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C L U B T O P U R C H A S E V A N

At the Half-Yearly General Meeting held on 29th August, it was resolved to purchase one of Jack Baxter's vans at the offered price of \$14,000. This decision was made after constructive discussion by the meeting, which was very well attended (about 75 members and visitors). The purchase took place on the 31st August, being temporarily financed by Jim Hedstrom until the club can organise a loan. Applications have been made to transfer the registration and insurance, and to convert the passenger licence from "GP" (furniture van) to "Private Omnibus".

The immediate effect is that walk attendance charges will have to rise. ("Fares" cannot be charged under a Private Omnibus licence.) Accordingly, at the Committee Meeting held on 3rd September, it was resolved to raise the charge for a normal day walk to \$8 from \$7. (Walks further from Melbourne will cost \$9 instead of \$8.) Visitors' fees and late fees remain the same.

These changes will take effect from the walk on the 16th September.

S O C I A L C O L U M N

*** SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6th ***

CLASSICAL RECORD AFTERNOON AND EVENING

3.00 pm onwards

at Philip Larkin's

Flat 7, 1091 Burke Road, East Hawthorn

Phone 813-2271 (AH), 669-8200 (BH)

Bring your favourite record and plate for afternoon or supper. Tea, coffee and biscuits supplied.

N.B. Please let Philip know if you intend going.

*** SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27th ***

MARIBYRNONG RIVER CRUISE

Come along on a 3 hour river cruise which will go down as far as West Gate Bridge, taking in Appleton and Swanston Docks, and up to the old Riverview Tea Garden site. We will be aboard "Blackbird" and guided by Peter Summerville, who knows all the historic and conservation aspects of Melbourne's "other" river. Some of you may have seen a film about this cruise on Weekend Magazine (19th August).

(Cont'd.)

Correspondence should be directed to:-

The Secretary,
Melbourne Bushwalkers,
Box 1751Q, G.P.O.
MELBOURNE, 3001.

Meetings are held in the clubrooms, 377 Little Bourke Street,
entrance from Racing Club Lane, every Wednesday night 7-9 pm,
Visitors are always welcome.

SOCIAL COLUMN (Continued)

Limited number - so book early and avoid being disappointed.
Time 1.30 - 4.30 pm. Maybe a barbecue to follow. See Rosemary
Cotter in Clubrooms or phone at home. (461-2205) Cost \$6.50.

*** SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27th ***

DINNER AT THE CUCKOO (OLINDA)

Philip Larkin is organising a small group to have dinner at The
Cuckoo on October 27th, 7.00 pm to 12.30 am. Cost \$19.00 per head,
drinks extra. Closing date for booking Wednesday, 19th September.
Contact Philip Larkin on 813-2271 (AH) or 669-6200 (BH).
N.B. Minimum deposit \$10.00 or full payment.

*** ANNUAL DINNER ***

Advance warning so you can reserve the date/save up;

POTTERS COTTAGE - WARRANDYTE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1st

\$21 for 4 course meal
(home made delicacies) plus jazz band

(Booking of places will be by paying the full amount, and we'll
probably start collecting early October. See YOU there:)

W H A T ' S O N I N T H E C L U B R O O M S

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10 - 8 pm

FIRST AID FOR BUSHWALKERS
GUEST SPEAKER - SHIRLEY McINNES

We are fortunate indeed to have Shirley as our guest speaker. She
is involved in the Bush & Mountaincraft Leadership Certificate (BMLC)
course both as an instructor and an organiser. Her special interest
is in first aid applied to the bushwalking situation. She will cover
the areas of first aid kids, hypothermia, hyperthermia, snake bite,
blisters and the general adaptation of first aid treatment to areas
remote from aid. We will all benefit from this valuable information,
so I urge everyone to attend.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31 - 8 pm

SLIDES - WEEKEND WALKING AREAS

Want to know what the good areas look like? What you're missing out
on? Or just to reminisce over past trips and get ideas for future
ones. Then come along and see what other members have got to show
and what Victoria has to offer. Those with slides to show, please
let me know how many you have.

- JOPIE BODEGRAVEN

DAY WALKS -
OCTOBER 1984

OCTOBER 7 LERDERDERG GORGE

For details of this walk see the Walks Secretary in the clubrooms.

OCTOBER 14 YARRAGON SCARP - KERRIEBRAE

LEADER: Hugh Duncan

For details of this walk see the leader in the clubrooms.

OCTOBER 21 DAYLESFORD SPRINGS

LEADERS: Graeme Brown & Peter Bullard

For details of this walk see the leaders in the clubrooms.

OCTOBER 27 EMERALD OR KYNETON - CYCLE TRIP EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER: Art Terry

TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 9.00 am

EXPECTED TIME: OF RETURN: 7.30 pm

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: Any distance to 80 kms

Please note that the date of the ride has been altered from Sunday 28th to Saturday 27th October, the reason being that no other suitable vehicle is available to us on the Sunday. Besides we have our own van now, and as Dennis is happy to take us out on Saturday we will use our van. The club rides will be on Saturdays in the future. The wind direction will be the deciding factor as to where the ride will be. If a north wind, the route will be Emerald - Upper Pakenham - Yannathan; if a south wind, Kyneton - Metcalf - Bendigo. As usual the van will be following us, so you can decide just how far you ride.

OCTOBER 28 COBAW RANGES EASY & MEDIUM (2 walks)

LEADER: Jopie Bodegraven

TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 9.00 am

Both walks take in a section of the main Cobaw Ridge with its granite boulders and open forest and also some of the clear ridges to the north with their extensive views north and west. Most of this walk has never been done before by the club. The easier walk is 12 km, with 420 metres of climbing. The harder walk is 16 km, with 660 metres of climbing. The extra 4 km is mainly forest walking off tracks. Both walks can be extended by 2h km if we finish early. I'm hoping that the capeweed will make the open ridges a blaze of yellow.

WEEKEND WALKS -
OCTOBER 1984

OCTOBER 5-7 GRAMPIANS - (1) TROOPERS CREEK BASE CAMP
(2) BRIGGS BLUFF - MT. DIFFICULT -
TROOPERS CREEK
(3) BRIGGS BLUFF - MT. DIFFICULT
RANGE - CARTERS TRACK

LEADERS: (1) Peter & Anne Bullard
(2) Pearson Cress-well
(3) Mark Tischler

For details of this walk see the leaders in the clubrooms.

WEEKEND WALKS (Continued)OCTOBER 13-14 SEARCH AND RESCUE PRACTICE WEEKEND

This weekend is open to all club members. The venue is near Mt. Disappointment. There will be a search practice on Saturday afternoon. Saturday and Sunday mornings will see five sessions covering stretchers, ropes, knots, first aid, equipment and a structured talk.

If you would like to go or require more information, contact Peter Bullard.

Also information will be passed on to those going, but you MUST let ME know by 21st SEPTEMBER AT THE LATEST!

L A M I N G T O N & N O R T H E R N N S W
N A T I O N A L P A R K S
A P R I L O R M A Y 1 9 8 5

Is anyone interested in a two week trip to Lamington and several other national parks in southern Queensland and northern New South Wales? The dates would either take in the Easter break, meaning we'll need to take fewer days' leave, or the May school holidays. If you're interested, let me know as soon as possible. As soon as we've got enough interested people to make it a goer we can all arrange the time off work.

- JOPIE BODEGRAVEN (489 2221)

F O R S A L EKARRIMOR "PAPOOSE"

Will carry toddlers up to 12 kg
 Good condition. \$25
 Phone Lindsay Markham - 25-8510 (H)

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The President, Committee and Members of the Melbourne Bush-Walkers express their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Baxter and her Family on the passing away of Jack a good and loyal Friend.

C O M M I T T E E N O T E S
M E E T I N G 3 r d S E P T E M B E R 1 9 8 4

Welcome to Jill Campbell, who was appointed last month to the Committee vacancy.

Treasurer:

As at end August - Bank balance	\$11 944.05
Bills for payment:	
Insurance	453.00
Clubroom hire	900.00
EGOS subscription	7.00
	1 360.00

Notes: (a) Clubroom hire account may be incorrect, as it does not take account of the lower rate per night agreed for Committee meetings.

(b) August account expected from Jack Baxter - this would be the last one.

Walks Secretary:

July 1984	Members 88	Weekend 3	
	Visitors <u>43</u>	Day 128	
	131		

Most weekend trips cancelled due to lack of snow.

Walk 1985:

Partial budget presented and approved. Cover price to remain \$2.50, with print run of 2000.

Search and Rescue:

3 applications to join S & R were endorsed by the Committee:
 Graeme Brown
 Peter Hamann
 John Samarin

Wilderness Society:

New premises have fallen through. Still looking.

Other Business:

A Transport Subcommittee was created, consisting initially of Jim Hedstrom and Tony Stapley. Its job will be to manage the club van.

It was resolved that Dennis Barson be paid \$75 per day trip for the following:

- (a) driving
- (b) cleaning and checking of van
- (c) minor servicing, e.g, lubrication

Duty Roster:

September	12th	Neil/Mark
	19th	Phil/Jill
	26th	Mike/Rosemary
October	3rd	Winifred/Neil

Next Committee meeting:

1st October.

"W A L K 1 9 8 4"
M I D Y E A R S A L E S R E P O R T

"Walk 1984" has continued to sell very well right through to 30/6/84, the period covered in this report.

A total of 1250 copies of "Walk" have been sold since released in November 1983.

The following financial statement represents the situation as at 30/6/84:-

Expenditure		\$5551
Income - Advertising	\$1810	
Sales	\$1764	<u>3574</u>
Excess Expenditure over Income		\$1977

A total of 857 books remain in stock, representing an asset of \$2142.

It is appropriate to record my appreciation to all those people who have supported "Walk 1984" by buying copies.

- PHILIP TAYLOR
Business Manager, Walk

S U R V E Y O F A T T I T U D E S
T O W E E K E N D W A L K I N G

Over the past few months, 85 members and visitors completed and returned the Walkers' Questionnaire. The aim was to determine people's attitudes to and feelings about weekend walking with a view to -

- (i) using the results as a basis for making the club's weekend trips more appealing;
- (ii) hopefully shedding light on why numbers on weekend walks have declined over the past 6 years.

The format allowed people to reply to questions in their own words. To quantify the large number of comments, I picked out the theme of each and counted how often the theme was mentioned. This has produced a set of results too long to Publish in News, so I have summarized the main findings. The detailed results are available on request.

Limitations of the survey

There are two main ones that I have noticed -

- (i) The number of responses from people who had never been on a weekend trip was only 11, which is too small for valid conclusions to be drawn.
- (ii) The survey doesn't tell us why fewer people are going on weekend trips. It tells us what stops people going more often and why some people have dropped out, but not why people are not being attracted from outside the club or from the ranks of day walkers into the weekend area.

To do this we need, I feel, not a survey but, in the first instance, insightful observation and analysis by experienced members.

Summary of major findings

- (I) Beginners want instructional evenings, Saturday starts and base camps.
- (ii) The main appeals of weekend walking are: getting to new and interesting places, the companionship aspect, getting well away from Melbourne and the fun of camp life.

SURVEY OF ATTITUDES TO WEEKEND WALKING (Continued)

- (iii) The main gripes about weekend walking are: long distances and travel times from Melbourne, heavy packs, preparation and cleaning up, bad weather and the time involved on a weekend!
- (iv) Trips could be made more appealing to many by having more bus and van transport, more base camps, trips closer to Melbourne and Saturday morning starts.
- (v) People are prevented or dissuaded from going more often by family, household and other responsibilities, time constraints and other interests.
- (vi) Private cars on trips were generally approved of and seen as necessary, with some advantages but also disadvantages, including tiredness of drivers and hassles for leaders.
- (vii) Buses received strong approval with minor reservations, e.g. cost.
- (viii) Vans received strong approval, with major good points and a major bad point of lack of comfort.
- (ix) Base camps are very popular, a real winner.
- (x) Saturday morning starts had 2 to 1 support for. Obviously a demand here.
- (xi) Saturday early afternoon starts had slightly better than even support for. There seems to be a significant demand.
- (xii) Leaders were generally approved of and praised, with some suggestions for improvement and minor criticisms.
- (xiii) Walking areas were generally approved of.
- (xiv) Several other issues and comments were raised.

- JOPIE BODEGRAVEN

N E W M E M B E R A N D
C H A N G E S O F I N F O R M A T I O N

We welcome a new member - Tracey SEAR,
5/105 Park Road, Cheltenham, 3192.
Phone: 584-7092 (H); 345-5522 (W)

Changes of Information:

BAKER, Terry 5/12 Byron Street, Brighton, 3186.
 Phone: 592-7888 (H); 669-7280 (VI)

CHAPMAN, Jan 12 St. James Parade, Elsternwick, 3185.
 Phone: 596-3976

PIDD, Chris 50 Bedwell Crescent, Booragoon, W.A. 6154

Robyn HABY is now Robyn ANDERSSON.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

to Robyn and Michael Andersson
on the occasion of their marriage.

Closing date for October News is Wednesday, 3rd October. Articles may be placed in the "Red Box" in the clubrooms, sent to the club, Box 1751Q, GPO, Melbourne, 3001, or direct to the editor, Merilyn Whimpey, 17 Phillips Street, Coburg, 3058.

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