



# THE NEWS

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This Xmas we will be replacing the kitchen stove at Wilky. The existing stove was bought secondhand about 10 years ago, but it is now in a sorry state internally. The oven interior is rusting away, the heat controls are inoperable and the firebox casting is warped. This makes it impossible to control the fire and the oven temperature. It just keeps getting hotter and hotter! A new stove will be much more economical on fuel and also easier to light.

We will also install a 2 burner bench-top gas hot plate to replace the present Primus. The Primus wastes gas because it is impossible to turn the jets down without them going out.

Total expenditure will be around \$1,000. To avoid depleting the club's finances just before Walk magazine has to be paid for, the committee has agreed to the issue of 500 \$1 Wilky vouchers. If you buy say \$10 worth, these can be used to pay for your next 5 weekends at Wilky.

Wilky vouchers were used a few years ago to help pay for the cladding.

With Wilky being used at the present rate, the new stove will be paid for in 2 to 3 years.

Wilky vouchers will be available from me in the clubrooms.

Rod Mattingley  
Wilky Lodge Manager.

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MELBOURNE, Vic. 3001.

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.

### Day Walks

October 1     **STARLINGS GAP - ADA VALLEY - HIGH LEAD**             Easy/Medium

LEADER: Jim Wilcock  
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 9.15 a.m.  
FARE: \$4  
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7.30 p.m.  
MAP REFERENCE: Neerim 1:50,000  
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 12 km.

Walk follows what remains of the tramway tracks which were constructed to service the timber industry in the early years of this century. The evenly graded track is well surveyed around the mountain-side and is therefore quite easy going, perhaps the hardest part of the walk is when we descend High Lead, about 1400 feet down over one mile. The area has been known to be wet and on occasions a little soft under foot. Good advice is to wear adequate boots and bring dry socks for the trip home.

October 8     **CATHEDRAL RANGE (Buxton)**                             Medium

LEADER: Keith White  
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 9.15 a.m.  
FARE: \$4  
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7.00 p.m.  
MAP REFERENCE: VMTC - Cathedral Range.  
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 10 km.

The Cathedrals rise sharply about the surrounding countryside opening up wide views. There are a variety of routes but for this trip I plan to start from Cooks Mill site, climb up between the Jawbones for lunch at "The Farmland". After lunch we will walk north along the ridge tops to the Cathedral and down Chapel Hill to meet little river road. This is a top walk any time of the year but in spring we have the bonus of a wide variety of wildflowers.

October 14   **DANDENONGS WILDFLOWER RAMBLE**  
(SATURDAY)

LEADER: Athol Schafer   Easy  
TRANSPORT: Train departs Flinders Street, 8.53 Saturday morning  
Ticket - single to Lower Ferntree Gully  
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: Return City 6.00 p.m.  
MAPS: Monbulk P: 50,000.

This will be an easy walk through the forested slopes of Ferntree Gully National Park.

October 15   **SAN REMO - KILCUNDA**                             Dead Easy  
(Corpses will be accepted)

LEADER: Graham Hodges  
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 9.15 a.m.  
FARE: \$4.00  
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: We will return.  
MAP REFERENCE: Probably Melways  
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 16 km.

A scintillating stroll beside the rugged, rocky outcrops which jutt out into the foaming pounding crashing shark infested Bass Strait.  
P.S. I will have previewed this before the day.

October 22 RHODODENDRON GARDENS - OLINDA FALLS - OLINDA STATE FOREST Easy

LEADER: Nick Cristofaro  
FOR DETAILS - Please see the present leader - Walk is  
Subject to alterations.

October 29 BULLENGAROOK WEST-CLEARWATER GULLY-OLD RIVER-DARLEY FORD Medium

LEADER: Brian Busby  
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 9.15 a.m.  
NOTE Daylight Saving Starts  
FARE: \$3.00  
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 9.00 p.m.  
MAP REFERENCE: FCV Lerderderg Gorge Forest Park  
1:25,000  
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 8 hrs. walking

Our route crosses 4 major creek valleys involving stiff climbs, some through virgin bush with some scrubby areas. Definitely not a walk for beginners. We will touch but not cross the Lerderderg River near Long Point and then again at Graham Ford. Bring water for lunch and tough footwear. Limit 35.

#### Weekend Walks

29-1 October MT. ECCLES - BASE CAMP (Hamilton) Easy

LEADER: Marijke Mascas  
TRANSPORT: Private

Mt. Eccles National Park is 210 miles (340 km.) from Melbourne. It is an extinct Volcano complete with crater lake having very impressive scenery with lava flows and caves. The whole of Saturday will be spent exploring the Park. Sunday we will return to Melbourne via the Southern end of the Grampians giving us all the chance to climb Mt. Abrupt that very impressive Mountain just north of Dunkeld. Please note that though the campsite is small but pleasant, fire wood is scarce so don't expect great bonfires.

29-1 October NYLANDER'S SPUR-STRATH CREEK-MURCHISON FALLS Easy Medium

LEADER: Ian Stewart  
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 6.30 p.m.  
FARE: \$8.00  
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 5.00 p.m.  
MAP REFERENCE: Kinglake 1:50,000  
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 25 km.

This walk passes through the Mt. Disappointment State Forest, which is only about 1½ hours drive from Melbourne, and replaces that set down for the above dates in the spring program. Friday night's campsite will be a grassy prenie area near Nylander's spur. On Saturday we will go across wooded country, via. Nylander's spur, for about 5 km and then along little used forestry roads to a grassy campsite in the Strath Ck. Valley. If time permits, we will scramble up the Strath Creek Gorge to the foot of Murchison Falls before setting up camp. On Sunday we will either climb straight up the hillside to Tunnel Hill falls or take the road, depending on the amount of energy available. From Tunnel Hill we will walk across the top at Murchison Falls and then back to the starting point which should be reached about 3.00 p.m.

October 13-15 WILSONS PROM. - SEALERS COVE (Limit 12 People) Easy

LEADER: Rob Hayes  
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 9.15 a.m.  
FARE: \$10  
MAP REFERENCE: Algona Guides - Wilsons Prom.

This is a base camp so that means that there will be fishing etc. after arriving at Sealers Cove. Those found chasing the seals will be excommunicated from the club. Only come on this walk if you don't like walking all day, as we'll be there by lunch.

October 13-15 **SEALERS COVE - REFUGE COVE - WATERLOO BAY** (Limit 12 people)  
Easy/Medium

LEADER: John Hodges  
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 9.15 a.m.  
FARE: \$10  
MAP REFERENCE: Wilsons Prom.  
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 26 km.

Walk from Mount Oberon over telegraph wire and down to Sealers Cove along a well worn track. From Sealers, climb up and over to Refuge Cove. Then over to North Waterloo Bay to camp on Saturday. On Sunday walk along Waterloo to the inland track. Cross the swamp which is now bridged over to Oberon Bay and around the coast to Tidal River. The walk is quite scenic.

October 2022 **NAVIGATION WEEKEND** Easy

LEADER: Graham Mascas  
TRANSPORT: Van Private

That Walk Secretary fellow has done for the traditional navigation weekend at Melville Caves by putting on a normal weekend there 3 weeks after this. So at great expense - new maps - we will change the venue and head NE instead of NW. Using the excellent groundwork by Dob Steel for his Worby Ranges walk last year, we will make this the site for this years Navigation Weekend. Details (a base grid reference) of how to get there will be given at the 2 evenings of hard work which together with the weekend make up the Navigational Course. We will require volunteers for morning check points and searching for the lost so even the experienced(?) will be most welcome.

27-29 October **SPERM WHALE HEAD LAKES NATIONAL PARK (Bairnsdale)** Easy

LEADER: Harald Goetz  
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 6.30 p.m.  
FARE: \$12  
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.00 p.m.  
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 20 km.

Weekend suitable for beginners - in fact very recommended. See leader in Club Room.

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#### FEDERATION OF VICTORIAN WALKING CLUBS

Important Notice: 1. The position of President has been vacated by Andrew Rothfield and nominations are urgently required to fill this vital position as soon as possible.

2. The Federation "Weekend" is to take the form of a Seminar in conjunction with the Forests Commission on Sunday 24th September, starting from 9.00 a.m. in the Olympic Secretariat Buildings in Swans Street near Olympic Park.

3. The Federation Executive and Council have decided to hold an urgent meeting of all Clubs Executive Representatives, that is the President, Secretary and Treasurer of all Clubs in the Federation to discuss the future of Federation on Tuesday Nov. 14th at 7.00 p.m. Individual invitations will be sent. If no more than 50% of member clubs attend the meeting, then this will be taken as an indication that the Federation has no future and the Executive will be instructed to take the appropriate steps to disband the F.V.W.C. The consequences of this are serious and not to be taken lightly.

Geoff Crapper

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Please note: There will be a slides and talk by Bill Davis, on "Last of the Wilderness". This is on the Cape York Peninsula. It will be held in the Clubrooms on October 27, 1978 at 7.45 p.m. All very welcome.

Thank you.

Shelly Hayes

ASSORTED WAFFLE

Really. What a lot of whingeing we've seen in the last couple of issues of "News". I suppose it does act as a sort of safety valve, though it makes for rather depressing reading. Worse still - I'm going to have a whinge this month myself. SILVER PAPER!!! It's making a big - and absolutely unwanted - comeback. I have been amazed at some of the campfires I have seen it in recently; campfires which, as far as I have been able to establish, have been patronised only by people who I thought knew better. PLEASE KEEP ALL ALUMINIUM FOIL (even that cunningly disguised with pretty pictures, such as soup packets) RIGHT OUT OF THE FIRE. It is very light. It rarely has anything objectionable clinging to it that might make your pack smell on the way home, and if it does it should be quite sufficient to wash it and put it into a plastic bag. The only things that should ever go into the fire are wood, paper if it really is beyond recycling, and water when you leave. It is annoying to watch those compulsive people who, five minutes before it is time to leave put huge amounts of fresh orange peel onto the fire that has no hope of being burnt. Why not put it on the compost heap at home? It is hard to understand those people who have a fetish for incinerating cans on walks. Do you incinerate cans at home? These peccadilloes can, however, be forgiven. It is very much harder to forgive the aluminium foil pest. Long after the rain has washed the ashes away and the grass is springing greenly through a few scattered pieces of charcoal, the results of his dirty habits are nakedly revealed right in the middle of everything. Foil despoils. And it despoils for years.

Now for the really tough cases. Yes, I know that with a standard reduction potential of 1.662 volts, aluminium is a very electropositive metal. I know that, given the right conditions, it will burn. I also know that it is impossible to predict what will actually happen on the basis of thermodynamic considerations alone. The standard reduction potential tells us absolutely nothing about the kinetics of the reaction. Paint the surface with mercuric chloride, and the reaction happens so fast at room temperature that the metal gets quite hot. With foil of average thickness holes will begin to appear spontaneously within a minute or so. On the other hand, fill an aluminium pot with boiling oil and keep it that way for a thousand years and nothing will happen. What will actually happen to a non-standard piece of foil in a non-standard part of a non-standard campfire for an unknown length of time is impossible to predict except on the basis of probabilities based on long observation. These lead to the conclusion that it is overwhelmingly probable that the foil will be sufficiently disfigured to be impossible to find among the ashes until water is poured on the fire, and sometimes not even then; but that in almost all cases once a few weeks rain have washed the ashes into the soil the fact that the foil has not been completely oxidised will be all too easy to see. This club has adopted a policy which we expect to be observed even by those with a knowledge of the physical sciences superior to what the rest of us possess: aluminium foil must not be put in the fire even when it is absolutely certain that oxidation would be 150% complete.

----- W-J.

AUGUST COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Replies have now been received from about a dozen government members of Parliament to our letter concerning the Alpine study area, and may be read by seeing the Secretary. The Premier has refused to receive a deputation from the club. Letter from Alwyn Bloom re. notification of general area of each walk passed to Walks Sec. - appropriate entry will be included on future preview forms. TREASURER: Balance 31 July, 1978: \$6267.79 Bills passed for payment at the meeting totalled \$1518.02.

Walks Secretary: June: 119m + 50v = 169 = 121d + 48w/e. Profit \$88.

Membership Secretary: 368 financial members, including 9 to be presented.

Social Secretary: Arrangements for a dinner to be held jointly with either YHA or National Trust at Emu Bottom were not successful - new plans are for a dinner at Ripponlea on 21 October.

WILKINSON LODGE: Manager has obtained a copy of the Rover Scouts LCC submission in respect of their chalet, and is keeping in contact with them over future developments. Kitchen stove will have to be replaced. Meeting discussed the financial implications in considerable detail; a definite plan of action to be put to the September meeting and the results notified in September "News".

FEDERATION: Extraordinary General Meeting 1 Aug. 1978 re. amendments to the constitution passed (1) notification of motion to amend to be cut to eight weeks and (2) chairmen of committees be given a vote on Council, with the amendment to the original motion specifying that they must be members of member clubs. No limit placed on the total number of votes any member club can command through the affiliation of such voters. The motion (3) for individual membership was lost. Meeting was very poorly attended, with fewer than half the member clubs represented. Council Meeting 1 Aug. 1978 followed EGM immediately. Secretary resigned, and Geoff Crapper elected to replace her. Rex Filson becomes our delegate to replace him, and Ian Hargreaves our observer to replace Rex. Federation w/e 16/17 Sept. "WALK 1979": Full complement of articles and photographs received. Budget presented to meeting and approved. Production to go ahead with Humphrey & Formula. SEARCH & RESCUE: Continuing problems of communication - Rex is not receiving notifications of meeting and has trouble contacting Chairman. 3 new names added to MBW S & R list, but we could do with more. DUTY ROSTER: 30 Aug. Rod Mattingley, Graham Wills-Johnson; 6 Sept. Elizabeth McKenzie, Ian Hargreaves; 13 Sept. Eileen Ayre, Libby Quarterman; 20 Sept. Shelley Hayes, Rex Filson. GENERAL BUSINESS: Graham Mascas has offered to organise Navigation Course again this year - offer accepted. Details later.

MEETING HELD: 3 July, 1978

NEXT MEETING: 4 Sept. 78, 14 Hosier Lane,  
7.00 p.m.

VISITORS ARE WELCOME.

#### NAVIGATION AND LEADERSHIP COURSE

You will never know if you can or can't do it unless you try - and the best way is under controlled conditions.

Graham Mascas and Bob Steel will be running the annual MBW course on Mondays 9th and 16th October, 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. and the weekend 21-23 October, 1978.

For best benefits you need to attend the theory parts on the two Monday evenings. Course fee is \$5 which provides books and map.

Come all and have a go

Contact Bob or Graham for registration.

Tel.Nos.7256171 256940.

#### WANTED

Experienced walkers to form small party for trip through Cradle Mt. Reserve - Frenchmans Gap - February, 1979

Ring Neil Priestley Bus. 3803209

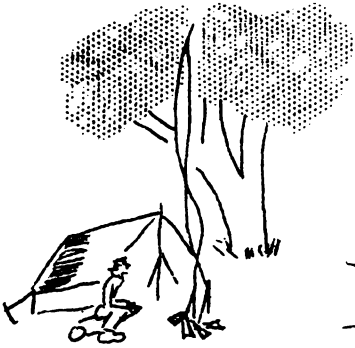
I was strolling through Myers last Wednesday when a new book caught my eye - "Bushwalking in the Victorian Ranges", by F.E. Halls. So I flashed the Bankcard and bought a copy. Sure enough it was the club's own hard-cover author - and the club gets a mention (more than once!). Then I came into the club - bursting to show it to everyone - and was handed a parcel which contained - you guessed it! - "Bushwalking in the Victorian Ranges"; - a signed copy donated to the Club by the author.

Many thanks on behalf of the Club, Fred. We hope the books sells as well as it deserves. The signed copy is added to the club's growing library, but I recommend that members buy a copy themselves to keep.

W-J.

One pair King Leo boots, size 6, Sherpa soles, as new. \$25.00 O.N.C  
Alma Strappazon. Phone 861 7559.

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# A LONG THE TRACK

The Memoirs of the Tali Karnq Bushies (Apologies to Lyn Ratcliffe - article finally turned up in the clubrooms)

Did you go on the Tali Karnq walk? You didn't! Well you missed out on a real ripper! Most of it is unprintable, but I will try to put a few words together to enlighten those who weren't where it was at!!

The bus trip was the usual run-of-the mill stuff with two interesting little people - one resembling a cuddly teddy bear with his little red beany and security pillow, and of all things, a wind-up cockie in the corner seat. The cockie was very quiet until after his tea, after which it was threatened to put a sock in his mouth.

We dropped off the toughies at the Mt. Margaret Track, not to be seen until late Sunday afternoon, with a cute little blonde fella with blue eyes, finally making an appearance at the rear, after being unavoidably delayed behind a tree.

Sat. morning we set off for an hour or so in the van to arrive at a winter landscape. P.G. neglected to tell all that it was really a snow walk. It was specially ordered for our Canadian visitors, John & Margot, just to make them feel at home. Walking through the snow gums, with a light covering of snow on the ground was very pleasant. P.G. also provided weather made to order. Beautiful sunny days with light winds. Could a walk have more variety especially with the interplay of light and shade on snow, grass and water? We had luncheon on the top of yet another Spion Kopje, with spectacular views in all directions.

The latest fashion among the guys in these cosy, checked shirts. Graeme M. said his was a normal one - not a woollen one. I suggested that I would like one, but neither love nor money could procure one. Grandpa's undershirt just had to suffice. Tom could not be persuaded to take his off, (it was very hot you know), even though some of the usually demure gentlemen stripped to their singlets and less!

We had the pleasure of TyroneThomas' company, who, along with Neil, decided to add another page to T's next book, and desert, by diverting, via Spion Kopje Range. The leader decided to rebel too, so everyone had to go that way as well. Fortunately for us, because it was really a good route with superb views to the Crinoline as the party made its way through the freshly fallen Autumn snow.

Whilst on route to T.K. we left our packs and took an hours return trip to Miller's Hut, where we found an excellent grassy campsite. The hut was rundown with smoke pouring out from every crack. We also found three Taralgon Bushwalkers inside, listening to the races (of all things).

At this point a stick was presented to the Chief Stirrer, Neil Priestly.

After an arduous trek down to T.K. we were rewarded with the most magnificent serene view of the lake. We had been warned that firewood was scarce at the campsite, and it was suggested that we carry some in with us. Some idiots nursed a bunch of sticks for at least 2 miles, not realising how far we had to go, or how hard the going was to get.

Meanwhile, "the toughies", climbed 2000 metres in one day. Saw some great views; ripped to pieces on scrub; scaled the cliffs in the dark at 7.30 p.m.; camped on a plateau; saw the lights of the Latrobe Valley. Sunday was more straight-forward. (So they say). Walked into T.K. at 10.30 a.m. and then followed on the heels of the other mob.

The group camped near "fireman" Priestly fared very well. The "fireman" - lamenting the lack of wood - found an old hollow tree - leaned on it for a while - Result - one hellova bonfire!

Not to forget the 3 Nymphs cavorting in Tali Karng. I do believe it was very cold. Just goes to show that the "birds have got what it takes!"

After a satisfying repast a young lady emerged with her bottle of port. It was the open sesame to all sorts of intimacies and confessions being revealed. Amazing what a few swigs of port can do.

One certain bawdy, raucous group kept Lorraine D. awake on Sat. night. Poor Lorraine will never be the same again!

Many discussions were overheard about many different topics and people (all in jest of course).

Can you guess Who - given a few clues?

- a normally quiet, well-known personality; has definite ideas about buxon ladies; also admits to having F.T.
- a bald fella, but very sexy.
- an absolute gentleman, but Boy! does he snore!
- suffers from halitosis
- vulgar but nice!
- a skinny chest, with glasses but fog up when provoked.
- always weighed down with jars of potions and lotions.
- of many faces; emerged as the Peruvian Indian and ended up the Pied Piper.
- blushes profusely when advances are made.
- slept all the way home.

Several guys had a run in with the possums. Keith W's supplies were almost stolen. Stephen had his barley sugar pinched; it was found hidden under Peter's tent. Geoff M. ran a great risk when he was shaking the trees. During the night great screams were heard from T.T. as he was waving a big stick. Possums indeed!!

A select group preferred to be known as the Leyland Bros. made an interesting study of a few blue tits. A detailed report should be forthcoming in the next news.

After all that rubbish you would expect Sunday to be uneventful. Not so! Rose, Jean's daughter, made a really explosive concoction for brekki. I am told that the blame must be taken by our esteemed leader, P.G., for not labelling his water container Shellite. However, his negligence did not cause Rose to starve, for she was offered a Canadian brew of porridge which was almost as good as a la Aussie.

The importance of the occurrence provoked a poem in her honour.

There was a young lady called Giese  
She thought some water would appease her  
She poured in a drop  
All the porridge went pop  
And nobody there could appease her

It was not to be that young lady's day. She sprained her ankle. Geoff, Max, Steve and Harold did a stirring job in helping to carry Rose over the trek. She valiantly covered the journey in very good time. Thanks guys!

Sunday's walk was superb. We followed a new track, very recently cut, which proved to far surpass the intended route.

Not far from the end of the walk someone found a red monkey. It spent the journey home seinging from the rafters of the bus. Certain volunteers offered to take it back to the zoo.

A delightful finish to the evening. We were serenaded by some lovely voices and given a superb recitation from Stephen, a visitor. Libby was told, "Quick, sign him up!" Not to forget the melodious voices of the better-known personalities.

Don't tell me to put a sock-in-it! I haven't finished yet. It was generally agreed by all present and conscious, that the weekend can be summed up in a few brief comments.

Brilliant walk; magnificent weather; tough hills; cooling streams; democratic decisions; swilled port; excellent company; HOT gossip.

Written by many  
Compiled by Lynn Ratcliffe.





AND NOW LADIES AND GENTLEMEN THE RETURN MATCH - FOR THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS - GRAHAM THE GOBBLER VERSUS SIMON THE MUNCHER. WATCH THEM AS THEY GORGE, DEVOUR, GOBBLE, MUNCH, AND EVEN EAT THEIR WAY THROUGH THIS ENORMOUS PILE OF DELICIOUS ICE CREAM CONFECTIONERY

### L O P E Z

The square dance at Main Ridge was well attended by the Males in the club, 20 in all, but was poorly attended by the Females - only 12. This meant that instead of having 5 squares of bushies trying to ruin the formations of the Hall, there were only 3 squares, with one set of males looking on! I heard that the rival square dance didn't get started as all the potential dancers were too tired after the hard day of walking that had led them on.

There were quite a few notable quotes heard during the last month, including:-

G.W.J. - "I can't drink because I'm catching a tram and I won't be able to read the numbers". One night before the meeting, at a well known eatery in Lonsdale Street - "How's your meal? - Caroline" "It's foul". Rob - "I'm floundering. At another eating session, Graham Hodgson broke Simon Arnold's ice cream eating record by consuming uno tartufi; duo vanilla gelati, uno strawberry gelati and uno cassatta. Lopez was seen matching Graham by eating 6 pieces of Paulo's bread! Rob Wills has recently had his tonsils out, and I've heard that he is practising his ice-cream eating to try to better Graham's effort. Hope you recover from all that ice-cream, Rob.

When the often lost traveller John Hillard returned to the fold he was sporting a good suntan which we all assumed was attained high in the mountains of New Zealand. "Oh no", said John, "I've been skindiving in the Phillipines". It appears that John, after completing his degree with first class honours, has joined the jetset at the N.Z. taxpayers expense. He's joined foreign affairs but we don't know which foreigners he's been having affairs with. He's M.B.W.'s first James Bond. John's been in training for this type of work for years - on his last walk with the club he rode off into the sunset looking for a bushwalking party - as readers of the Shady Scorpion's Gossip Column are probably aware.

There's been quite a bit of accusing going on recently - Rod Mattingley was accused of being a typical case of M.B.W inbreeding. Caroline Strickland was accused of being a totterer - she claimed she was drunk on the exuberance of her companions.

Young Tanglefoot Super Girl alias the Membership Secretary has been at it again. On a recent day walk she tripped over a barbed wire fence. Another day she fell for the old one "You're shoelace is undone!", and when she bent over to look at her shoe, her pack flew over her head and she took a nosedive into the ground, ending up base over apex.

Did all of you see the strange sight at the beginners ski weekend when Big Hodges and Little Hodges were seen skiing in identical outfits. Are they the next candidates for free spoons?

Speaking of the Shady Scorpion, the latest news is that he isn't anywhere near as shady as he used to be, in fact, it took another Shady Female Scorpion to finally quieten him down (relatively speaking anyway). Rumour has it that the Mexican Dandit Lopez is going to be the Best Desperado at the wedding. As a great coincidence, Geoff Crapper and Barbara Kennelly are getting married also.

STOP PRESS - The results of the Great Gelati Race are: Simon - tra vanilla, duo cassatta, duo lemon, duo rum.

Graham: tra vanilla, uno tartufi, uno vanilla/strawberry, duo rum, uno vanilla/strawberry.

After eating 6 gelati etc. Simon had to sell some honey to provide funds for continuing. In the meantime, after eating icecream for 25 minutes, Graham loosened his belt by one notch. At 7.15 p.m. Graham gracefully bowed out.

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### RD

Half Yearly General Meeting, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 1978

The future of the Federation of Victorian Bushwalking Clubs will be discussed. See Federation Report for details.

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### MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER, 4, 1978

MEETING OPENED: 7.15 p.m.

TREASURER: \$214 of accounts were passed for payment.

SOCIAL SECRETARY: 27 Sept. - Film & Talk on Cape York Peninsula.

21 Oct. - Dinner at "Ripponlea", not "Emu Bottom".

WILKY: A new stove will be purchased and installed at the earliest opportunity. See the front page for a detailed report.

FEDERATION: The President, Andrew Rothfield, has resigned.

WALK 1979: Walk is being edited - some has already been sent for typesetting.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT: As the table is still wet from being painted, the minutes will be brief this month.

UNPA - A.G.M. is on 13 Sept. 1978 at the Herbarium.

#### DUTY ROSTER:

27 September Geoff; Alison

4 October; Christine; Caroline

11 October; Liz; Shelly

18th October; Rob; Ian.

27 September: Half Yearly General Meeting.

Next Committee Meeting is October 2, 1978; Visitors welcome.

An apology is extended to those applicants who hoped to become members this month as the application forms were accidentally left at home.

(Copies of magazine will be forwarded however)

Meeting closed 7.58 p.m.

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There was a take-over of Faithfuls Creek near Strathbogie on Saturday 19th August and its lovely banks were occupied by an assortment of MDW old faithfulls. <sup>and</sup> Sandy, Peter and Sandra to leaven the lump. Kiwi Derek found the gurgling waters irresistible and skidded in, prompting an early retirement into the sack to warm up and thereby missing the rising of the full moon and the beauty of the creek sparkling in its soft light. Perhaps he was lucky to escape the night's entertainment. No square dancing as promised (or threatened) but instead bush ballads, songs slightly off-key and ditties slightly bawdy. There was a magnificent fire to save us from the crisp, chilly night, the chief stoker of course being our leader, well-known for his skills in this (and other) areas - Rodney.

Earlier on in the weekend we had had our entertainment too. Libby, in training for her Nepal trip, took Farmer Giles' fence at a leap leaving her bottom half impaled on the barbed wire and the top half cushioned in a fresh cowcake. It took all our capacity for friendliness to stay close during Saturday but by the time Sunday came and we were all ankle deep in "cowssh" it didn't seem to matter any more.

Our clear skies had disappeared by Sunday and we were soon pressing on in freezing rain and a bitterly cold wind. A short stop for morning snacks, sheltering under the eaves of a shearing shed, and we were off again. But where was our trusty Treasurer? Rodney back-tracked to look for him but no sound nor sight of the lost one was found in the mist which had now descended. Armed, as we knew Robert was, with a map, compass, excellent navigational skills and the knowledge that the walk was to end in Seven Creeks Cafe, it was confidently decided to leave him to find his own way. So the party squelched on, some motherly souls looking hopefully back through the mists, others laying bets on whether the Treasurer would by now be riding to Euroa in a heated car or sitting in the farm kitchen drinking hot chocolate with the farmer's ravishing daughter.

None was right however ... Robert in fact had searched in vain for the party, set his course for Seven Creeks Cafe and headed into the sleet, leaving a note on each of the (at least) 47 fences crossed to tell that Robert was here at ... a.m., ....p.m. His arrival in Euroa preceded ours by three-quarters of an hour!

But it was a good walk Rod - when's the next?

Jean.

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Please note that the closing date for next month's News is October 4, 1978. Please forward articles to 53 Riverside, Avenue, North Balwyn, 3104 or hand them to me in the club rooms. I was so pleased to be handed Lynn Ratcliffe's article, after all this time, sorry Lynn. With the warmer weather coming on, it would be appreciated that a few more "Along the track" articles could be written.

Alison Blaker

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Welcome to new members -

Sandra KERRY, 17 Hugh Street, Ringwood, 3134. H: 876 2525 W: 620251

Sandra DART, 54/27 Courtney Street, North Melbourne, 3051.

Lorraine DUNN, 1/25 Haines Street, Hawthorn, 3121. H: 916 8078 B: 24 3418

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Chris Thompson, (Home) 758 3169

Tom Kvalnes, 3/34 Fourth Avenue, Sandgate, Queensland, 4017.

Peter Carlyon, Avoca Lane, "Hamilton Park," Wangaratta South, 3678.

Peter & Cynthia Ashby, (Business) 329 6711

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Special cherio to Tom Kvalnes up there in Sunny Queensland. Keep up the walking and how about a few articles for news. All the best, Tom.

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Speaking about articles, what about an article from Mick Mann, love to hear the latest news from Adelaide.

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NOTICE FOR BUSHIE CYCLISTS

Ride from Clarkefield to Bacchus Marsh or Melton South.

Date: Saturday September 23, 1978.

Train: Woodend from Spencer Street.

Departs: 8.00 a.m. Arrives Clarkefield 9.6 a.m.

Ticket: Passmaster \$2.30 Bike ticket 50c

Distance: 33 miles - minimum - 54 miles max.

This is a fairly easy ride taking in beautiful country with spectacular views, so come along and give yourself a treat, Alwyn, Harold and myself would like your company. Train departs Bacchus Marsh - 6.45 p.m.

ART TERRY

This year, as committee rep. for the Victorian National Parks Association and the Australian Conservation Foundation, I have been concerned that I do little other than read the UNPA's magazine "Parkwatch" and the ACF magazine "Habitat" and newsletter. Then they sit in the files and no-one else seems to read them. Hence, I've suggested that recent issues of these be displayed on club nights for browsing through - but not removing from the clubrooms. I'll also pick a few "eyes" out of them for the newsletter.

ACF Newsletter (August)

ACF wants people to sell raffle tickets at \$2 each to raise money for ACF's work. See noticeboard. The Director of the ACF, Dr. J.G. Mosley, is appealing for help in the fight for the world's only Jarrah forest in W.A.

The Bunyip's Cave P2.

"Why are environmentalists so negative? Why can't they ..... design a solar-powered gadget that will make contaminated oysters edible by smoking them with air pollution?"

Mining on aboriginal lands: Why not rename payments "peasantries" (instead of royalites?)

ACF Annual General Meeting

Sat. Oct. 7th AGM in Hobart.

Sun Oct. 8th Tour Hartz Mountain Area

Oct. 9-14th Tour to places of particular interest to conservationists.

Ecologists Diary Home and Abroad P6

"Kiss a non-smoker-taste the difference" - slogan of NSW Health Commission.  
"Habitat"(August)

Articles include: The Lake Eyre Basin  
Animals of the Mallee  
Against the killing of wildlife  
Save the Daintree (Queensland's rare region where rainforest meets sea).

E. McKenzie.

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ALTERNATIVE CAPTION SUBMITTED, I ASSUME, BY THE AGGRIEVED PARTY

