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MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS INCORPORATED

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## A N N U A L

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

The AGM of the Melbourne Bushwalkers (Inc.) will be held in the Horticultural Hall (entrance from the Club Rooms, MacKenzie St.) at 8 p.m. on Wednesday 28th February 1990.

1. Business for the following positions:

President  
Vice President (2)  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Walks Secretary  
Membership Secretary  
Social Secretary  
"Wilky" Manager  
"News" Editor  
Ordinary Committee Members (5)

Nominations for these positions in to the Secretary Winifred - proposed, seconded and signed by the nominee.

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. Election of Honorary Members.
5. Presentation of Souvenir Spoons to couples from the club who were married last year.

All members are asked to attend and participate.

Sylvia Wilson  
PRESIDENT

Correspondence should be directed to:

The Secretary,  
Melbourne Bushwalkers,  
Box 17510, G.P.O.  
MELBOURNE, 3001

Meetings are held in the clubrooms, MacKenzie Street, Melbourne (rear of the Horticultural Society building), every Wednesday night 7 - 9 pm. Visitors are always welcome.

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THE ALPS AND THEIR FUTURE

Wednesday 21st February, 8 pm.

Jamie Pittock from UNPA will be showing slides on the Alpine areas that will be destroyed by developers - if we don't do something about it. He can also explain what bushwalkers and ski tourers can do to protect these areas. Come and see what promises to be a lovely slide night - and learn what can be done to preserve our National Parks.

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50th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Don't forget ATHOL'S NOSTALGIA NIGHT

February 14th - 8 p.m. - Club Rooms.

Come and enjoy slides and photographs of Bushies and happenings of days gone by. Cheese, biccies and plonk too.

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APROPOS NEWS FROM OLD FRIENDS

The invitation to the Filsons at Booral, NSW, is on the weekend of March 10th, not of the 18th.

Actually, I happen to know it's Rex's 60th Birthday, and if that's anything like his first half century birthday, it'll be a right good do.

Details of how to get there in the Club Rooms or from me.

Sylvia Wilson

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NOTE CHANGE OF STREET NAME!!

"Nolan Street" next to the National Gallery and meeting place for Sunday bush walkers has been renamed "Southbank Boulevard".

It will be referred to as SOUTHBANK BOULEVARD in future newsletters.

D A Y W A L K SFEBRUARY 1990

SAT. 24 FEBRUARY	DANDENONG EXPLORER LYSTERFIELD LAKE PARK	EASY
LEADER	MICHAEL HUMPHREY	
TRANSPORT	CARS	
MAP REF.	MELWAYS MAPS 108, 83 and 82	
APPROX. DISTANCE	14 kms.	

Come along and join me on the first Dandenongs Walk for the year. Access to the park is via the entrance and ticket office in Horswood Road (Melway Map 108 D2, off the Balgrave-Hallan Road). There is a nominal entrance fee per car.

Due to the lack of toilet facilities (except for the main car park) we will have lunch before commencing the walk. If you would like to have lunch we will meet at 12.00 noon in the southern car park (i.e. near the dam wall) and will commence the walk at 1.00 p.m. sharp. Lysterfield Lake Park is approx. 1160 hectares in area and includes an 82 hectare lake. It is made up of remnant native forest and eucalypt plantations and has become an important refuge for wildlife, particularly water birds.

We should arrive back at the cars at around 6.00 p.m., where I would like to invite you all to have a barbeque with me (BYO everything). The picnic area that we will be using is located next to the only swimming beach in the park, so bring your bathers if the weather is warm. Please note that the park closes at approx. 8.30 p.m., but this should give us plenty of time to have a leisurely dinner. What better way to end a walk!

Of course, if the weather is hot you may choose not to do the walk and instead just soak up the sun by the lake or you may like to meet us at the picnic area at approx. 6.00 p.m. for the barbeque only.

If you can't come by private transport, please, ring me (at home on 598-7317 after 7.30 p.m.) and we will try to organise something.

MARCH 1990

SUN. 4 MARCH	MT. WILLIAM - MOLLISON CREEK GORGE - PYLONG	Easy/ EASY/MEDIUM
LEADER	IAN MCPHEE	

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

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SUN. 11 MARCH	SUTHERLAND CREEK - BRISBANE RANGES - MOORABOOL RIVER	EASY/ EASY/MEDIUM
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LEADER	TONY STAPLEY
TRANSPORT	VAN FROM BATMAN AVE AT 9.00 a.m.
EXPECTED RETURN	8.00 p.m.
MAP REF.	ECLIPSE CREEK 1:25000; Elaine 1:25000.
APPROX. DISTANCE	15 and 18 km

This walk is unpreviewed at present. Previous experience of the area and a study of the maps reveals the following information:

Approx. half of the distance is on gently undulating unsurfaced roads through open forest with many Grass Trees among the taller Stringybarks and Peppermints.

The last 7 km of the walk follow the Moorabool River upstream. Here we should find good swimming holes - bring bathers. The river here flows moderately swiftly within a well defined valley. There are some quite steep sections and loose rocks, slick dry grasses and random holes in the ground.

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MCH. 12 MARCH	BRIGHTON - MORDIALLOC	EASY
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LEADER	ATHOL SCHAFFER
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For details of this walk please see the leader in the clubrooms.

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WED. 14 MARCH	ANDREWS HILL - ISLAND CREEK - MOUNTAIN CREEK	EASY
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LEADER	BOB AUJARD (509-6164)
TRANSPORT	PRIVATE CARS FROM JEAN GIESE'S PLACE 9 ALBERT CRES., SURREY HILLS AT 8.30 a.m.
EXPECTED RETURN	5.30 p.m. BACK IN SUBURBS
MAP REF.	GLENBURN AND TOOLANGI 1:25000
APPROX. DISTANCE	15 km

We start and finish at the Mountain Creek car park which is in the N.W. section of Kinglake National Park. I think this is probably the greenest section and has the best timber and ferns. Lunch will be at Island Creek Picnic Area where there are tables.

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SAT. 17 MARCH	HODGKINSONS FLORA RESERVE - North. CROYDON	EASY
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LEADER	GRAHAM HARDING
TRANSPORT	PRIVATE
Map REF.	MELWAYS MAP 36
APPROX. DISTANCE	11 km

Meet at 28 Greengable Court, Croydon (Melway Map 36 G8, Edition 17, 18, 19, 20). We start walk at Flora Reserve and follow treelined roads and tracks, with views to the Dandenongs and in other directions. We will finish by 5 p.m. An optional barbeque BYO follows at Greengable Court.

SUN 18 MARCH	MT. WORTH STATE PARK (WARRAGUL AREA)	EASY/MEDIUM & MEDIUM
LEADER	MAX CASLEY & STUART HODGSON	
TRANSPORT	SOUTHBANK BOULEVARD (FORMERLY NOLAN ST.) AT 9.00 a.m.	
EXPECTED RETURN	8 p.m.	
MAP REF.	MT. WORTH 1:25000, ALLAMBEE 1:25000	
APPROX. DISTANCE	14 & 18 km	

This is a walk through magnificent virgin forest, with good views into the Latrobe valley. The walk is partly on track with no big climbs or descents. With any luck we may be able to get the Ranger's children to set up a stall to sell us cakes at the end of the walk. We may be having lunch in the picnic ground.

SUN 25 MARCH	SEA WINDS WATERFALL GULLY - Nepean State Park - HIGHFIELD - CAPE SCHANCK	EASY & MEDIUM
LEADER	ART TERRY & ALLAN CLARKE	
TRANSPORT	BUS AT SOUTHBANK BOULEVARD (NOLAN ST.) at 9 a.m.	
APPROX. DISTANCE	15 and 20 km	
MAP REF.	CAPE SCHANCK 1:25000	

An interesting and pretty walk, embracing parkland, bush and coastal scenery. The easy walk will terminate at Highfield National Park and the medium will finish at Cape Schanck.

SAT 31 MARCH	DANDENONG EXPLORER DANDENONG RANGES NATIONAL PARK	EASY
LEADER	GRAHAM BREEN (758 3193)	
TRANSPORT	TRAIN (OR CAR).	
APPROX. DISTANCE	9 km.	

A train at 10.09 a.m. Flinders St. arrives at Upper Ferntree Gully railway station at 11.14 a.m. The walk will start at 11.20 a.m. from the station car park. The walk will be different to last year's, it will proceed north along the western slopes and climb reasonably gradually to the summit of rocky knoll for lunch. In this section grey thrushes and parrots should be the main birds observed. After lunch the walk will be mainly through the cool fern gullies where whip birds may be heard but are difficult to observe. Thornbills predominate in the fern gullies and are easily seen. White cockatoos are usually seen in the tops of the tall trees. Please note that this walk is in the hills, but the uphill sections will be at a slow pace. It is essential to carry whatever you wish to drink.

W E E K E N D W A L K SMARCH 1990

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**2 - 4 MARCH                      BAW BAW PLATEAU                      MEDIUM**

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LEADER                      MARK WALTERS  
TRANSPORT                      PRIVATE  
EXPECTED DISTANCE 28 km

We will be camping approx. 2 km from vehicles.  
From there day walks will be done to Mt. Whitelaw and Mt. Tyers.  
Day packs need to be taken and long trousers or overpants are advised.  
See the leader for meeting time and location.  
Anyone wishing to try backpacking for the first time are welcome as easier alternatives are available.

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**9 - 12 MARCH                      LABOUR DAY                      MEDIUM**

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LOCATION                      BASE CAMP/PACK CARRY  
MOROKA GORGE - MT. WELLINGTON - TALII KARNG  
LEADER                      KEITH WHITE  
TRANSPORT                      PRIVATE  
EXPECTED RETURN                      6.00 p.m.  
MAP REF.                      VMTC SNOWY PLAINS, MT. KENT AND TALII KARNG  
APPROX. DISTANCE                      24 km (FULL PACK), 18 km (DAY PACK)

Moroka Gorge is well worth a visit but is difficult to combine into an extended trip due to poor camp sites in the gorge.  
So, the intention of this weekend is to join a day trip to the gorge with a two day pack carry to Tali Karng. Sounds a good idea and should work ok, a busy weekend.

Friday night                      Camp near Breakfast Creek (280 km from Melbourne)  
Saturday                      Drive to Horseyard Flat (60 km). Day walk to Moroka Gorge (a slow 12 km return). Camp.  
Sunday                      Drive back to McFarlane's Saddle (20 km).  
Pack carry to Riggalls Hut Site (9 km) Decide whether to carry packs down to Tali Karng (3 km) or visit without packs (the more energetic may like to do a round trip via the Sentinels).  
Monday                      Return to McFarlane's Saddle via Mt. Wellington. (15 km).

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**16 - 18 MARCH                      WILSONS PROM - TIDAL RIVER - SEALERS COVE                      EASY/  
MEDIUM**

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LEADER                      LIZ TELFORD, VERONICA SHEEN  
TRANSPORT                      PRIVATE  
APPROX. DISTANCE                      35 km (20 km with pack)

After camping Friday night at Tidal River, we will set off from Mount Oberon car park to Sealers Cove, where we will camp Saturday night. It is an enjoyable 9 km walk, with scenic views, fern gullies, waterfalls and swamp land. We will reach Sealers Cove about lunch time. The energetic walkers can walk to Refuge Cove, others can

enjoy Sealers, either swimming, relaxing or walking. On Sunday we will walk back to Mt. Oberon, with an optional walk to the top - as well worth the views!

This is an ideal weekend walk for those wishing to try backpacking at an easy pace. Numbers are limited to 12 walkers.

<u>23 - 25 MARCH</u>	<u>THE BLUFF - HOWQUA RIVER TRACK -</u>	<u>MEDIUM</u>
LEADER	SPENCER GEORGE	
TRANSPORT	PRIVATE	
EXPECTED RETURN	9.00 p.m.	
MAP REF.	VMTC KING, HOWQUA AND JAMIESON	
APPROX. DISTANCE	30 km.	

From the Howqua River at 8 Mile Creek we will climb via Rocky Ridge to the Bluff. On Sunday we will drop quickly from near the Bluff Hut to 16 Mile Creek and then follow the track along the Howqua River back to our cars. There are glorious views from The Bluff plateau and also along the Howqua River.

#### WILKY BOOKINGS FOR WINTER 1990

In anticipation of "Wilky" returning to relative normality this year, bookings for GROUP LEADERS (ONLY) will open at 7.30 p.m. in the clubrooms the Wednesday following the A.G.M. (i.e. 7th March).

To qualify, group leaders must be "endorsed" on the use of "Wilky". Following up the special "Wilky" meeting held last year it will be necessary for all leaders to attend a discussion night where we will all decide upon what is expected of leaders and the correct way to "drive" Wilky. This night will be arranged for April or May and leaders notified. Attendance of other party members will be encouraged. If more than one leader nominates for a particular week the Lodge manager will nominate one.

Two weeks have been set aside during the peak winter season for use by outside groups. Maroondah Bushwalkers have been allocated 4 - 11 August and the second week is, at the moment, unallocated but will be sometime in July. There will be quite a few operational changes to "Wilky" this year and these will be discussed at the meeting but leaders please note:

- We are going to experiment with wood-only operation this year so NO briquettes will be required.
- The toilet, shower, sink and basin will all discharge into the new septic system so minimal use of water will be mandatory. Maximum party sizes will be 8 persons. If the demand warrants it the leaders of any small parties may be prevailed upon to make up their numbers.
- Only soaps and toilet paper suited to septic operation are to be used and the club will investigate the possibility of providing these in bulk.
- The battery powered lamps in the toilet and shower both require a 6 volt "Dolphin" lantern battery - one per group should average out O.K. as you won't be in the shower so long this year - right!!
- Leaders to handle all the financial transactions on behalf of their group (please, no "browns cows" this year). A non-refundable deposit of \$20 (members) of \$30 (non-members)



per person to be paid through the leader. The rates have not been finally set for this year but may include a small extra cost for fuel over last years (think of the saving of briquettes).

- One locker per group of 8. Any small groups may be allocated one of the smaller lockers. Please arrange to remove your lockers contents by 31st of December as any remaining usable contents revert to communal property.
- Rubbish bins will NOT be provided this year. At the special "Wilky" meeting it was voted that all rubbish be taken out by each group when they depart.  
So please, if you don't want to cart it out, don't bring it in.

Group leaders for individual weeks will be allocated by 28th March and the lists opened to the balance of the group on that date. All bookings through the leader. Those who have attended work parties have priority and members have priority over non-members. Group members have to be competent enough to ski in and out of "Wilky" (with a heavy, rubbish laden pack on departure) without endangering the rest of the group. The Lodge manager will arbitrate if more than 8 seek to use a particular week.

Please bear in mind that "Wilky" is very isolated in winter and medical help is a long way away or may be impossible due to prevailing weather conditions. One of "Wilky's" charms is its isolation but beware. We ask that anyone with known medical problems not risk others and refrain from using "Wilky" during the winter period.

Pleasant skiing in 1990.

#### WONANGATTA - MOROKA MANAGEMENT PLAN

##### ALPINE NATIONAL PARK

In the last News mention was made that the Government was seeking comments on the Wonangatta - Moroka Management Plan. Copies were placed in the clubrooms for reference.

It is most important that walkers speak up and put their concerns in writing regarding the use of this valuable natural area.

To help members write a letter the following points are provided for your guidance:

1. All actions taken within the park must be considered in the context of preserving the natural environment.
2. Steps be taken to preserve the historic areas around Howqua Hills and Grant and that mining, logging and grazing be excluded from these areas.
3. Support the present system of walking tracks throughout the area including the Alpine Walking Track.
4. Horse riding within the Park area be controlled and no horse riding be permitted on designated walking tracks.
5. Commercial operators be licenced to operate in the park.
6. Close a number of roads in the area which are badly eroded.
7. Deer hunting with dogs and/or bows and arrows be totally banned.



8. Existing huts be maintained, no new hut erected.
9. Wonangatta Station be preserved and steps taken to repair damage caused by 4 wheel drives.
10. Grazing be phased out of the Park immediately, and timber and mining be prohibited in all visually important areas.

Please write your letter of support for the Alpine National Park to:

The Manager  
Alpine Planning Project  
4 Ireland St.  
Bright, 3741.

It will only cost 41 cents and 10 minutes of your time.

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### NATIONAL PARKS

In 1990 the critical issue is the MALLEE. The battle lines have been drawn. The Land Conservation Council has recommended magnificent new Mallee parks full of grazing. The "Public Land Council" see the Mallee issue as opening the way for grazing and multiple use in the Mallee and, in fact, in all National Parks.

The future of the Mallee public lands now rests with the Parliament. Club members and friends are urged to write to their local M.P.s supporting the proposed new Mallee parks and stating that further degradation of natural ecosystems through dryland grazing, broom-brush harvesting and disturbance for mining is unacceptable.

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### SOCIAL SCENE

#### BUSHDANCE - It's on again!!

Run for all at the South Melbourne Town Hall with "PARADIDDLE".

8.30 pm on Saturday 3 March

\$9.00 a head. BYO supper. Coffee and tea provided. We've booked two tables. Don't forget - no prior expertise required.

Don't forget our regular Friday night Ballroom Dancing get-together in Coburg. Up to a dozen bushies regularly attend. \$ 5.00 entrance fee includes tuition.

Corner of Bell St. and Melville Rd. Coburg.

8.30 pm start

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C O M M I T T E E   N O T E S  
MEETING HELD ON 5TH FEBRUARY 1990

Correspondence

- In. A letter from Barbara Byan (Davies), daughter of Ivor. Up on the notice board.  
E. Gippsland Coalition update on forest situation. Yellow Box.  
Workcare: Our bus drivers are all covered.  
Out. "Tom Kneen Track" will be the N.W. spur of Feathertop. Info from the Federation.

Treasurer

Balance 5th February 1990 = \$ 31,333.67

Payments to be ratified	
Rampower (December ACCT)	\$218.70
Driving/Garaging (January -Part)	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$318.70

Bills to be paid	
Driving/Garaging (January - Balance	\$511.50
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	<u><u>\$647.68</u></u>

Walks Secretary

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| i. | December Nos. | Total .. | 130     |
|    |               | Day      | 108     |
|    |               | Weekend  | 22      |
|    |               | Members  | 96      |
|    |               | Visitors | 34      |
|    |               | Indome   | \$ 1090 |
- ii. Federation Day Walk: Sunday 8 April. Phil Taylor has organised a program. Of 5 possibly 6 walks, routes, leaders and organisers for catering. A meeting for all these people will be on Tuesday 20th February at 7.30 in the clubrooms.
- iii. Walks sub committee meeting for Winter Program on 30th March. All input gratefully received.

Transport

- I. New driving arrangements going well.
- ii. Walk leaders please make sure of routes to and from the city as well as getting back to the bus in good time in the afternoon. Only two pick-up stops en route is best.
- iii. Reminder that Rob Ayre is the bus liaison person for general issues. Please address problems to him not the poor driver.

Social Secretary

Bush Dance, Saturday 3rd March, Melbourne Town Hall.

Wilky

Woodshed just about complete. FANTASTIC effort, Ken. I believe it's called MacMahon Mansions ... Cost: \$1430.55 so far, a bit more than originally anticipated.

Septic - goes in weekend 10th and 11th February.

Please keep all photos of "happenings" for archives.

Various enquiries about outside users, e.g. ex-club members, Duke of Edinburgh S.A. and Maroonda Bushies. Latter offered to split wood ~ with axes.

Approval of \$ 150 max. overheads of each of three major Wilky building parties.

Duty Roster

Feb. 14th	Sylvia - Jean
21st	Rob - Wendy
28th	Mick - Roger
March 7th	G.T. - Jean

Next Meeting

Monday, 5th March.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, here we are at the end of another year and about to enter our 50th birthday mode.

Once again it has been an eventful year, but generally things have been successfully dealt with, though not without a certain amount of sweat. Inevitably the greatest exertion has come from the committee who have put in a tremendous effort in keeping the club rolling. Thank you very much all of you. An especially big thank you to Dennis our ex-driver, who will however continue as our maintenance man. And a big welcome to John Dupuy.

And thank you to those who quietly add their bit so yet another facet of the club runs smoothly. I am now about to attempt to name names:

Doug Wilhoft	- Printing News
Ann Bullard	- Phone contact
Athol Schafer + Phil Larkin	- Federation Representatives
Athol Schafer	- Historical Walks
Graham and Sue Errey	- Phone contacts
J. + G. Kenafacke, L. + J. Marsden + Rosemary Cotter	- Auditors
Geoff Mattingley	- Incorporation Officer

The sub committee:

Penny Stapley + Sue Clarke	- Social
Keith White, Jean Giese + Nigel Holmes	- Walks

G.T., Rob Ayre, Hugh Duncan - Wilk

AND all the workers especially

Graeme Brean, Bob Steel, Ken MacMahon

Merilyn Whimpey +

Peter Bullard

- News Production

Athol Schafer,

- 50th birthday

Marion Siseman +

Sandy Mattingley

- 50th Birthday

Ian Llewelyn

- Publication

Fred Halls, G.T., Keith

White, Phil Taylor

- Submission writers

Ed Lawton

- Archives

AND finally all the Walk leaders, News contributors and special happenings organisers such as

Sandra Mutiner

- Rawsons

Art Terry

- Brack cleaning

and Moles.

Quite a few people, and I have probably missed out some even then. These people eventually feel they've "done their bit" and quite right too. New blood is always required in any voluntary organisation. None of the above jobs are difficult, especially when you have the out-going person only too pleased to advise. However, they all require a commitment of time, but as far as I'm concerned this is far out-weighed by many things, especially that it's fun and the company is FANTASTIC!

Sylvia Wilson

PRESIDENT

### WALKS SECRETARY' REPORT

#### ACTIVITIES 1989

<u>Jan-Dec</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>W/E (Pack)</u>		<u>Members</u>	<u>Visitor</u>	<u>No. Trips</u>
1989	2584	2180	404	223	1815	764	120
1988	3020	2330	690	240	2280	740	127
1987	2800	2260	540	220	1950	850	125
1986	2700	2170	530	186	1950	750	126
1985	2600	2100	500	204	1860	740	113
1984	2600	2050	555		1920	680	97
1983	2460	1880	580		1760	700	111

1989 SAW A MARKED DOWNTURN IN WALKING. The decrease occurred in all types of walking but especially weekend Base Camps.

The total number of people out walking decreased by 14.4 %. Day walkers decreased by 6.4 %. The average number of day walkers decreased from 49.0 in 1988 to 46.6 in 1989. Weekend walkers were down by 41.4 %. The drop was particularly marked in base camp trips, while pack carry trips registered only a small decrease.

The decrease in walkers can be seen quite clearly in the lower number of members out walking, which dropped some 20.3 % during the year. Maybe there is a message there for members. The 128 walks conducted

during 1989 was a club record.

I would like to thank the members of the walks sub-committee, Joahn Giese, Phillip Larkin, Fred Halls, and Nigel Holmes for their input. Thanks also to all walk leaders; without you trips would not go.

During the year the published walks program was redesigned to make it easier to read. In 1990 a few new ideas will be tried out to give a more varied program. The success of Wednesday walks is acknowledged and appears to have strong support. Athol's historical rambles and the Dandenong Explorers were all well attended.

Philip Taylor  
WALKS SECRETARY

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#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Attached is a summary of the club's financial status in the accompanying tables. Expenses of the club increased in the year from \$26,000 to \$32,000, however income for the club was adequate to cover this increase.

The accounts have been separated into five areas, each intended to be self-financing, though the split is slightly different from past years. Due to the cancellation of the publication of the "Walk" magazine last year, and the addition of the 50th birthday events, the Trade account has been incorporated into the general Club expenses, and a separate account opened for the 50th year events. Notes on each account follow:

#### CLUB ACCOUNT

This account is mainly financed by subscription, and pays for the general running of the club ("News", Clubroom hire, insurance etc). Last year's total income was \$10,437, vs expenditure of \$8,298. Note however that \$2,164 (20%) of this income is in the form of interest. Without this, the Club account would have run at a loss, but this loss is reduced by the fact that part of the year's cost should have been included in the previous year's accounts.

The payment of \$2,314 for the rent of the clubrooms covers the period from September 1988 to March 1990, an eighteen month period, so almost \$800 can be deducted to obtain the cost per annum. (This was shown as a liability in last year's report).

One large increase was the cost of the Victorian Federation of Walking Clubs' fees. To enable the Federation a more active voice in the lobbying of walking and conservation issues, the club supported its proposal of increasing fees. This has meant an increase in our subscription rates from \$250 to \$600.

Bank charges were able to be reduced by cancelling our overdraft.

Making adjustments to the expenses to allow for the club rental, annual costs ran at about \$7,600, which is only a 1.5% increase over the previous year. Thus with the high income being received from interest, I recommend an increase of only \$1.00 for ordinary membership, with appropriate increases in other classes of membership.

#### Walks

The income received from the walks was down last year from \$27,400 to \$26,000, and expenses were up slightly from \$17,300 to \$18,000. Again some of the costs were applicable to the previous year as the invoice for van insurance of \$432 was not received until six months late, making the true annual cost for this account \$17,600, a minor reduction from the previous year (adjusted).

It is anticipated that the costs this year will rise due to revised driving arrangements, and as there were no major maintenance costs last year. I only assume that the lower income was due to fewer attendances at walks. If this is the case, the costs per person must increase. But the break-even point for last year was only 22 people per trip. Although it is the intention of the club to put aside adequate funds for the eventual replacement of the van, at the moment we have \$31,000 in the bank, the bulk of which was accumulated from surpluses in this account (\$8,000 last year, \$10,000 the year before). I feel therefore that this is adequate unless we incur some un-expected expense and that there is no need to increase the charges for van trips at this stage.

#### 50th ANNIVERSARY

We have spent \$550 to date in securing the restaurant for the Anniversary dinner. This will be recouped at the time of the event.

#### WILKINSON LODGE

Income was down a little last year to \$3,200, but expenses had risen by \$1,300 to \$2,800.

Due to the fact that major expenses are expected this year for the additional shelter and septice arrangements, it is recommended that the charges for the use of Wilky be increased. The Wilky sub-committee will have to investigate to establish if this is necessary.

Richard Chater  
TREASURER



STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
AS AT 26 JAN. 1990

ASSETS

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

Payments related to future accounting  
periods made and included in cash payments NIL

Items owned, with estimated  
cash value:

Bedford bus	5,600.00
Slide projector	160.00
Projector stand	60.00
Typewriter	50.00
Duplicator	90.00
"News" postage account, paper + supplies	500.00
Walking equipment for hire	770.00
Map library	300.00
Wilkinson Lodge	
Building - nil resale value	
Equipment and supplies	1,000.00
"Walk" magazine stocks	<u>100.00</u>

8,630.00

Bank Balances

Investment Account (reserve for  
future van replacement and Wilky  
improvements)  
Cheque account

25,500.00  
5,333.67

39,463.67

LIABILITIES

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

Driving/garaging Jan 89 (est)	440.00
"News" supplies	136.18
Fuel & oil Jan 89 (est)	<u>250.00</u>

826.18

Receipts relating to future  
accounting periods received and  
included in cash receipts:

NIL

TOTAL LIABILITIES

826.18

<u>Receipts</u>	1990	1989	<u>Expenditure</u>	1990	1989
Balance c/f					
Cheque	6,937.49				
Investment	14,500.00	6,873.31			
<u>Club</u>					
Membership fees	7,600.00		"News" printing/postage	2,597.35	3,413.83
Equipment hire	192.00		Stationary, postage, phone	602.93	281.57
Interest	2,163.96		Subscriptions/Donations	1,134.10	488.05
Donations	50.00		Insurance	710.00	710.00
Trade/Sundry/Transfe	431.27		Clubrooms rent	2,314.00	917.85
			Equipment	328.57	296.00
			Maps	153.35	212.00
			Bank charges	202.64	516.96
			Trade/Sundries	255.34	32.45
				<u>8,298.28</u>	<u>6,868.71</u>
			<u>Social</u>		
			Total expenditure	2,008.00	230.81
			<u>Walks</u>		
			Van driving & garaging	5,804.50	6,045.00
			Fuel & oil for van	2,812.76	2,666.73
			Van maintenance & parts	3,091.63	2,543.75
			Regist'n, insurance, RACV	1,612.68	803.17
			Accommodation	4,677.50	5,139.92
			Sundries	6.00	92.13
				<u>18,005.07</u>	<u>17,290.70</u>
			<u>50th Anniversary Events</u>		
			Total Expenditure	550.00	N/A
			<u>Wilkinson Lodge</u>		
			Normal Supplies & maint.	1,343.55	
			Capital Works - Shelter	1,100.00	
			Septic	362.50	
				<u>2,806.05</u>	<u>1,530.05</u>
			Bank Balances 26 Jan 90:Cheque	5,333.67	6,937.49
			Investm.	25,500.00	14,500.00
			Printing	500.00	
				<u>63,001.07</u>	<u>47,357.76</u>
				<u>63,001.07</u>	<u>47,357.76</u>

WILKY REPORT 1989/90

The past year has been very eventful for Wilky. We had our difficulties in mid-year with the EPA over the septic tank despite our approach to them in February 88. With the help of the ombudsman, we were allowed to use Wilky during the winter, albeit using a "porta potie".

This summer we are installing a new septic system, larger wood shed and a public shelter.

The enlarged wood shed has now been erected on the January long weekend, with special thanks to Ken MacMahon for the design and construction and the other helpers who transported the materials and assisted in construction.

The new septic system designed by Hugh Duncan should have been installed on the weekend of the 2-4 February, but was postponed due to bad weather and, hopefully, will be in place by the end of Feb. 90; that's in anticipation to those helpers.

All that remains now is the public shelter to be constructed during autumn. Hopefully all Wilkys major problems for the next few years are over.

I am stepping down as manager, so a new one is required. Anybody interested should see me.

Mick Mann  
WILKY MANAGER

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SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

With some exceptions, attendance at social events in recent years has decreased sharply. Whereas not so long ago we could raise 80+ members for a club dinner and still have a waiting list, nowadays it takes a great deal of arm-twisting to attract half that number. Furthermore, it's a bit disturbing to find that, despite front page advertising in NEWS and posters prominently displayed around the clubroom, some members still remain (blissfully?) unaware of events happening at all.

Whether all this is due to a recent increase in domestic responsibilities or whether the new breed of membership puts bushwalking first and last is open to speculation.

However, having now dispensed with the gloom and doom, I can report some successes. Our April first fancy dress party was a winner, with Peter and Anne Bullard scoring the prize for the most original costume. Our 16mm cinema nights were popular, as were the visits to see "Rainman" and "Indiana Jones". Penny's "Saturday Arvo Movies" were appreciated too, and she's promised more for 1990. The Chrissey dinner at Alexander's went down very well (and I don't mean just the smorgasbord), wasn't the juggler fatastic! We've had several requests for a return visit in 1990. And of course our annual end of year get together in the hall next door was very well attended. Our thanks to Basil the one-man band for providing the music - although not many seemed inclined to dance to it!

Curiously however, it's dancing that dominated the success stakes 1989. Four bushdances at the South Melbourne Town Hall were all well attended and combining with the FIO social club and the Coburg dancing group made it even more fun. Talking of dancing, one of our real plusses for the year has been the ballroom dancing group. An

ever increasing group of bushies now regularly attends Friday night dances at Coburg. After the dancing we often retire to various people's homes for a byo shared supper. This "cross-fertilisation" has also resulted in several new recruits for the Melbourne Bushwalkers!

In conclusion I'd like to thank all those who participated in our events throughout the year; thanks to those who made suggestions for functions, thanks to those who made their homes available and a special thanks to the other members of the social committee, Penny and Sue, without whose help many of the events would not have come to pass.

Stuart Hodgson  
SOCIAL SECRETARY

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MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

We had a fairly successful year in that we attracted 55 new members as against 38 last year. On the debit side, 41 of our fellow walkers and/or skiers decided not to renew their membership.

Our numbers total 367 made up as follows:

Ordinary Members	346
Life Members	8
Honorary Members	<u>13</u>
	367
"New" Subscribers	15

My thanks to Rick for updating the computer records each month and to Penny for holding the fort while I was on Holiday.

Wendy Barnes  
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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IS THIS A RECORD?

Interesting bit of Info came up about the January long weekend walks:

There were:           47 Sunday walkers and  
                           13 more on Rob Ayre's additional walk;  
                           18 on the 3 day weekend walk and  
                           3 more on a 4 day one;  
                           26 on Athols Monday walk.  
                           107 altogether.

Although some Sunday and Monday walkers were the same that would make about 100 out walking that weekend, not bad for 350 membership? AND 5 workers at Wilkie!

CHANGE OF INFORMATION

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ANYONE FOR NEWS CONVENOR?

The job of "News Convenor" will be going when the Committee Elections take place in February at the A.G. M. So, anyone out there who has an interest in this direction please let a committee member know \*\*\*\*\* Have a good think. It's been rewarding editing "News" but other commitments will be pressing in 1990, so it's goodbye "News" for Tracy, for the time being.

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