  
FARE: \$4  
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.00 p.m.  
MAP REFERENCE: Pyalong and Castlemaine - 1" = 1 mile.  
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 18 km.

This walk will vary a little from that shown on the programme, as we will start from near Sugarloaf hill and finish at Turpins Falls. The mileage is a little long but as we are walking over undulating farmland most of the way it will still be an easy walk. At this time of the year the falls are running well and worth a visit. If you don't want to take your chance with liver fluke, bring water for lunch.

July 16      HOWATTS LOOKOUT - RUNNING CREEK - MASONS FALLS      Medium

LEADER: John Hodges  
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 9.15 a.m.  
FARE: \$3  
MAP REFERENCE: King Lake Yan Yean  
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 9 km.

Start above Mason Falls and drop steeply for 1100 ft. through thick bush into Running Creek. Climb up the other side onto track and walk 3 km. down it. Then 1 km. to Reservoir. Climb up the ridge from the reservoir and walk 3 km. through thick bush and steep ridges to below Howatt Lookout. Walk up track to the lookout and van. This walk is not for beginners. Bring water.

July 23      YARRA RIVER - WARBURTON - LA LA FALLS - MT. BRIDE ROAD - BACKSTAIRS TRACK

LEADER: Tyrone Thomas      Medium  
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue 9.15 a.m.  
FARE: \$4  
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.00 p.m.  
MAP REFERENCE: Gembrook 1:50,000  
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 14 km. (9 miles)

A circuit walk from Warburton town, including the Yarra River Banks LA LA Falls and Backstairs Track - all on tracks and with a lot of ferny sections, one very steep incline of about 1 km. otherwise easy throughout, good views from Mt. Bride road and lunch beside La La Falls. For further information see walk No. 34 "120 Walks in Victoria".

## Day Walks (Continued)

July 30 WHIPSTICK - MT. EGERTON Easy Medium

LEADER: Joyce Dunn  
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 9.15 a.m.  
 FARE: \$4  
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.00 p.m.  
 MAP REFERENCE: Ballan 1" to Mile  
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: Approx. 16 km.

An easy walk along some roads and through Mallee Eucalyptus scrub. We will start from the out-skirts of Ballan, have lunch on the "Moorabool River" and then finish at Mt. Egerton. Bring water for lunch.

Weekend Walks

June 23-26 BENNIES - COBBLER - KING RIVER HUT - LITTLE COBBLER - BENNIES Medium Hard

LEADER: Simon Arnold  
 TRANSPORT: Private  
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 9.00 p.m. approx.  
 MAP REFERENCE: See 2:10 and Howitt 1:100,000/Watersheds of the King, Horzua and Jamieson Rivers  
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: Sat. 38 km. Sun 24 km = 62 km.  
 (24 miles) (15 miles) = 39 miles approx.

Saturday entails a 7.00 a.m. start, for a long day and one of the shortest days of the year. From Bennies we walk about 14 km (9 miles) before having morning tea after crossing the Dandongdale River. We then ascend a short and steep spur till we hit the road again leading up to Cobbler Lake. Lunch will either be here or on the track up to Mt. Cobbler, depending on time. (Cobbler is a side trip). Time permitting we will go down a steep spur to King River Hut; if not, then via the road.

Sunday's start will not be so early (8.00 a.m.) and will only entail a gradual 10 km. (6 mile) walk up to Little Cobbler for morning tea. (Water should be picked up before ascending Little Cobbler, for there is no water along the ridge to be walked, after morning tea). Lunch will be on a 4WD track on top of the ridge an hour or so after leaving Little Cobbler. The ridge is followed till we descend through open scrub down to Bennies. The walk could be harder if snow is around, so be fit and prepared.

July 7-9 MT. ARAPILES - BASE CAMP Easy

LEADER: Robert Steel  
 TRANSPORT: Private  
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: Flexible  
 MAP REFERENCE: Horsham 1:250,000  
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE 15-20 km.

Base Camp at Centennial Park picnic/camping ground. Bring water for weekend. There is a tank at the picnic shelter but don't rely on it. Saturday will be spent climbing to the top of Mt. Arapiles and generally wandering around via Mitre Rock and back to camp. Sunday morning will be spent exploring the cliffs, and then return to Melbourne in the afternoon. To reach the campsite, drive to Horsham, then take the Wimmera Highway to Natimuk. Continue along the Wimmera Highway for 8.2 km. then turn sharp right (avoid the road to the summit of Mt. Arapiles) Approx. 2.5 kms. along this side road you will come to the entrance to Centennial Park (on the left, West, side of road) Grid reference on Horsham 1:250,000 is approx. 483464.

July 14-16 MT. STANLEY - YACKANDANDAH Easy Medium

LEADER: Graham Mascas  
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue 6.30 p.m.  
 FARE: \$10  
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 8.00-9.00 p.m.  
 MAP REFERENCE: Yackandandah 1:50,000  
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 25 km.

This is another (?) of those memorable walks with lots of variety, some hills to climb, ridges to follow, tracks, open forests and one of the largest gold mining areas in Victoria. After spending Friday night in the coldest spot for many miles we will warm up by climbing Mt. Stanley which gives panoramic views over the alps even to Mt. Kosciusko. After lunch we travel gently along the ridge finally dropping down to a pleasant grassy camp spot next to Dach Creek. Sunday, a gentle day will be

spent passing over 2 or 3 low ridges to Yackandandah Creek. Here is the reason for the township with a large area of open gold mine workings. This area is quite exceptional and all the workings with its maze of aqueducts are untouched and quite fascinating. Time will be allowed to investigate, even I won't be impatient. Then on to Yackandandah township for icecream after all the weather will be superb as usual.

**JULY 21-23 SKI TOURING FOR BEGINNERS - MT. HOTHAM**

LEADER: Geoff Crapper  
 TRANSPORT: Private  
 See Leader in Club Rooms for details.

**JULY 28-30 MT. FEATHERTOP SNOW WALK**

Medium

LEADER: Bob Douglas  
 TRANSPORT: Private  
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 8.00-9.00 p.m.  
 MAP REFERENCE: Hotham & Falls Creek Alpine Areas - 4" to 1 mile  
 (many others also available)  
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 25 km.

This is a regular straightforward climb to the top of Victoria's second highest peak. Those after a tougher challenge (climb the N.W. spur, or dig a snow-cave on the summit) are welcome to come along but the leader will be ascending by the Dungalow Spur and camping on the Diamantina Spur. Beginners to snow walking or, indeed, week-end walking are encouraged to come but should see the leader about equipment and clothing beforehand.

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A MESSAGE TO ALL VICTORIANS WHO LOVE THE BUSH

from the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs, G.P.O. Box 815F, Melbourne, 3001.

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The Victorian Alps contain much of the wildest and most beautiful public land in the state. In the Alps one can find and enjoy our finest mountains, our most spectacular and rugged scenery, and our most beautiful and extensive forests. In winter the higher places lie covered in snow, while the warmer months permit a profusion of wildlife, flowers and native bush that is unique to the high country. The area must be declared a national park so that Victorians can permanently enjoy a reserve comparable to the magnificent Kosciusko National Park in New South Wales.

In April 1978 the Land Conservation Council (the government body that determines how public land in Victoria will be used) published proposed recommendations for land use in the Alps. These recommendations provide inadequate protection for the Alps because they include:-

1. No National Park anywhere in the Alps proper. The status quo is maintained with all the destructive activities being allowed to continue as before with hardly any restrictions. This means that logging, cattle grazing and use of off-road vehicles will continue to the detriment of the Alps and
2. Expansion of logging. Logging activities will continue unabated throughout the Alps and permanently spoil their scenic beauty. The wood that is needed is obtainable elsewhere in Victoria with far less adverse effects on the environment. Logging roads will be bulldozed through the bush, chain saws will decimate virgin forests. Logging is recommended in many forests visible from major roads and scenic spots. Our alpine wilderness will be lost forever if it is not protected now.
3. No new restrictions have been placed on the use of trail bikes or snowmobiles. These vehicles are often driven off roads to anywhere they please disturbing other users who are seeking the peace and beauty of unspoilt bush.
4. Cattle grazing will continue. Scientists and the Land Conservation Council consider that grazing causes significant soil erosion and destruction of native wildflowers. In the Kosciusko park cattle grazing has been forbidden and consequent regrowth of the flora has become a major attraction of the area to the nature lover.

Victoria is the most impoverished state in Eastern Australia with regard to national parks. Examine the table - surely we deserve better.

	<u>Number of Parks and reserves</u>	<u>Total area of parks (ha)</u>	<u>% of state in parks</u>	<u>area of parks per 100 people</u>
Tasmania	100	678,016	9.9	164
N.S.W.	182	2,076,183	2.6	42
Queensland	321	2,181,929	1.3	102
Victoria	23	290,685	1.3	8

as at January 1st, 1978

YOU CAN DO SOMETHING TO HELP SAVE THE ALPS Now

Tear off the letter below, sign it and posit it to the Land Conservation Council

The Secretary,  
Land Conservation Council  
464 St. Kilda Road,  
Melbourne, 3004.

Dear Sir,

I am concerned that the Land Conservation Council's proposed recommendations for the alpine area do not adequately protect its important natural values. I urge Council to reconsider, giving greater emphasis to its scenic and park values and less emphasis to activities which lower these values. I urge the establishment of one or more significant national parks in the Alps.

Yours sincerely,

#### A PERSONAL REFLECTION FOR "NEWS"

On Friday 9, some members of the M.D.W. went on the F.V.W.C. march in the city, in support of an Alpine National Park. Many of these "city walkers" had never been in a public rally before in their lives. Like most members of this club, they are the very epitome of the respectable citizen. I suspect that many of the F.V.W.C. members had never "marched" in this fashion before and may never do so again.

What did we learn or gain???

Firstly, we learnt that the mass media are supporting the logging-mining-grazing lobbies by refusing to publicize the conservation cause.

Secondly, we learnt that we are being successful. As you all saw from the "Alpine National Force" paid advertisement the following day, the forces of destruction are taking us seriously. Never before has the logging lobby been forced to take paid ads. I suspect that some of the politicians that lobbyists contact have heard of the F.V.W.C.-M.D.W. case.

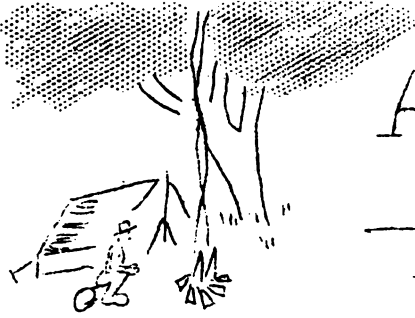
Thirdly, we have seen from that ad, that the forces against a National Park are prepared to grossly misrepresent the V.N.P.A.-F.V.W.C. case, and use scare tactics based on fear of unemployment rather than facts.

Fourthly, the walk march encouraged the A.L.P. to produce a policy on the Alpine National Park.

Fifthly, the march has demonstrated to the public, the press and the politicians, that F.V.W.C. can muster a large number of supporters in favour of an Alpine National Park.

In conclusion, this marks a development in the clubs conservation activities. I had intended to include in the "NEWS" a copy of the policy mentioned in "4" above. I was discarded from this by the M.D.W. President who felt that this action would intrude into the party - political area. As I feel the club should talk about this issue, I will raise the issue of the relationship between this club and the political process, including political parties at the General Meeting on June 28.  
See you there.

GERRY MCPHEE



# A LONG THE TRACK

WEEKEND WALK - 26/28 MAY, 1978 -  
FROM THE LEADER'S VIEWS

The weekend walk led by me on 26/28 May, 1978 ended in chaotic circumstances due to several reasons. Firstly, a member of the party suffered a recurrence of a knee injury early on Sunday which delayed the party by at least  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours, this reduced the effective daylight time greatly. Secondly, this resulted in Bill Metzenthon and Simon Arnold having to be sent ahead to alert the Van driver that we would require the van to be in a slightly different pick up point. This deprived the group of two of the keenest navigators and trackspotters, Simon in particular had been about the only one in the group who had been constantly studying the map and compass with any credibility. Thirdly, at about 5.00 p.m. on the Sunday with the daylight dimming rapidly, three of the party decided to continue on at a pace that could not be maintained by a certain member (and the remaining four who were keeping with him). This group consisted of Geoff Law, Bob Douglas and Graham Wills-Johnson, neither Geoff nor Bob had a map of the area or as it turned out the vaguest idea where they were going. GWJ had a map photocopy and it was primarily the fact that he couldn't keep up with the other two that resulted in him not becoming separated from the remaining group of five. Fourthly, I had been trying to catch up to GWJ, Bob & Geoff when I saw a sign post which appeared to be in the right location for the Victoria Range turnoff. This, however, was a s.p. to a dam. A further 200 metres (approx.) a freshly bulldozed track entered the scrub and headed westerly as the correct track should have off the broad saddle GRID 481756 Glenburn. A quick inspection of the muddy track indicated that Bill and Simon did not appear to have come that way, coupled with the fact that GWJ, Bob and Geoff had gone off ahead I endeavoured by running, whistle calls and shouting to catch up with them down the track and eventually only reached GWJ.

My endeavours to keep the party together at that time had meant that a closer inspection of that westerly track was not made and in fact that was the right track that Bill and Simon had taken. (The rest is History), GWJ, Neil, Derek, Lewis and myself ended up taking a westerly track which followed the south side of the Victoria Range which is a fairly broad flat range with impenetrable 3 metre high scrub and trees. After much indecision, backtracking and wrong turns we stumbled on a well defined road heading west. It was now well and truly dark and had been for some thirty minutes. At this stage we heard a shout from the darkness in the SE followed by a shining torch - we had found Geoff and Bob who had been floundering around in some small town called Tallculla. The group of eight were once again a group and we continued down the track and inadvertently the track swung NW then NNW then North and before we knew where we were we were heading down a spur off the main road. The group were becoming agitated (as anyone would be after walking in the dark for nearly 3 hours) and with the car lights on the Yea - Yarra Glen Road below us it was plain to see that the track we were on was running parallel with the road that we wanted to be heading for. We therefore got our torches out and scrub bashed due West down the spur till we came across a well defined track which headed SW. This track brought us out to the main road at about 8.50 p.m. after walking  $3\frac{1}{2}$  hours in darkness.

Our luck finally changed thanks to Pam & Trevor Lambeth who had been driving home from the Bluff and noticed the Gronows Van and stopped. Thanks to them they contacted the driver and told him where we were and we finally got picked up around 9.00 p.m. We had walked 58 km. over the weekend, 37 km. ( $12\frac{3}{4}$  hrs.) on the Sunday and never and I repeat never had I been so glad to see a Gronows Van, Thanks a lot Bill, Simon and Tony.

Geoff Crapper

ASSORTED WAFFLE

Alright - I'll admit it. I was confused there for a moment. But then I saw the pseudonym, and realised that the writer agrees with me that it is what is said, rather than who said it, that is the important thing. Of course the truly concerned member knows that what is done is even more important than what is said. Well, Concerned Member - your moment has arrived! We need a Walk Business Manager. We need an Advertising Manager. We need an ordinary member for committee. We need another Vice-President (preferably the sort that actually does things). We need people to help in the battle to save some of our bushwalking country from the bulldozer. We need people to write for the magazine. We need people to distribute Walk. Tell you what - if you put in twelve months on any of the jobs I have just mentioned, at the end of that time I'll let you in on the secret of who I REALLY am! Not even the C.I.A. knows that. In the meantime, I really must thank you for a brilliant suggestion for a heading for this irregular - even constipated - paragraph. "Assorted Waffle" ..... what splendid tintinabulation!

.....W-J.

P.S. Since the above was written a member (to whom the club has over the years come to owe a great deal more than many Unconcerned Members realise) has taken over the business management of Walk. However, we still need - urgently - an advertising manager. Be in it!

JUNE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

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

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter has been sent to the Premier asking him to receive a deputation from the club. No reply as yet. A form letter to all government M.P.'s has been drafted and will be duplicated and despatched this week (12/6). A copy of "Bushwalking" by F.W. Halls (Rigby Instant Books, 1978) has been donated to the club library.

TREASURER: Balance June 1, 1978 \$7,426.78. Bills passed for payment at the meeting totalled \$3,760.19, leaving a balance of \$3,666.59.

WALKS SECRETARY: April 173m \* 112v = 295 = ?w/e + ?d Profit \$265.50

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: 338 financial members, including 15 applicants to be presented later in the meeting. Membership list with July "News".

WALK 1979: A number of people have provided a good selection of slides. More B&W would be helpful (as always). More articles would be helpful (as always). See Editor's note elsewhere in this "News". Dave Oldfield takes over as Business Manager this week (12/6).

NEWS CONVENOR: Closing date July 5. Vote of thanks to Shelley for finishing the typing of June "News".

SOCIAL SECRETARY: June 21 it was expected that John Wilde would be giving a talk and slides on canoe safety. August 19 Square Dance - details not finalised at committee, but to be notified elsewhere in "News". October 21 dinner and dance at Emu Bottom (it is well worth the trip - Presidential plug) to be arranged as joint venture with YHA or National Trust. Details later. The night at the Greek Inn was a great success - profit \$68. Arthur Francis and Libby Quarterman moved a vote of thanks which was carried with acclamation.

WILKINSON LODGE: Submission to the LCC in respect of the lodge is reprinted elsewhere in this issue of "News".

FEDERATION: (1) A motion to levy subscriptions from member clubs on a \$1.00 capitation basis is almost certain to be passed at the AGM next year. (This will increase MBW's subscription from the present level of \$100 to \$370, making our contribution almost certainly the largest). (2) The Federation Constitution amendments which were the subject of a policy decision by this club at the G.M. of April 26, 1978 and which were withdrawn at the Federation AGM May 2, 1978 are to be re-committed in unaltered form at a special Federation GM August 1, 1978. (the proposed amendments were, in substance (i) to provide for individual membership of Federation by persons not necessarily members of any bushwalking club and (ii) to provide for chairmen of committees to have a vote on Council. At the MBW meeting of April 26, 1978 the following Motion was passed: That this meeting instructs our Federation

delegat. to vote against the amendments, and to reiterate our stand that each member club be entitled to one vote.) (3) At the meeting of August 1, 1978 a motion for the period of notice for amendments to the Federation Constitution be reduced from eight weeks to six weeks will also be moved. (4) Rex Filson appointed as Observer (Delegate is Geoff Crapper).

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT: There is a possibility of the meeting room being painted. Clubroom Cleanup 5.15 p.m. Wednesday August 2, before th meeting. Please help. New faces always welcome!

SEARCH & RESCUE: New members needed for our S&R list. Please see Rex Filson if you think you will be able to help or would like to know more.

DUTY ROSTER: June 28 Caroline Strickland, Alison Blaker; July 5, Arthur Francis, Eileen Ayre; July 12 Rex Filson, Graham Wills-Johnson; July 19 Rod Mattingley, Elizabeth Mackenzie; July 26 Shelley Hayes, Libby Quarterman.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Deposit on badges to be at \$1.50. Resolution adopted by last year's Committee at the January 1978 meeting to be adopted by the current Committee in the following modified form: "(1) Visitors under the age of 16 years are allowed on Club walks provided that: (a) the leader is convinced that they can satisfactorily complete the trip (b) they are accompanied by a parent or guardian (c) the leader is willing to take them. (2) Visitors under the age of 12 years shall pay half the van fare. Visitors between the ages of 12 and 16 years shall pay full van fare. <sup>No</sup> Visitors fee will be payable in either case." Policy proposal to insure clubroom contents for a cover of \$7,000 to be investigated by Rob Ayre.

MEETING HELD June 12, 1978

NEXT MEETING July 3, 1978 14 Hosier

Lane, 7.00 p.m. Visitors are Welcome.

#### WALK 1978 RECALL OF DELIVERY BOOKS & UNSOLD COPIES

Would all members who have not returned their delivery books, cash collections or unsold copies of "Walk 1978" please bring them into the Clubrooms at the first opportunity and give them to the Business Manager - Dave Oldfield - or leave them with a member of the Committee.

#### WALK 1979

By the time you receive this issue of "News", the deadline for submission of Articles etc. will be fast approaching (June 30). Please don't let this daunt you, as just a telephone call to let me know an article is on the way will help.

As you probably can guess, often the front cover tells the magazine. In fact I believe the sales of "Australian Photography" drop 30% when they don't have a pretty girl on the front cover.

As we hope to feature our ANT project it seems fitting that we might have a cover-photo in line with this feature. I would therefore welcome submission of colour slides from members who have walked and photographed the Alpine Walking Track. But please do not let this request deter the forwarding of other slides, and of course we need general black and white shots as well.

If we get lots of contributions to Walk 1979 it should be good fun putting it all together.

ARTHUR FRANCIS

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#### ADVANCE WARNING OF THE AUGUST CLUBROOM CLEANUP

On Wednesday August 2nd will be the next clubroom cleanup, starting at 5.15 p.m. Do come for a while as the more people who come, the less each has to do. Thanks too to those who came last time.

CAROLINE & EILEEN

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Anybody trying to contact during office hours should ring 541-6713. The phone no. listed on the back of the current walks program is an old one; that phone located in an empty office building.

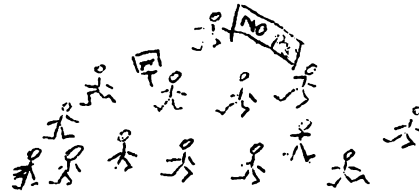
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Thanks to all those who submitted Articles, keep up the good work and forward to the news convenor, 53 Riverside Avenue, North Balwyn, 3104. Thanks again Shelley for the help last month. Alison Blaker





AMIGO! AWAKE!



THE LITTLE PEOPLE ARE COMING!

LOPEZ

I mentioned to one of my colleagues that I was about to take part in the march down Bourke Street to protest against the LCC recommendations. He replied, good naturedly, "So you're one of those PINKO GREENIES are you?" I don't know if this is an original expression on his part but I'm pleased to be classified in this way. - Arthur Francis.

On the recent trip to the Brisbane Ranges, the Social Secretary had her hands full in trying to lead the walk and keep an eye on the socialising that was going on within the party of 31. Of the 24 eligible bachelors on the trip the five males were trying their best to chat to the females. After negotiating a few steep descents and a pleasant walk along a lightly forested ridge, the party had many ankle deep creek crossings when walking down the Anakie Gorge. One of the younger visitors claimed there were 28 creek crossings for the trip.

The following weekend the day trip was in the Lerderberg Gorge and after the harder walkers met the others they came across a pile of clothes and a couple of embarrassed people - shades of Ross Hoskins' noted discovery last year!

Weekend walks were also of interest, with one group walking a few extra miles and finishing in the dark on the Sunday Night. "Along the Track" has the full story.

At the Hattah Lakes trip over the Queens Birthday Weekend, Graham W-J. carried a tin of Spencer's food for the whole weekend. Graham claimed that every time he asked whose tin it was, everyone was quiet - until Spencer realized that he was hungry!

Friday's bushwalk down Bourke Street proved to be a popular event, with about a thousand walkers protesting about the proposed recommendations for the Alpine Area. The club should try organizing a bushwalk around the Fitzroy Gardens just to see how many would turn up.

Following the walk, the half yearly dinner started at the Greek Inn Restaurant. The dinner was well attended by the inner suburban club members as well as the usual social set. Everyone present enjoyed the dinner and Greek dancing that accompanied it. The plate smashing came as a surprise to most bushies (being conservationists at heart they are usually very careful with things). Dave & Sylvia Andrews announced their wedding - we all thought that Dave looked beautiful in his lovely Green Reefer Jacket with a gold whale and A.N.A.R.E. embroidered on his pocket. Simon Arnold's drinking habits seemed strange as he walked in with two bottles of wine and a bottle of whisky. He claimed that the Whisky was "left overs" from his birthday party and invited all and sundry to help relieve him of it. Late in the night after devouring the food and drink, two well known identities (Rusty Springs and the Phantom Fossil) were seen head and shoulders above the crowd, dancing on a table top!

After the dinner, one of the newest club members, Doug Tarrant, returned to retrieve his car from the multi storey car park, only to find his car locked away! When he tried to contact the nightwatchman the phone wasn't answered so he arranged a ride home.

The following Sunday walk to the Macedon Ranges went quite well, considering the wet ground underfoot and the snow in the air.

When a visitor, Bruce, entered the clubrooms recently, he was introduced to Bruce, Bruce, Bruce, Bruce & Bruce. This isn't the Melbourne Brucewalkers for Nothing you know." The visitor hasn't been seen since.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Well, I've tried. I have immortalized walks with staggering puns, I have tripped over three times my share of rocks, I have left essential items of bushwalking gear at home, I have lost my way, I have devoured eye-catching and stomach-wrenching combinations of tucker, and I have even resorted to the wearing of bright clothing to attract attention. But no, not even a line in passing - Lopez doesn't know I exist.

I've read all the columns in News, and I see the same few names reappearing. Is no-one else funny, I ask; does no-one else have accidents; is there no-one else who can stall cars, eat too much ice cream, or fall flat on their face? There must be - we are a talented club! Where are you searching for your gossip. Lopez, that you overlook us all. Just think of the service you could provide, allowing a shy walker to see his/her name in print for the first time, feeling that they actually mattered in the grand scheme of things. But no, we hear that the ever-viable Fred Nerk has just bought himself another handkerchief.

Your time is short, Lopez. The wallflowers are mobilizing, the little people are starting to demand their rights. Put us in print or, by heaven, we'll take over your column!

Dear Editor,

I always enjoy reading NEWS each month; the articles add a human touch and keep us up-to-date on walks. I feel strongly, however, that the writer's name should be published with each article.

The NEWS is surely for everyone in the Club, not just a select group who go on a particular walk. We can't all be on the same walks, but to read a lively account afterwards at least means we can share to some extent. A nameless article becomes a bore except to people who took part in the walk or who know the writer's name. And an obscure nickname or pseudonym doesn't make the article more interesting, just frustrating to the reader. At least to me anyway.

Is there any reason why writers of articles, and letters or notes to the editor do not supply their names? Are the writers ashamed or shy for other members to know who they are?

If the writer of the note to the Editor (in May NEWS) is sincere in his/her complaint about articles being signed only by initials surely he is committing a greater offence by signing himself/herself "Concerned Members." Or is it that, after such a pointed paragraph, he doesn't have the courage to "come out into the open"?

I apologise for "pontificating" but at least I admit I am,

JANET WHITE

THE STATE COLLEGE OF VICTORIA AT COBURG invites you to participate in its

SOUTH-EAST ASIA TOUR,

28 DAYS: DECEMBER 26, 1978 - JANUARY 22, 1979

Visiting Bali (Indonesia), Singapore, Malaysia (West Coast including Penang), Thailand (Bangkok and Chiang-Mai), Hong Kong, The Philippines (Manila).

Includes: Air travel by QANTAS and CATHAY-PACIFIC First class accommodation with cooked Australian breakfasts First class bus and train travel, 10 half-day, 4 full day tours, free time for walking, shopping .....

COST: \$1,495 GROUP SIZE: 30.

All enquiries regarding itinerary details or application forms should be directed to either: Marilyn Blizzard: 350-4222, x 262 (college) or John Meiliunes 350-4222 x 261 (Social Science Section, savc).

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The tour may be extended to 30 days - 2 extra days in the Philippines at a little extra cost and the group will now comprise 33 participants! ONLY 3 PLACES LEFT!!

MARILYN BLIZZARD

WILKINSON

The following submission on Wilkinson Lodge was sent to the LCC:-

Wilkinson Lodge was built by the State Electricity Commission in 1932 during investigations for the Kiewa Hydroelectric scheme. It was sold to the Ski Club of Victoria in 1948 and renamed by them in memory of the pioneer skier R.W. Wilkinson. It was purchased by the Melbourne Bushwalkers in 1960. In subsequent years it has been restored to better than its original condition.

The Melbourne Bushwalkers is one of the largest bushwalking clubs in Victoria with over 300 members. The Lodge is in use almost continuously by members, visitors and family groups, both summer and winter.

Wilkinson Lodge and its immediate surroundings are in excellent condition, blending in well with the local environment. This has been possible because of the strict control the Melbourne Bushwalkers has been able to impose on users of the Lodge. If this control was relaxed or passed over to another authority without the facilities to give it the particular attention it requires, we feel that Wilkinson Lodge would lapse into disrepair.

We are certain that our continued running of Wilkinson Lodge is not in conflict with the concept of the Protection and Recreation zone and in particular with the recommendations on Youth Camps, Section 1. We would not require tenure over any area of land but only continued permission to occupy the site of the Lodge.

We submit that Wilkinson Lodge remains under the control of the Melbourne Bushwalkers.

Yours faithfully,

Rod Mattingley

Wilkinson Lodge Manager

THANK YOU PARTICIPANTS IN RECENT GRAMPIANS WALK

As leader of the recent walk to the Major Mitchell Plateau I would like to thank each and every member of that party for their assistance to Ivan Schneider and myself in dealing with Ivan's fractured leg. With teamwork I feel we met the situation admirably although with hind thought perhaps one or two minor things could have been streamlined. Special thanks to Dorrie Warton for caring for the medical attention side and to Bruce Meincke for sound search and rescue advice, to Neil Priestly for lugging Ivan's pack all the way to the van, to Norm McLeish, Geoff Mattingley and Otto Christiansen for getting assistance to the area so soon as to the suppliers of hot drinks, warm clothes, sleeping bags and medicines.

Two matters arose from the rescue which I feel all club members should heed. It was found that numerous walkers are not insured with the ambulance association and like Ivan risk a very expensive ambulance bill. Fortunately Ivan had only to be taken to Stawell some 30 miles away but what about all you walkers venturing to MacAlister Springs etc. who would need to be taken perhaps 100 miles costing something like \$400! It was also evident that our members on that walk were quite impressed with the stretcher system used and perhaps many more of our members should consider joining search and rescue to learn such techniques and to be of assistance on the spot when the emergency arises.

Tyrone Thomas

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

June 21, Talk on Canoeing and slides - By the canoe education at 7.30 p.m. in the clubrooms.

June 28 The General Meeting.

July 12 - Talk and slides on beginners ski-weekend. 8.00 p.m. in clubrooms, all enquiries welcome - see Geoff Crapper.

August 19 Square Dance at Main Ridge Hall, caller Ken Hooke at 8.00 p.m. See News ad for further information.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Jillianne Goodge, 32 Pitt Street, Carlton, 3053. H: 347 4347 W: 67 4096  
 Russell Peter Evans, 15 Wellington Avenue, Beaumaris, 3193. H: 99 2247 W: 520 2138  
 Douglas David Tarrant, 11 Wood Street, East Ringwood, 3135. H: 870 5162.  
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 Dave & Sylvia Andrews, 9 Albany Crescent, Surrey Hills, 3127. H. 89 1303.

WILKINSON LODGE

The following groups booked in foru Winter still owe locker fees -

Hodgson (two), Dent, Cohen (two), McMahon, Crapper (Two)

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Rod Mattingley

PLEASE CUT OUT THE FOLLOWING SECTION (the reverse side is blank) AND PASTE IT OVER THE PARAGRAPH AT THE TOP OF PAGE 3 OF THE SUPPLEMENT TO "NEWS" APRIL, 1978 (THE CLUB CONSTITUTION):

In the case of new members, the entrance fee and subscription shall be payable at the time of lodging an application for membership, provided that if membership is subsequently refused to the applicant, any monies so paid shall be refunded in full. The Committee may, if it is deemed warranted by special circumstances, accept an applicant as a member without an entrance fee or subscription having been paid, such dispensation to be for a definite period, which may be extended from time to time as the Committee thinks fit. Any such arrangement shall not be binding after the following Annual General Meeting, except as the incoming Committee shall decide.

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