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

Thursday 22nd August

A DATE WITH THE STARS AT MELBOURNE OBSERVATORY

We have booked both telescopes for the night of 22nd August. Amongst the many fascinating heavenly bodies, Jupiter and Saturn will have pride of place, weather permitting. Hot Toddies at the Botanical Hotel, weather inclement! If you've never experienced the stars through a telescope you don't know what you're missing. And for those who have, a chance to look in on old friends. Viewing supervised by Observatory Personnel.

MELBOURNE OBSERVATORY

Birdwood Avenue, Royal Botanic Gardens
- directly opposite the Shrine

TIME: 8 pm - meet at gate. ADMISSION: Free

Fee Tracy in the clubrooms for information and bookings.

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Saturday 24th August

DINNER DANCE AT AUSTRIA HOUSE

419 Spencer Street

We've taken Victor up on his suggestion and Austria House is the venue for dinner and dancing. Betty Spencer will be the person to contact and Victor will be there to show us the ropes. Continental band. Reasonably priced meals.

Cost: \$6.00 entrance plus food and drink

Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: Austria House, 419 Spencer St. Melbourne.

Contact: Betty Spencer.

Please note: BOOKINGS CLOSE SATURDAY 17th

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Wednesday 25th September

MYSTERY MOVIE EVENING - PLUS CHEAP EATS

Melbourne boasts some excellent "alternative" movie houses, which show good films at modest prices. Plus they usually are good fun to visit: We plan to sample one of the Cheap Eats Restaurants advertised in The Weekender some time ago, and then off to the movies. Unfortunately programmes, except for Valhalla, aren't available so far in advance, so MYSTERY all round: A fun night, and no work the following day (Show nay public holiday). No need to book - just turn up - but please be on time.

Cost: Film approx. \$3.50

Meal - main course approx. \$3-\$5. BYO

Time: Meet at 6 pm sharp

Place: 194 Faraday Street, Carlton.

Date: Wednesday 25th September

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)

The Ballet proved extremely popular and tickets sold quickly. Some people missed out, I know. Unfortunately it is impossible to predict how popular such a costly outing will be.

Just a word about the protocol for booking functions. The place to book, as you all know, is in the clubroom on Wednesday nights. Booking details are set out in "News". Please note important information such as any booking closing dates and the person involved. There are several people on the Social Sub-committee who may be organising a particular function. If for some reason Wednesday is inconvenient, and it often is, people can use the post. Many do, and it works very well. I don't mind accepting telephone calls at home. I know things don't always go according to plan and sometimes a phone call is necessary. However members should not regard this as normal practice. There is always someone in attendance Wednesday nights for bookings, and also your visits on club night are a valuable contribution to your club's continuing success and popularity.

- TRACY.

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

WEDNESDAY 17th JULY - 8 pm

Tracy has some slides you might like to see. Around the world in 60 minutes, with highlights from her Pacific Crossing in 1976, aboard yachts Different Drummer, Straight Arrow and Rainbow. Tracy also spent some years in South Africa and has a few memories she'd like to share with you. Not a long session!

WALK 1986 - CONTRIBUTIONS WANTED

I need your articles and track notes for our '86 issue as quickly as possible, and definitely by the end of July.

Articles could be up to 1000-1500 words in length and must be consistent with the general theme of Walk - i.e. 'to enhance people's appreciation of the natural world and to encourage bushwalking as a healthy and enjoyable recreation'.

Ideally, articles should be accompanied by good photographs suitable for black and white reproduction (we will convert from colour if necessary). Line drawings will also be considered. How about some cartoons?

Track notes should concentrate on Victorian areas and be accompanied by photos and sketch maps (we will arrange artwork). I am particularly interested in notes on the Powelltown and Bogong areas.

If you'd like to discuss your ideas with me, phone 578 0448 (home) or 611 3402 (work).

- Noel Tolley
Editor, 'Walk 1986'

DAY WALKS
AUGUST 1985

AUGUST 4 (SUN.) MT FRANKLIN - HEPBURN SPRINGS EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS ROSEMARY COTTER (EASY)
ROBERT AYRE (MEDIUM)
TRANSPORT VAN PROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7.30 pm
MAP REFERENCE DAYLESFORD 1:25,000; GUILDFORD 1:25,000
CASTLEMAINE 1:100,000
APPROX. DISTANCE 12 km - EASY; 17 km - MEDIUM

EASY WALK: We will be starting in the Loddon State Forest, following a creek for a few kilometres before cutting across farmland to climb Mount Franklin (630 metres), which is the remains of a volcano with a well defined crater. Even without climbing the fire tower there are superb panoramic views. Then we continue through Dry Diggings State Forest to Wild Cat Creek, which we follow until reaching Hepburn Springs.

Bring water, and. use the container to replenish your mineral water supply from several springs at the end of the walk.

The medium walk will basically follow the same route, with a few more kilometres through forested areas.

AUGUST 10 (SAT.) SKIING - LAKE MOUNTAIN EASY

LEADER GRAHAM HARDING
TELEPHONE 266 4222 (not as in programme)
TRANSPORT PRIVATE CARS

Meet at Lilydale Railway Station Car Park at 7 a.m. Bring skis with you or hire on the day. Please see leader in the clubrooms on Wednesday before, to be briefed on any last minute changes.

Lake Mountain has up to 22 km of marked trails in the treeline. We will select the distance and duration of the ski tour depending on the standard of the party.

AUGUST 11 (SUN.) TABLE TOP - WERRIBEE GORGE EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS DAVE LEGERTON (EASY)
MIKE CLODE (MEDIUM) - PHONE 785 1685 (H)
628 3855 (W)

Both walks start through paddocks and up to the summit of Table Top (a flat topped hill just beyond Bacchus Marsh) which, on a fine day, has impressive views in all directions.

Thence along the banks of the Werribee River to the car park at Werribee Gorge National Park. At this point the walkers on the easy trip will take a pleasant amble back to the bus.

The medium walkers will continue down the length of the gorge, renowned for its beauty, birdlife and rock formations. A kangaroo path up a ridge takes us above the gorge and through forest to the bus.

As the "easy" walkers would otherwise be back at the bus much earlier, we may encourage some to come along part of the gorge, returning to those who have decided to rest at the car park, before returning to the bus.

F O R S A L E

GORETEX JACKET

CONTACT: PALLIN'S EXPEDITION
Ian Dunnadge Size: Large Colour: Green
(H) 329 8681
(W) 698 6536 Used one ski season
\$80.00

DAY WALKS (Continued)

AUGUST 18 (SUN.) BRISBANE RANGES EASY & EASY/MEDIUM

LEADERS DAVID DAVIES (EASY)
MARIJKE MASCAS (MEDIUM)
TRANSPORT VAN FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 7.30
MAP REFERENCE BACCHUS MARSH 1:100,000
APPROX. DISTANCE 13 km (EASY); 13 km (MEDIUM)

The EASY WALK starts at the Anakie Gorge picnic grounds and follows the creek for several kilometres. Most of the walk will be in flat country on four-wheel drive tracks, with plenty of time to look at wildflowers, for which the area is famed.

The MEDIUM WALK starts at Anakie Picnic grounds, beginning with a bush climb uphill to stir the blood and warm the bodies. We then meander through the bush and on tracks, ending with a steep descent into Reily Creek, at the end of which the van will be waiting.

AUGUST 25 (SUN.) LADY PASS - MT. IDA - ARGYLE EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS MAX CASLEY (EASY)
????? (MEDIUM)
TRANSPORT VAN FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

For details of this walk, please see Max in the clubrooms.

AUGUST 31 (SAT.) DANDENONGS EXPLORER No. 6 - EASY
UPPER FERNTREE GULLY - ONE TREE HILL -
BELLEVUE TERRACE

LEADER WINIFRED DE SOUZA

Details of this walk will probably be published in next month's "News".

W E E K E N D W A L K SA U G U S T 1 9 8 5

AUGUST 2-4 MT. BOGONG VIA STAIRCASE SPUR (SNOW CLIMB) HARD

LEADER MARK LEMAIRE
TRANSPORT PRIVATE CARS
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 8-9 pm SUNDAY
MAP REFERENCE BOGONG 1:100,000 or TRAPPERS CREEK & NELSE 1:25,000

*** PARTY LIMIT OF 8 ***

My current plan is to ascend the Staircase Spur on Saturday. If conditions are good, we may investigate some of the gullies and rock buttresses near Castor and Pollux, before continuing on over the summit to camp on the Upper Eskdale Spur. Leaving our campsite, we could have a look at the West Summit and Skeleton Gully on Sunday before descending the Eskdale Spur on Sunday arvo. Due to the nature of the exercise, an ice axe is a necessity and front pointing crampons cannot be too highly recommended. Remember, this is the middle of winter and we must be flexible in our expectations of the trip.

AUGUST 2-4 SKIING - MT. STIRLING SKI-IN BASE CAMP EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER BILL METZENTHEN
TRANSPORT PRIVATE CARS
MAP REFERENCE ALGONA "MT. STIRLING"
APPROX. DISTANCE A FEW KM

This will be an easy weekend exploring the ski trails of Mt. Stirling. There are plenty of trails of varying standard and we will select routes to suit the capability of our group and the kindness of the weather.

WEEKEND WALKS (Continued)

AUGUST 3-4 WARBY RANGES BASE CAMP (SATURDAY START) EASY

LEADER DAVID DUNDAS
 TRANSPORT CARS
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 8.00 pm SUNDAY
 MAP REFERENCE WANGARATTA 1:100,000
 APPROX. DISTANCE 25 km

So you thought that the walk for this weekend was to be Terrick Terrick and Mt. Hope. Well, you were wrong" I have decided not to try to come with the wilt's of Terrick Terrick etc. but will instead show any willing participants some of the delights of the Warby Ranges near Wangaratta.

We will meet in the Warby Ranges at the Pine Valley Picnic Ground at about noon on Saturday, so you will be able to have a good sleep on Friday night before making the 2½-3 hour trip to the ranges. We will walk on Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday.

The delights of the Warby Ranges include open forest, granite formations, tiny streams and medium size waterfalls. Some of the delights are, of course, dependant upon adequate rainfall.

The camp on Saturday night will be near the cars, so you will only need a day pack. Water should be brought in case the streams are not flowing.

AUGUST 9-11 SKIING - BLUFF MEDIUM/HARD

LEADER. MARK TISCHLER
 TRANSPORT PRIVATE CARS
 MAP REFERENCE MANSFIELD 1:100,000

This trip has all the potential of excellent skiing with superb downhill runs on slopes of any gradient you would like to find. But weather will help to dictate our plans" Access to The Bluff will be via Bluff Saddle, either going up directly to the summit or via Bluff Hut.

This trip is only suited to experienced cross country skiers well used to camping in snow. arid should not be attempted by people with limited experience. Plenty o f time is allowed for touring the area with hopefully only a short distance to carry our packs to camp.

AUGUST 16-18 BAW BAW - SNOW CAMPING EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER SYLVIA WILSON
 TRANSPORT PRIVATE CARS
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 0.00 pm
 MAP REFERENCE BAW BAW PLATEAU 1:25,000

Given a decent fall of snow, there is nowhere else quite like the Baw Baws, they certainly have a charm of their own. We'll make this a Saturday 5, 30-6.00 am start. It's approximately 3 hours to St. Gwinear, so .1_J. assemble 9,00 at the gate, and head for Mustering Plat. Here the snow campers will set up house while the others can practise their diagonal stride, or something, but not make rude comments at us. ode might check out the local trails for the rest of the day, The neap-snow campers could well spend the night at Cascade Creek picnic spot (room for 4 tents at least) which is just beyond the St. Gwinear turn off on the Thompson Road. With an early start on the Sunday we could get quite a long way north towards Whitelaw, with the Easy group going less far and fast on both days.

AUGUST 17-18 CAPE LIPTRAP PACK CARRY EASY/MEDIUM
 (Saturday a.m. start)

LEADER JAN DAVIS
 TRANSPORT PRIVATE CARS

For details of walk, please see the leader in the clubrooms.

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E X T E N D E D S K I T R I PAUG. 24 - SEP. 1 SNOWY MOUNTAINS - SKIING

MEDIUM/HARD

LEADER PHIL TAYLOR
 TRANSPORT PRIVATE CARS
 MAP REFERENCE KOSCIUSKO or KHANCOBAN 1:50,000

A week in the Snowy Mountains seems a very nice way to spend some time in August. with a whole week at our disposal we can cover a fair amount of country - weather permitting. My thinking at this stage is to divide the trip into two phases - the first will be to the northern part and the second part to the Main Range. This way we can restrict the amount of pack carrying and maximise skiing time. Exact routes, etc. are yet to be formulated. I'm easy and quite willing to go where others want to. Previous skiing experience carrying packs is essential, as is good equipment.

Se me in the clubrooms for more details. Please note amended dates for trip.

ADVANCE WARNING:
WHIPSTICK FOREST

We are planning a weekend camp in the Whipstick Forest September 20-22. Members of the Bendigo Alpine Club will be helping us with walks and cycle rides in the area. As it will be a base camp you can bring all your goodies, home-baked edibles, etc. So, make a note of the weekend, and get your bikes in gear!

A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE FABLED HIMALAYAN KINGDOM OF BHUTAN.

Be amongst the first Europeans to trek central Bhutan. A small private tour will be departing Australia in April 1986 for a 30 day trip, spending 18 days in Bhutan (8 days trekking) and visiting Sikkim's capital - Gangtok, and Darjeeling. Trekking will be at a "medium" level. For further details phone Diane Schudmak - 429 3855 (W), 266 2439 (H).

C O M M I T T E E N O T E S
M E E T I N G 1 J U L Y

Correspondence

Letter from Road Traffic Authority advising of the special permit and equipment requirements for omnibuses going to any of the snow areas.

Treasurer

Balance \$1326.01 (credit)
 Bills for payment - total \$952.70

Membership

Total at present 335

Equipment

Receipts for June \$13
 Year to date \$46

Federation

David Davies has agreed to be Federation delegate. A special resolution of Committee is required to appoint him as such - this will be done next month.

COMMITTEE NOTES (Continued)Duty Roster

July 10	Rod/Neil
17	Hugh/Leonie
24	Sylvia/Merilyn
31	Winifred/Mick
August 7	Sylvia/Neil

Next Committee meeting

5th August

General Business

The requirements for additional hire equipment were discussed at length. It was eventually resolved that:

1. A "winter" sleeping bag will be purchased as soon as possible.
2. The available range of lightweight tents will be investigated to determine what is suitable for hiring.
3. Lightweight poles and pegs will be acquired for the "Caribee" tent. This was bought last year, but is too heavy (in its present form) for other than base camps.

NEWS OF THE WALKS SECRETARY,AND OTHERS

In case you haven't been in the clubrooms to read the postcards on the notice board nor been on a long weekend walk where the only literature between 14 was one copy of "Capricornia" and an aerogram from Jopie, here is the latest lowdown.- Jopie is now in French speaking Switzerland and has found that 10/o communication in high school French is an enormous improvement on sign language as in Japan. Japan didn't go down too well as he developed horrendous toothache and the only place where he could find an English-speaking dentist was back in Tokyo, so had to stay there over long. However Holland, the land of his birth, went down extremely well. He was most impressed with the orderliness, the flowers, gardens, spaciousness, ability to get out of the cities and the magical forests. He'd been staying with relatives he'd not previously met and one assumes had no communication problems. He is hoping Australia is still here as he never hears news of it. YES, WE ARE STILL HERE. He thinks he'll spend more time in Switzerland - the Mont Blanc and Matterhorn areas in particular as they are so beautiful - and elsewhere in Europe rather than go back to Britain where he's already spent 12 hours in London and not been overly impressed (oh dear). The final leg of his journey is to North America next month.

Stan and Verle Ann Attwood are about to depart these shores for: everywhere else. They will be gone for at least a year,. We wish them Bon Voyage, send us a postcard or two. We shall miss your cheerful presences and bright chatter so come back soon.

Martin Elias has also departed this life - I mean the Melbourne Bushies, this is not an obituary - by going to Canberra. He was offered a terrific job he couldn't refuse. The club has lost a great teacher of navigational skills of infinite patience, a jolly good cook at Wilkie, a mighty half a. piano player - a duet player with Rosemary that is - a profound wit and much more besides, in short a bloody good bloke. The Monash Sceptic will be sadly missed. Good luck in your new life. Incidentally, we all have an invitation to drop in while in Canberra. How's that for an offer!

The best kept secret in the Bushies was so well kept that not even I could find out what it was. That well known personality Mick Mann married the charming Andrea Tay on the Queen's Birthday weekend. We're ever so pleased for you both and wish you all the best for

your future happiness together.

NEWS (Continued)

A little bird told me about one Russell Jones who was persuaded to go to a colonial dance recently. The evening wore on with no sign of activity from R. Jones but eventually he consented to get up and trip the light fantastic. (Well nearly) It transpires he not only mastered this particular dance credibly well but amazed himself (and his partners) he could do it at all. Things are looking up.

Congratulations are due to Elsebeth Murray, nee Hansen and her husband Len on the arrival of their daughter, Ingrid on the 16th May 1985.

Also expecting the patter of tiny boots later this year are Robyn and Michael Andersson. Robyn was looking quite maternal in the clubrooms this evening.

And while we're on the subject - a warning to those who are going to stay at Wilky this winter. A certain Mr. and Mrs. Noddy who spent a week in our "chalet" last August produced a baby boy this May. Praps there's something in the water . . .

- by "The Old Lady of the rocks" quotation from an aboriginal legend in Lamington National Park - the colonial gent who bequeathed this name on me got severely chastised for his pains I might add)
- with bits added on by your hard-working editor

Closing date for August "News" - Wednesday 7th August. Articles for "News" can be put in the red box in the clubrooms, posted to the address shown on page 2, or sent to the editor, Merilyn Whimpey, 17 Phillips Street, Coburg, 3058.

Hasn't anybody been on any good walks lately? No walk reports this month. They're great to read, especially if the reader was on the trip described.

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