



THE NEWS

OF THE
MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS INCORPORATED

432

FEBRUARY 1987

PRICE 20C

REGISTERED BY AUSTRALIA POST PUBLICATION NO VBH 1297

A N N U A L
G E N E R A L M E E T I N G

The Annual General Meeting of Melbourne Bushwalkers (Incorporated) will be held in the Clubrooms, 2nd Floor, 377 Little Bourke Street, at 8 p.m. on WEDNESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY, 1987.

Business to be transacted will include:

1. Elections for the following positions:
 - President
 - Vice Presidents (2)
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Walks Secretary
 - Membership Secretary
 - Social Secretary
 - "Wilky" Manager
 - "News" Editor
 - "Walk" Editor
 - Ordinary Committee members (5)
2. Consideration of the Committee reports and the statement to be submitted in accordance with Section 30(3) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (the financial statement).
3. Determination of Annual Subscription.
4. Determination of whether "Walk 88" will be published.
5. Presentation of souvenir spoons to couples from the club who were married during the last year.

All members are urged to attend and participate.

Geoff Mattingley
PRESIDENT.

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.

D A Y W A L K S
M A R C H 1 9 8 7

SUN. 22 FEB COOKS MILL - LITTLE RIVER FALLS EASY & MEDIUM
LEADERS JOPIE BODEGRAVEN & JENNY ROSS

Please note that the bus will leave Batman Avenue at the normal time of 9.00 am, not 8.00 am as stated in the February "News". Sorry to chop and change but in this case it was unavoidable.

We will endeavour to finish at a reasonable time but be prepared for a late return just in case. The walk should be well worth it however. Don't forget your rockhopping shoes and bathers if it's warm.

SUN. 1 MARCH MOORABOOL GORGE EASY & MEDIUM
LEADERS DAVID PICKUP & MARTIN WILLIAMS
TRANSPORT BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN 8.30 pm
MAP REFERENCE LETHBRIDGE 1:25 000; MEDINA 1:25 000
APPROX. DISTANCE 10 km

This walk has a little bit of most things people look for when bush-walking. Rock-hopping and clambering, rock pools for swimming, river crossings (at these points the water isn't deep), hills to climb, forested areas and abundant wildlife.

It will start near Johanna Park on the Sheoaks-Maude Road, from which point we shall make our way down to the Moorabool River, and follow it upstream to Sheoaks. The latter part includes the interesting gorge.

Bring bathers and drinking water.

SUN. 8 MARCH GLEN NAYOOK - NOOJEE EASY & MEDIUM
LEADERS STEPHEN COURTNEY & ROBYN KENNEDY
TRANSPORT BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

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

MON. 9 MARCH BRIGHTON - PARKDALE EASY
LEADER ATHOL SCHAFFER
TRANSPORT MEET UNDER CLOCKS IN TIME TO CATCH 9.07 AM
 TRAIN TO BRIGHTON BEACH

A bayside walk of 12 km along beaches and parks. Cliff-top views and swim stops as we go. Returning city about 5 pm.

SUN. 15 MARCH FAIRHAVEN - MT. INGOLDSBY - ANGLESEA EASY & MEDIUM
LEADERS MAUREEN HURLEY & RITA POOLE
TRANSPORT BUS FROM BATMAN AVENUE, 9.00 am

Hoping for hot weather. Don't forget bathers, hat and especially water.

SAT. 21 MARCH DANDENONGS EXPLORER - BELGRAVE - EASY
 MONBULK STATE FOREST
LEADER WINIFRED DE SOUZA

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

W E E K E N D W A L K S
M A R C H 1 9 8 7

LABOUR DAY WEEKEND

<u>6-9 MARCH</u>	<u>BOGONG HIGH PLAINS SEMI BASE CAMP</u>	<u>EASY/MEDIUM</u>
LEADER	JOPIE BODEGRAVEN	
TRANSPORT	CARS	
MAP REFERENCE	BOGONG 1;100 000; NELSE, COPE & FEATHERTOP 1:25 000	
APPROX. DISTANCE	44 km OVER 3 DAYS	

This is your chance to visit some of the highlights of the Bogong High Plains without a lot of tiresome pack carrying. In fact we carry packs for a total of only 3 km. The days are mainly spent wandering happily along with light day packs, enjoying the (hopefully) good weather, the views and the lovely alpine scenery.

Saturday is a walk out to the Niggerheads, followed by a 1½ km pack carry to our camp site on Heathy Spur, where we camp for two nights. Sunday is to Mt. Nelse and Whiterock Falls. Monday, we retrace our 1½ km to the cars, then do a short walk to Mt. Cope and some lovely alpine creeks.

This trip would be a good introduction to camping and pack carrying.

<u>6-9 MARCH</u>	<u>OLD YARD FLAT</u>	<u>MEDIUM</u>
LEADER	ROD MATTINGLEY	
TRANSPORT	CARS	

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

<u>13-15 MARCH</u>	<u>HOWQUA RIVER - 4 MILE SPUR - MT BULLER</u>	<u>MEDIUM</u>
	<u>TIMBERTOP</u>	
LEADER	KEITH WHITE	
TRANSPORT	CARS	
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN	6 pm	
MAP REFERENCE	VMTC KING, HOWQUA & JAMIESON RIVERS	
APPROX. DISTANCE	30 km	

I am planning to make this something less strenuous than the usual medium weekend walk by staying at the Mt. Buller Youth Hostel on Saturday night. You won't need to carry all that heavy camping gear.

We will meet at Sheeppark Flat at 8.30 am on Saturday and drive some cars to the start of the walk at Mt. Timbertop. There is a good reason for reversing this walk - see later. We will get excellent views as we follow the ridge line to Buller.

Sunday, we will follow down Four Mile Spur to the Howqua River and if it is a hot day you will enjoy a swim before joining our cars at Sheeppark Flat.

<u>13-15 MARCH</u>	<u>HOWQUA RIVER - LITTLE BULLER - MT BULLER</u>	<u>MED./HARD</u>
LEADER	RUSSELL JONES	
TRANSPORT	CARS	
MAP REFERENCE	VMTC KING, HOWQUA & JAMIESON, MANSFIELD 1:100 000	

Leaving from Sheeppark Flat Saturday morning, we will drive to Six Mile Rut then, climbing steadily, we will arrive at the rocky area of Little Buller. Here fine views of the Howqua river will be had before the easy climb to the summit area. The views from the Mt. Buller summit area are spectacular indeed. A short walk to the village to stay in the Youth Hostel on Saturday night. Accommodation can be arranged for non-YHA members. Cooking facilities are available, so no need to carry pots, pans, stoves, etc. Sleeping sheets are all that are required. Sunday's walk will be down Four Mile Spur with a delightful swimming hole in the Howqua River at the end.

Please book early to allow accommodation at the Mt. Buller Youth Hostel to be reserved.

WEEKEND WALKS (Continued)

20-22 MARCH	MT. BUFFALO FAMILY BASE CAMP	EASY
LEADER	PHIL LARKIN	
TRANSPORT	CARS	
MAP REFERENCE	GEOFF LAWFORD 1:30,000 MT. BUFFALO PLATEAU	
APPROX. DISTANCE	10-20 km	

This weekend is ideal for all family members aged between 1 and 100 years.

Mt. Buffalo offers you spectacular scenery and magnificent views across the whole plateau. It is an area which is attractive at all seasons. Its mild summer climate makes it especially inviting when the lowlands are suffering from the hot summer temperatures. Summer months bring a profusion of wildflowers, which will be appreciated on even the shortest -walk. The best way to know and fully enjoy Mt. Buffalo is to explore the tracks which cross the plateau through the woodlands and across the snow plains and the meadows. The tracks are well maintained and marked within the park and vary in distance to suit all walkers during the weekend.

We will be camping on the shores of Lake Catani, which is a peaceful and beautiful area.

20-22 MARCH	MOROKA	MEDIUM/HARD
LEADER	JOHN SISEMAN	
TRANSPORT	PRIVATE CARS	
MAP REFERENCE	VMTC MACALISTER RIVER WATERSHED	
APPROX. DISTANCE	20 km	

A summer walk with plenty of chances to swim, wade and wallow. We will commence near Doolans Plains, descend to the river and attempt to follow it upstream through the gorge. Features include numerous waterfalls, cascades, cliffs, plenty of river walking. Camp will be made wherever possible, Moroka Gorge is not noted for soft, grassy camp sites; be prepared. to bivouac out on the rocks at the top of a waterfall. Tents optional.

27-29 MARCH	SNOWY PLAINS BASE CAMP	EASY/MEDIUM
LEADER	ROSEMARY COTTER	
TRANSPORT	CARS	
MAP REFERENCE	HOWITT 1:100,000	

The idea behind this weekend is to give access to a variety of day walks of different standards. On the Saturday we will be heading for Mt. Howitt, going by way of Howitt Hut and Macalister Springs, with the possibility of a side step or two to the Cross Cut ridge. The whole area affords magnificent views of the surrounding mountains.

On the Sunday the menu is varied: a) a walk to Bryces Gorge and Guys Hut (even a swimming hole if it's really hot) or b) a wander down the valley from camp to Kelly & Huggins Huts, or c) a gentle plod up to the top of Mt. Reynard. Whichever walk/wander/amble/imaginary route you take, the end of March should be a good time to be in this area.

27-29 MARCH	TAMBORITHA SADDLE - TAMBORITHA - CRINOLINE - BRUNIS KNOB	MEDIUM
LEADER	JOPIE BODEGRAVEN	
TRANSPORT	CARS	
MAP REFERENCE	HOWITT & MAFFRA 1:100 000	
APPROX. DISTANCE	24 km	

This walk is an old favourite but one which I have never done, so come and preview it with me on this weekend. There should be extensive views and The Crinoline is very interesting. It is basically a ridge walk with a total up of 900 metres and a down of 1900 metres (or a net descent of 1000 metres). The descent from Brunis Knob to the Wellington River will be quite steep.

C O M M I T T E E N O T E S
MEETING 2ND FEBRUARY 1987

Correspondence

Report from A. Enkelman, Consulting Engineer, approving the bus emergency brake.

Letter from Adelaide Bushwalkers, who would like to receive a copy of "News".

"The Marketing Mix" have not yet been contacted re their promised donation for taking part in a survey on emergency beacons.

Letter has been written to the Alpine Planning Project registering our interest in the planning process.

Treasurer

Balance as at end January	+ \$4753.83
Accounts to be paid	
Rampower - bus petrol November	\$222.92
December	309.54
Driving, garaging, taxis	495.90
Bus servicing	425.00
Gestetner - "News" supplies	273.40
"Walk F7" - designer's fee etc.	215.00
- printing costs	<u>2910.00</u>
	\$4851.76
Accounts to be ratified. (already paid)	
P. Bullard - "News" costs	\$153.91

Note that these accounts will take the balance into overdraft for the first time since April 198b. Account for installation of emergency brake on bus not yet received - estimated to be \$2500 including fee for Consulting Engineer and miscellaneous repairs.

Walks Secretary

December 1986	Day	106	Members	123
	Weekend	<u>33</u>	Visitors	39
		139		

Income \$916.50

"Walk" Editor

"Walk 87" selling well - smaller size seems to have no effect on sales and has saved on printing costs. For the future - production costs will keep increasing. The only way to maintain a viable publication is to sell more copies, preferably at the full cover price.

Duty Poster

February	11th	Hugh/Neil
	18th	Phil/David
	25th	Rob/Neil
March	4th	Phil/Maureen

Next Committee Meeting

March 2nd. This will be the new Committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

After a term of four years, I will be stepping down as President following the Annual General Meeting. Major events during my term of office have been incorporation of the club, and purchase and operation of our own bus. Despite unexpected major expenditure on the bus during 198, our bank balance has been in credit for most of the year, which means that minimal interest charges have been incurred. However, it is important for some cash reserves to be accumulated, as the ANZ Bank requires our overdraft limit to be reduced each year.

The most important issue for members to consider at present is the future of "WALK" magazine. Each year it is published only after a lot of work by a few people and a large commitment of funds (it is the club's largest single expenditure item). I believe that a desire to continue an unbroken run of issues is not sufficient to justify the effort and expense involved in publication, and ask members, before coming to the Annual General Meeting, to think seriously about what they want the club to achieve by publishing "WALK", and if it is to continue, what they are prepared to do to ensure its success.

The past year has seen a continuation of good attendances on day walks with smaller and variable numbers on weekend walks. Overall the club is healthy, but we must work to ensure that potential new members find out about us in the first place, and that visitors are retained as active members.

As in previous years, the club only functions because of the efforts of the Committee and non-Committee helpers. Without them, the President's job would be impossible, and I thank them all.

Geoff Mattingley.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes have been kept for 12 committee meetings, held on the first Monday of every month, and for the Annual General Meeting on the last Wednesday of February and the bi-annual meeting on the last Wednesday of September.

The bye-laws were revised and re-written and accepted by Committee on 2nd June 1986. They were published along with the June "News".

The bus's brakes have been the subject of much consideration and discussion. The braking system has been reviewed and the necessary adjustments made. A full report is held on record and is open to perusal if anyone is interested.

From the numerous enquiring letters we have had over the past 12 months, it would appear that bushwalking is increasing in popularity. We also continue to receive newsletters from other current walking clubs as well as new clubs starting up. These are kept in the club rooms for interested parties to read.

In December the Committee appointed a club archivist. Such appointments are to be ratified by each incoming committee. Ted Lawton has volunteered for the job. Good on you, Ted.

HEBE WINIFRED DE SOUZA

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

For the year 1986:

Total number of members	353	(1965 367)
New members	42	

JENNY ROSS

TREASURER'S REPORT

The performance of the Club's activities over the past year is summarised in the accompanying tables. All areas showed a profit with the exception of the social account, \$398 having been paid as deposit for an event in February. Some further explanation of the general Club account is necessary: whilst the figures indicate a profit of \$312, \$630 of income was derived as the result of an insurance claim for the break-in at Wilky. Under normal circumstances the Club account would have suffered a deficit of -\$319. In addition to this, there are a number of outstanding subscription fees (approximately \$200). If these fees had been paid it would have resulted in an overall deficit in the Club account of -\$519. This amount approximates to \$1.50 per member.

Operating Expenses for the Club's Bus

The average monthly expenses incurred in operating the Club's bus for day walks are tabulated below, together with the summary from last year's annual report for comparison.

Cost Item	<u>\$/month</u>	<u>\$/month</u>
	<u>1986/7</u>	<u>1985/6</u>
Registration, Insurance & RACV	81	92
Garaging	33	45
Petrol	250	242
Driving, cleaning, etc.	430	350
Maintenance, parts and improvements	<u>427</u>	<u>225</u>
	1221	974
Income	<u>1315</u>	<u>1369</u>
Excess available to repay overdraft	<u>\$94</u>	<u>\$415</u>

In addition a further expenditure of \$2800 (for fitting of an emergency brake) is required, and due to delays in inspection this has not yet been paid. This will reduce the excess available to repay the overdraft by \$233/month in the 1987/8 financial year.

Repayment of Bank Loan

Twelve months ago the initial overdraft was reduced from \$15,000 to \$10,000. In the normal course of events we would have reduced this overdraft by a further similar amount but for improvements increasing the safety of the bus. The bank has allowed us to continue with the same level of overdraft, but have indicated that they would expect us to reduce this by a further \$4-6,000 during the next financial year. We pay the normal transaction fees, a service fee on our overdraft of \$40 per quarter, and interest when the nett balance is not in credit. For details of the monthly balance see below.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>
End of month	-1398	- 819	- 597	+5012	+4282	+5569
Minimum balance	-1814	-1445	-1315	- 592	+4969*	+4464
	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sep.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>	<u>Jan.</u>
End of month	+6761	+4572	+4751	+4772	+3873	+4758
Minimum balance	+4464	+3597	+3585	+3660	+2986	+2249

It can be seen that the Club's account has been in credit for most of the year. However it will go into overdraft again in the first few months of the 1987/8 year. Thereafter it should be possible to consider reduction of the overdraft facility.

ROSEMARY COTTER

* The final balance for the bank statement does not take into account the bills that are to be paid, whereas the end of the month figures have taken into account all the cheques which have been written out that month. So the end of month balance in this case is less than the minimum balance, which is taken from the bank statement.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31/1/1987

ASSETS

Receipts relating to the accounting period
and not included in cash receipts Nil

Payments relating to future accounting periods
made and included in cash payments \$398.00

Items owned, with estimated cash value:

Bedford bus	\$8,640.00
Slide projector	219.00
Typewriter	73.00
Duplicator	44.00
"News" postage account, paper and supplies	250.00
Walking equipment for hire	330.00
Map library	455.00
Wilkinson Lodge	
Building - nil resale value	-
Equipment & supplies	1,000.00
"Walk" Magazine stocks (approximate)	
1987 1875 @ \$2.19	4,106.25
1986 950 @ \$2.00	1,900.00
1985 680 @ \$2.00	1,360.00
Older 3900 @ \$0.10	<u>390.00</u>

\$18,767.00

4,757.83

Bank Balance

TOTAL ASSETS \$23,922.83

LIABILITIES

Payments relating to accounting period
not made and not included in cash payments:

"Walk 87" printing	\$3,135.00
Clubroom rent to Jan. 27	1,344.00
Driving & garaging - January 1987	495.90
Petrol - Nov.-Jan. 1987	832.46
Paper for "News"	273.40
Complete service on bus	425.00
Emergency brake fitting	2,800.00
Receipts relating to future accounting periods received and included in cash receipts	<u>Nil</u>
	<u>\$9,305.76</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$9,305.76

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>
Balance brought forward	1,313.19	-4,419.03
<u>CLUB</u>		
Membership Fees	5,529.00	
Equipment hire	98.00	
Wilkinson Lodge - insurance claim	632.00	
	6,259.00	5,218.53
<u>SOCIAL:</u> Total receipts	3,686.64	3,364.26
<u>WALKS:</u> Total fees	19,910.50	
	19,910.50	20,121.50
<u>WALK MAGAZINE</u>		
Sales and advertising	4,558.50	3,832.29
<u>WILKINSON LODGE</u>		
Fees collected.	1,525.95	2,277.25
	<u>\$37,253.78</u>	<u>\$30,394.80</u>

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>
<u>CLUB</u>		
Advertising	-	
News printing supplies	1,187.00	
News, postage, phone	894.44	
Stationery, postage	217.96	
Subscriptions	348.00	
Insurance	952.44	
Clubroom hire	1,344.00	
Equipment - Maps	341.70	
Bank interest	35.70	
Incorporation Office fee	20.00	
Clubroom suppers, etc.	-	
P.O. box rental	66.00	
Bank charges	338.41	
Payment to member (goods stolen from Wilkinson Lodge)	<u>200.00</u>	
	5,946.09	5,444.79
<u>SOCIAL:</u> Total expenditure	4,103.48	3,207.00
<u>WALKS:</u> Bus fuel	2,470.62	
Driving and garaging	5,525.55	
Registration, Insurance, RACV	973.71	
Bus maintenance & parts	2,859.95	
Bus improvements (safety features)	1,990.99	
Refunds	371.00	
Accommodation	<u>3,760.00</u>	
	17,951.82	15,316.62
<u>WALK MAGAZINE</u>		
Printing and business costs	3,986.90	3,593.26
<u>WILKINSON LODGE</u>		
Supplies and maintenance	511.66	1,519.94
<u>BANK BALANCE</u> 31.1.87	<u>4,753.83</u>	<u>1,313.19</u>
	<u>\$37,253.78</u>	<u>\$30,394.80</u>

"WALK" EDITOR'S REPORT

Several factors need to be working in harmony for "Walk" magazine to be successful. An energetic and persistent editor is essential; heaps of articles are required; advertising must be sold vigorously-, and an awful lot of enthusiastic club members are needed to distribute copies as widely as possible, and to follow up as the shops sell their stocks.

"Walk 1987" has only two-thirds the number of pages of the two previous years, and again publication was late (on sale 17 December 1986). It has about half the number of advertisers, and we've had to increase the price to help defray costs. The inference to be drawn from this is that as a club, we may have lost interest in the magazine.

Yet I suspect "Walk" is still viable. We still get some pretty interesting contributions. And where it's available, it sells well. Advertising support hasn't dried up - the market is just more competitive. But we may have to consider some changes in direction - how can we sell more copies, how can we reduce production costs, how can we attract more copy, what standard of quality is appropriate, etc.?

There may be some clues for the future in our experience with "Walk 87". For a start, I am not an "energetic and persistent editor", so the publication ran late again. I didn't receive as many articles or track notes, so the magazine is smaller - but at 64 text pages it becomes economically more viable: Perhaps a new editor should consider maintaining this size, and maybe changing the balance of content (e.g. more - or all - track notes)?

Final costs are expected to be about \$4200. This compares favourably with our budget estimate of \$5600 (see "News", September 1986).

My special thanks to John and Marion Siseman for their assistance with word processing. I hope everyone enjoys "Walk 87".

NOEL TOLLEY.

"WALK" BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

"Walk 1987" hit the shops on the 17th December. At the time of writing (mid January) sales and distribution were well under way and progressing according to schedule. Many thanks to those who volunteered to help in distribution.

The feedback from outlets is that "Walk" is a sought-after magazine and sells well. Back issues are always in demand and account for a significant portion of the annual "Walk" income from sales.

And for the future? It is clear that there is a market for a magazine like "Walk". :?hat needs to be considered are issues such as consistency in editorial content, balance between articles and track notes, advertising, distribution, and last, but by no means the least, can the club afford to keep on publishing "Walk".

Some issues that members might like to think over are the appointment of an editor for more than one year, moving the release to another part of the year, entering into a longer contract with the printer, say to produce two or three years and effect some savings. These are a few points which need to be thought about.

In the end it is the membership that will determine the fate of "Walk".

PHILIP TAYLOR
Business Manager.

WALKS SECRETARY'S REPORT

1986 saw a continuation of the trend reported last year: an increase in the number of day walkers (with the usual seasonal drop off in numbers in winter), and a decline in numbers on weekend and extended trips, with several having to be cancelled through lack of numbers.

As last year, cycle trips, ski trips, historical walks, and Dandenongs walks have been a regular feature of the club's program. These trips are an important aspect of club life in that they attract those who might not otherwise participate. The Sunday day walks are, of course, the club's main drawcard.

I would like to thank those on the walks subcommittee (Rosemary, Phil Larkin, Philip Taylor, Fred and Jopie) with special thanks to Philip Taylor for handling all aspects of the weekend and extended trips. Thanks also to Art for organising the bike trips, to Pat Gray (Dandenongs trips) and to Sylvia (ski trips). Last of all, thanks to all the leaders whose efforts made 1986 such an enjoyable year.

Unfortunately, I'm unable to continue as Walks Secretary next year. I found the position hard work, but extremely satisfying, and can recommend the experience to anyone who is well organised and has a fair amount of spare time.

PENNY STAPLEY

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Firstly, the "thank yous".

The Social Committee, namely Robyn Kennedy, Jan Mattingley, Jopie Bodegraven and Phil Larkin.

Graham and Janet Hodgson and Kevin Larkin for allowing us to use their respective homes for two of our functions.

Betty Spencer for organising the Christmas Break-up Party in the clubrooms.

The members who supported the various functions.

During the year, we had 14 major activities. They included a theatre night; two trail rides on horseback; wine and cheese night; wine bottling; mid-year and Christmas dinners; two bush dances (run by the YHA); ice skating; yum cha; film/dinner night; photographic and slide competition; a talk by the Wilderness Society; Christmas break-up party.

Pin innovation this year was the "Welcome to new members" night in the clubrooms. It was very well supported, and it is hoped that the new Social Committee will keep this event in the calendar.

We, the Committee, hope you enjoyed the social side of things.

DAVID PICKUP

"NEWS" EDITOR'S REPORT

With some backward glances, I'm handing over "my baby" this year. I've enjoyed typing "News" each month, and learning what's happening sooner than most club members. During my time as editor the gossip column has been revived by "The Old Lady of the Rocks", inspiring other people to contribute items, and the food column also attracted many articles. Thanks to all contributors, and to Peter and Anne Bullard for their friendliness and hard work in printing and collating "News".

MERILYN WHIMPEY

W A N T E D
A C L U B S E C R E T A R Y

Due to my academic commitments, I have to step down from the club's committee, so the secretary's job becomes vacant. The job entails -

- 1) collecting and distributing the mail
- 2) taking minutes for the monthly meetings
- 3) taking minutes for the annual and bi-annual meetings
- 4) answering whatever letters come up.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my three-year stint on committee and am sorry to have to step down. Perhaps others can be encouraged by that statement to come on committee and have as much fun as I have.

HEBE WINIFRED DE SOUZA

W I L K I N S O N L O D G E
B O O K I N G S

A disappointingly small response was received to the survey published in January "News" on the subject of winter bookings for Wilky.

There was a deficiency in the survey as the response options should have read "agree" "disagree" rather than "yes" "no". In the following results it has been assumed that members answering "Yes" agree with the proposals and those answering "No" disagree with the proposals.

The results from the eight club members who responded are as follows:

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>
(1) Selection of organisers should be decided by a draw from a hat after giving priority to club members and recent working bee participants	6	2
(2) Incompatibility should not be a round for refusal	5	2
(3) All applicants must place their name on the booking board by a specific date	7	1
(4) A full list should not be a reason for refusal	6	2
(5) Where there are too many applicants the successful ones and emergencies should be drawn from a hat	6	2
(6) Club members must automatically receive priority	7	1
(7) Club members who have participated on recent working bees must automatically receive priority over other club members	5	2

One respondent did not indicate a preference on proposals (2) and (7) and another, although agreeing with proposals (3) and (6), did so with some reservations.

Although the response was small, it was strongly in favour of the seven proposals. We request that the committee take the opinions expressed into account in reframing the rules which apply to the use of Wilky.

MERRIAN DUNDAS
DAVID DUNDAS

HOUSEMATE WANTED

for 3-bedroom brick veneer house, Janet Street, Lower Templestowe. Near bush, parks, public transport and freeway. 15 minutes to town. Trained cat.

1-2 persons required. Rent at \$38. Share food - semi Pritikin.

Ring mornings only before 8.30 -

CHARLES ANDERSSON 850 1406.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Brian Troke
16 Station Place
Glenhuntly, 3163
Phone 572 1492

Winifred de Souza
108 Northumberland Road
Pascoe Vale, 3044
Phone (H) 300 3119

CONGRATULATIONS

(rather belatedly)

To Lynne and Bob Douglas on the birth of their son,
James Robert, before Christmas. They now have one
of each kind.

F I L M

The Diamond Valley Wilderness Society is holding a Film Night on
Wednesday, 4th March. The films are -

"A Journey Through the Forests of East Gippsland"
and

"Otway Countdown"

The films will be shown at the BANYULE HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE,
Buckingham Drive, Heidelberg.

Admission: Adults \$4.00. Concession is free.

Enquiries: Peter Roman (H) 439 1489; (W) 487 0100

F O O D

Did you know that there are always club members in the Cafe Ponti on
Wednesday evenings before the club meeting? The Cafe Ponti is at
348 Little Bourke Street, that's on the north side and just up from
Elizabeth Street,. They specialise in home made pasta and are friendly
and tolerant of strange bushwalking types. If you've got free time
before the club meeting, it's a good place to go and meet people you
know. And if everyone keeps asking, perhaps they'll have the granita
machine on some time.

MERILYN

CLOSING DATE FOR MARCH "NEWS" - WEDNESDAY, 4TH MARCH 1987

Articles for "News" should be placed in the red box in the clubrooms,
or posted to the club's address, Box 1751Q, GPO Melbourne, 3001. Please
put your name on "News" contributions.