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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING, MARCH 3RD, 1979.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Balance as at 28/2/79 \$3,406.18

 Comprising AIZ invest. acc. 511.00
 CBA 1,000.00
 CMA cheque 1,827.28

 Bills to be paid 767.64

Books to 1/2/79 have been audited.
Signatures needed from Bob S., Graeme and Alex.
Report received. Moved: Libby, Ken.

WALKS SEC. per Rod. January: 149 members, 80 visitors
104 day, 103 weekend!! Total 209

There is a verbal arrangement till June with A. Hood. Gronous might still be interested. Prices are much the same but Hood has a minimum bill of 30.00 on Sundays and a maximum of 40 in the van. Two vans might be available.

Walks for the Labour Day weekend were **CANCELLED** because **NO LEADERS** were available!

MEMBERSHIP SEC: 25 have paid subs. to date, including 7 new members.

"MILKY" TIG: Minor work party this weekend, Labour Day. Intro ution to "Milky" for members who have not been there on March 24th, 25th. Booked out.

APPOINTMENTS:

FVOC: Rep. Rex, observer Ken.
S. & R. Report from Rex. Police have their own S. & R. unit but FVOC S. & R. are designing a sledge for snow rescues.
S. & R. Rep. Jim. Rex will advise re dates.
VIPA/ACF: Rep. Elizabeth.
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE CONVENTION: Moved Rod, Elizabeth that pres. ask G.N.J. as it will not be a committee cost. Carried.
C. of R. Rep. Sandy
MAP CUSTODIANS: Marijke.
SKI TOLLING AND C. VIC: Rod.

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Minutes cont'd.....

Appointments

"WALK" BUSINESS MGR: Ken.
"WALK" ADVERTISING MGR: Ian.
"WALKS" PRINTERS: Gwen and Barry Short
LIBRARY: Athol Schafer
EQUIPMENT OFFICER: Harald Goetz

MOTION: That the FWMC rep. be instructed to press for the present ceiling on fees unless proportional representation is implemented.
Moved Rob. A, Jim. Carried.

NEW MEMBERS:

Ian and Heather Dunn, Deborah Kipon, Stephen Margolis, Gwen Morris, Jane Potts, Meryllyn Whimpey. Accepted pending check by Walks Sec.
Moved Libby, Marijke. Carried.

The Richelettos desire absented membership for one year, being overseas. Granted. Moved Libby, Rex.

DUTY ROSTER: 7/3 Pruc, Rod.
14/3 Marijke, Sandy.
21/3 Liz, Rex.
28/3 Peter, Ian.
4/4 Rosemary, Rob.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Rex foreshadowed motion re lack of walks leaders.
Sec. to write to all hon. members telling them they have been re-elected.
Sec. to write to retiring trustees.
" " " " contacts, each one individually.

MOTION: That Jim Hedstrom, on the club's behalf, investigate transport arrangements for walks.
Moved Jim, Rex. Carried.

SPOON: Ken noted that Rob Harris and Sylvia Lindsay will get a spoon at the next general meeting they attend.

MEETINGS: All agreed on the 1st Monday in the month.

NEXT MEETING APRIL 2ND, 1979.

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.

APRIL WALK PREVIEWS

Day Walks.

April 1 WILDWOOD - BULLA - MARIBYRNONG RIVER - ORGAN PIPES

LEADER: Harald Goetz
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 9.15 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 6 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Sunbury 1" to 1 mile
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 12 kms.

Here is an opportunity for beginners and professionals alike to get to know Melbourne's other river.

What to bring:-

- Lunch
- Drinking water
- Gaiters or overpants in case of grass seeds.

April 8 SARDINE CK. - CLEARWATER CK. - SHAWS LAKE

LEADER: Gerald Young
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave. 9.15 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Lerdorferg Forest Park 1:25,000 (1974)
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 6 miles.

This is a walk which follows generally the course of the Lerdorferg River through gorge country. It starts at U.D. Iens Crossing picnic area and heads roughly N.W. to Shaws Lake on the outskirts of the little township of Blackwood. We will be able to walk along the banks part of the way and will lunch at The Tunnel where the river passes through rock. We finish with a steep scramble upwards to the lake. Bring water to drink as the river water is undrinkable.

April 22 CYCLING - KILMORE EAST - HANGING ROCK - HESKET - RIDDELL'S CREEK

LEADER: Art Terry
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 9.15 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Lancashire 1" to 1 mile (Military)
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: Max. 52 miles.

This is an interesting medium ride taking in undulating

Day walks cont'd...
Cycling - Kilmore East

farming country as far as Henning Rock. From here we do a pleasant traverse through the Macdonald Ranges - roads are mainly good with an exciting stretch now and then.

This ride can be up to the maximum distance of 52 miles or as short as you like. The van will follow us as far as Henning Rock - approximately 38 miles and then meets us at Riddell's Creek. 20 riders is the limit so if you would like to have an enjoyable day back early.

April 29 VIEW HILL - DEEP CREEK

LEADER: Rob Wills
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave. 6.15 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7.00 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Langefield 1:63,300
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 18 kms.

This is a pleasant walk through open farmland about 12 kms. west of Kilmore. Barbed wire fences will be kept to a minimum. Bring water for lunch.

Weekend Walks

April 7 - KOSCIUSKO EASTER CAMP
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Peter Evans has a small group organized. It seems if easy/medium day walks and one or two 2 day walks are envisaged. He would like to hear from other club members who would be interested in joining the party for some or all of the period specified.

Telephone - 90 2247 evening and weekends.

April 12 COBBERAS - COWOMBAT FLAT - BERRIMA RIVER -
16 PLAYGROUNDS

LEADER: Geoff Law
TRANSPORT: Private
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: Monday 16th - late
MAP REFERENCE: Jacobs River 1:100,000; FGV 1"=1 mile (Cobberas)
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: (Unknown)

This walk has a lot to offer. Starting from the playgrounds we climb to the top of the Cobberas, about 6,000 ft. high, which commands extensive views all over the seldom visited N.E. of the State and into Kosciusko National Park. Campsite for Friday night is not far below in a delightful alpine glen, from which side trips up to the other peaks of Cobberas (particularly the spectacular Cleft Peak) will be very worthwhile. Eventually we will make our way down to Cowombat Flat on the infant Murrumbidgee River which has many points of interest. As for the Berrima River...., I've never been there or heard of it - but don't worry. I actually unwittingly previewed this walk 2 years ago when Rod Flattingley led it so there shouldn't be many navigational problems. On the first day we had a blizzard - about 2 inches of snow fell in an hour - which reduced me to a crawling shivering wreck, so come prepared (for the snow anyway). The walk (a bit of a classic really) will not require exceptional fitness or speed.

**Weekend walks cont'd...
Cobberas**

Should be scope to allow people to stay on for the Tuesday if they want.

April 12-16 EXPLORATION TRIP - MT. RICHMOND - LAKE BONG BONG - GLENELG RIVER

LEADER: Graham Mascas
TRANSPORT: Private
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: (Unstated)
MAP REFERENCE: (Unstated)
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: (Unstated)

This is a car, walking trip where we will explore the S.W. of Victoria. Each night we will camp near the cars so you can bring along all those unaccustomed (?) luxuries. I hope to keep the trip flexible so we keep our options open, but would like to include visits to Mt. Richmond National Park, Lake Bong Bong, the Glenelg National Park, Princess Margaret Rose Caves. So that those who wish may take advantage of the Tuesday we will finish our tour on the shores of Rocklands Reservoir Sunday evening leaving lots of options for everyone for Monday/Tuesday. Thursday evening I intend to camp just north of Dunkeld in the shadow of Mt. Abrupt. I am afraid I must limit the number of cars to 10 - no repeats of previous years thank you.

TASMANIA - WALLS OF JERUSALEM - LAKE MESTON - LAKE MYRTLE

April 12-17

LEADER: Graham Wills-Johnson
TRANSPORT: See below
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: Tuesday afternoon
MAP REFERENCE: (Unstated)
GRADING: Medium

You've heard about the new, cheap air fares? H.J.W. Wilderness Enterprises Ltd., in conjunction with Bizjet can get you overseas for £20.00 less! If you have not yet seen the wonders of the Tasmanian highlands, this is the ideal chance to make their acquaintance! The through walk is not very long and there will be plenty of chances to look at the lakes and mountains with only a daypack on you back. Return airfare is £60.00. At this stage I can only make a "guesstimate" of the cost of ground transport, but if we get 6 starters (if we don't I wouldn't be sure we'd go), it would probably be about \$20.00-\$25.00 each, and less if the party were larger. Please let me know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE if you are coming, as we have to make bookings for Easter almost at once.

April 27-29 BOROUGH HUTS - SEVEN DIALS RANGE - MT. WILLIAM TRACK

LEADER: Geoff Mattingley
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 6.30 p.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 6 p.m.
MAP REFERENCE: Ararat 1:100,000
APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: (Unstated)

Only one thing is certain about this trip - Grampians scrub! I am not familiar with the area, which may make for an interesting

Weekend walks cont'd...
 Borou_h Huts -

weekend. However, if you have a sense of adventure, please come along. We should get some views, and plenty of Grampians spectacular rock formations. See me in the clubrooms a couple of weeks before the walk, when I may have more information.

April 27-MT. DIFFICULT - BRIGGS BLUFF - PICNIC FALLS
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LEADER: Ken McMahon

TRANS-OUT: Van from Batman Ave., 5.30 p.m.

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: (Unstated)

MAP REFERENCE: Horsham 1:100,000 and Grampians 1:100,000

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 10 miles

This club needs more weekend walkers and I feel that this venue is suitable for introducing day walkers to the joys of carrying heavy packs, sleeping on the ground etc. I haven't had a chance to fully plan this walk as yet but I did walk the route about five years ago and from memory it was very pleasant being typically rugged Grampians terrain. We will be mainly on tracks with some rock hopping and only a little scrub. Saturday's camp will probably be high up on the Mt. Difficult range which is fine for after dinner strolls to watch the sunset. So I would like to invite anybody contemplating weekend walking for the first time or people who have tried it and didn't enjoy the experience to come along. I'll have a team of tent technicians and a band of billy boilers to help you if needed. Of course regular weekend walkers will be most welcome (particularly tent technicians and billy boilers). The pace will be relaxed and the weather will definitely be fine (between showers). The walk starts from Moses Gap.

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:-

Ian and Heather DUNN, 6 Champion Crescent, Glen Saverley, 3150 H. 238 5142.
 Deborah KIPEN, 42 Luncash Road, Caulfield, 3162. H. 528 1717.
 Stephen MARGOLIS, 1/60 Eskdale Road, Caulfield, 3162. H. 523 6992
 Gwen MORRIS, Fairy Road, Mandin North, 3139. H. 059 644485 W. 735 1252.
 June POTTS, 740 Swanston Street, Carlton, 3053. H. 347 3211 W. 547 7653.
 Marilyn WHIMPEY, 47 Phillips Street, Deburg, 3056. H. 386 0150 H. 409 5422

CHANGES OF ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NOS.

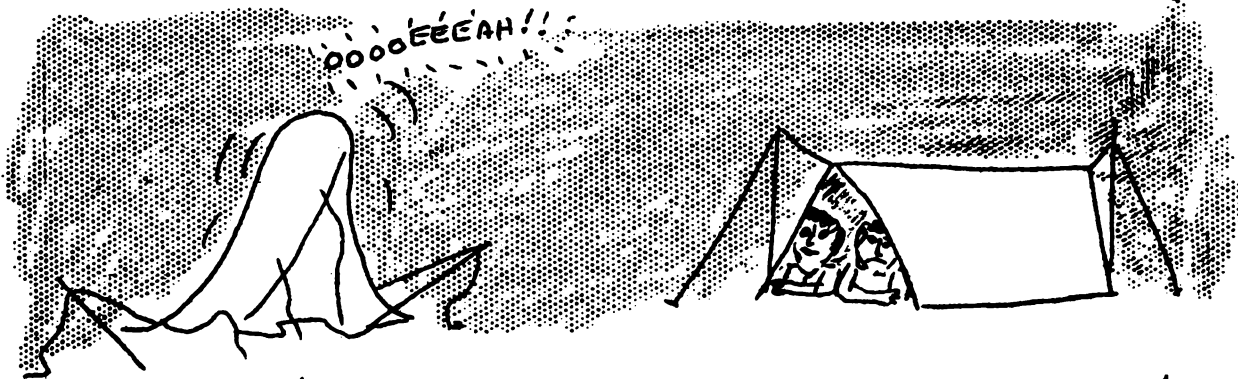
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 Jopie BODEGRAVEN, 2 Adam Street, Nunawading. H. 87 46641
 Stephen BURKE, C/- V.S.F. Creswick, 3368.

PLEASE NOTE:-

Anyone wishing to contact Ed Lawton should see Peter Bullard for the latest address.

WANTED!

Polar OS sleeping bag. Excellent all round bag. Good condition -
 \$70.00 (new \$175.00) - contact Chris Thompson on H. 729 3899 H. 758 3169



MY GOD! ITS THE ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN!

RELAX, ITS BOB, HE THINKS HE'S HAVING A NIGHTMARE. HE DOESN'T REALIZE YET HE'S AWAKE AND THAT HIS TENT HAS BLOWN DOWN

L O P E Z

The secret marriage syndrome has struck again. A few weeks ago there was a D.B.L. on a Saturday night and all those invited were expecting a normal sort of party. After they arrived, the host and hostess announced that they had just been married and the dinner turned out to be a wedding breakfast. Congratulations Rob and Sylvia Harris on keeping the event secret from the prying sting of the "Shady Scorpion" and the gossip fiend with leg ears. There is no truth in the rumour that Sylvia will appear as a centrefold in Walk '80.

Rumour has it that Art Terry has a direct line to the weather bureau as he timed his walk around Arthur's Seat to perfection. All the way down Napoan Highway the van was assaulted by thunder and rain, with lightning bolts flying all around. After alighting from the van, the party walked in the rain until lunchtime, when, magically, the clouds parted and out came the sunshine to dry everyone and their parkas. The sun was brightly shining for the rest of the walk.

Before the bicycle ride to Rosbud and return that Art led earlier in the month, the weather forecast was for 40 degrees celsius temperatures and strong northerly winds. Not to be deterred by this forecast, Art contacted the bureau to tell them he wanted a cooler day - so the weather was changed to suit Art's requirements.

Alison's walk down the peninsula was a fairly non-descript walk - she didn't get lost (keep the ocean to the right and you can't go wrong) and everyone had a good time. Although it was too cold for most to go swimming, the few who tried surfing said that the water was good. Alison and her newest boyfriend, Jim, seemed to be extremely friendly. Maybe they'll be the next ones to try for a wedding spoon. How about that Babeo?

Overheard at the Committee Dinner - "Who is the blond haired gentleman at the other end of the table - why its Mr. Hoonsa Ponds, he looks so much taller when he's sitting down".

The D.B.L. was a night to remember, first with Little Willie threatening to throw himself under a train if no one wanted to be President, and then jumping out of the chair when Bob Stal was elected President.

Upon receipt of his new pack, Dennis Barson was stuck for words, but came up with the line "It's very difficult to talk now - with everyone in front of me instead of behind me. Rob Hayes and G. .J. had done their best to make him feel at home by arranging the chairs so they were facing away from the blackboard, towards the rear of the room.

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After being nominated for a committee position, a loud voice was heard to say "I'm unable to stand". Upon hearing this a resident wit said "Why don't you get some crutches?"

A private trip to Feathertop on the first week of March camped near H.U.H.C. Hut on the Saturday night, then, after their tents blew down spent the remainder of the night inside the hut. Son of Hodge, the elder, is now buying a new tent after 11 years of use of his old tent. About half an hour after the group left the hut the extra strong wind blew out an escape window from the roof.

STREET WALK FOR ALPINE NATIONAL PARK

FRIDAY 27TH APRIL

5.00 p.m. front lawn National Mutual Building. If possible wear your bushwalking gear.

Come along and swell the crowds - we want more than last time.

SUPPORT THE ALPINE
NATIONAL PARK
CAMPAIGN

SUPPLEMENT TO THE MARCH NEWSTELEPHONE NUMBER PERSONNEL ANNUAL REPORT 1979

It has not been the practice in the past for the Club Contacts or Telephone Number Personnel to present an Annual Report. When we took over the Club Telephone Listing in the Melbourne Directory at the end of 1977, we decided to keep a record of the telephone calls we received. The reason being mainly for interest sake, but also in order to gauge how much work was involved.

The Filson's are notoriously busy people often being out. This could account for the telephone enquiries at 7.0'clock in the morning and at 10.45 at night. It is a time consuming job in so far as queries come in batches, usually as dinner is being cooked, mostly on Mondays. The only reason for Monday being so popular appears to be because the Age Weekender is published on Friday. So many people read Sandra Bardeell (not always favourably).

We never realized the public service the A.B. undertakes. Only having two Bushwalking Clubs listed in the telephone directory, many people with queries about equipment, and areas in which to walk tend to ring us rather than National Mapping or Bushwalking Shops. The A.B. is listed in such things as the "What's on in Melbourne" Directory, Springvale Community Service Directory, Government Tourist Bureau lists etc. We have even had a call from an overseas visitor who was referred to the Club by the Customs Official at Tullahoma!

We have had no feedback at all from prospective members or people who have spoken to us and since joined the Bushies, but from the statistics our phone manner is not favourably received or else the Melbourne Bushwalkers does not appeal.

The period we have taken for the annual review is from 3/1/78 - 3/2/79 (not to 3/1/79 because we were away for five weeks over Christmas). In this time we had 228 phone enquiries. Of these enquiries 130 people were wishing for information about the Club i.e. meeting night, Club rooms, number and standard of walks, areas the Club walked etc. - those being prospective members. As far as we can ascertain only SEVEN have joined! We have not checked how many people have actually attended a walk, as it is would be quite an arduous task. Quite a few callers become disenchanted when they learn that the Club room is in town. Many ring thinking that because the address in the phone book is Mont Albert, that the Club rooms will be situated there. Numerous callers are unable to attend on a Wednesday night and are upset when they are told we don't have phone bookings.

There have been 10 calls asking about specific areas for walking, such as Bayce's Gorge, the best time to visit Cradle Mountain, and around Melbourne. The Tourist Bureau passes on quite a few of these calls. Tyrone's books have been invaluable as have our own Club's publication Track Notes, and the Track Notes in Walk magazine. Perhaps the Club should produce more of these.

We are becoming authorities on equipment and where to purchase all manner of things. 14 people have made specific enquiries in this category. Several of them have been from parents whose children are attending walks arranged by private Schools. The school in particular obviously needs to look into its communication with parents. One wonders if State Schools are better organized or just don't have walks. It has been our policy to mention all the bushwalking shops, including those in the suburbs. When a parent rings we always tell them to recheck with the school and try to reassure them that the teachers know what they are doing.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE MARCH NEWS CONT'D

Fifteen queries have been for addresses or telephone numbers for other Clubs. 7 of these from people wanting information about Family Walking Groups or walks for children up to twelve years of age.

Fourteen enquiries from visitors to Hilbourne who wanted to go on a walk the following Sunday. This is always difficult because of our phone booking rule - it is hard to give a blank ~~no~~ to people.

We have received 3 calls from our own members asking for telephone numbers etc.

Some of the Teachers Colleges conduct leadership training courses during which students have to attend an organised bushwalk - to see how its done. Five students rang asking about bushwalks for this purpose.

The remaining phone calls have been categorised as follows:-

6 pertaining to Walk Magazine, people wanting subscriptions, photocopies etc.

6 from parents, police or Park Rangers enquiring about walks and/or walkers.

2 wanting the postal address of the Club.

2 Duke of Edinburgh Award people wanting people to go on a walk.

1 Travel Agent wishing to tender for an overseas trip.

From this you can see that your phone listing provides quite a diverse amount of information. Perhaps it would be worthwhile and interesting to ask the Club Contacts to give a report of their telephone calls in order to see if the system works as efficiently as it is supposed.

Rex and Sue Filson.