



# THE NEWS

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MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS INCORPORATED

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COME AND CELEBRATE OUR

## 50TH BIRTHDAY DINNER

at POTTERS COTTAGE, 321 Jumping Creek Rd. Warrandyte. MELWAY 35J1  
on SATURDAY 31st MARCH 1990 at 7.00 p.m. Fully Licenced. Tickets  
available from Sylvia Wilson - 34, Doonkuna Ave. Camberwell.

There will be just us there to enjoy our excellent company, the  
lovely atmosphere, the good food - vegetarians can be catered for,  
let me know - and the dance band.....See you there!

50TH BIRTHDAY **HUGE** get together picnic SUNDAY 25.11.90  
at Gilwell Park, Gembrook.

- \*\*\*\*\* Put this date in your diary now for our final birthday event.  
\*\*\*\*\* This beautiful bush setting will be just the right place to  
sit under the shady trees and chat or be active and go off  
on short or longer walks, or go orienteering, or go on an  
initiatives course (!) or be part of the first ever (?)  
Melb. Bushies Cricket Match, or....or.... well just come  
and enjoy yourselves!!

The Annual Committee Members' B.B.Q. is on Thursday 15/3/90 at  
Sylvia's place - 34 Doonkuna Ave., Camberwell.  
B.Y.O. EVERYTHING including chair, cup, plate and FOOD!

Don't forget our regular Friday night Ballroom Dancing get together  
in Coburg. Bushies regularly attend this venue - Corner of Bell St.  
and Melville Road, Coburg - 8.30 p.m. start. The fee of \$5 includes  
tuition.

SATURDAY ARVO MOVIES MARCH 17

I'M THE KING OF THE CASTLE - KINO CINEMA COLLINS PLACE

Afternoon screening - see Penny for details or ring on

See You There!

Correspondence should be directed to:-

The Secretary,  
Melbourne Bushwalkers,  
Box 1751Q, 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 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

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Social Scene Continued:

\*\*\*\*\* S T O P P R E S S \*\*\*\*\*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY !!

WHAT MARYSVILLE WEEKEND  
WHERE MOUNTAIN LODGE GUEST HOUSE  
WHEN Arrive after dinner Friday 22nd June  
Depart after lunch Sunday 24th June

For further details regarding this weekend and bookings please see next month's "news".

Michael Humphrey & Alison Blaker.

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Thanks to Athol for a really enjoyable trip down memory lane with the presentation of a most successful Nostalgia Night on Feb. 14th. Thanks to all who contributed. We had a great time and the supper was much appreciated. Rumour has it that there is now a Neil Priestley Fan Club.....It pay's to advertise!

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H E L P!!

We need a SOCIAL SECRETARY!! No joking folks. Your club needs YOU - if you want to get into the thick of things this is an ideal way of getting to know the club and its members and exercise your entrepreneurial skills, or learn new ones. The Social Secretary usually organises a Sub-committee of helpers and together they think up and implement the events. The social side of things is very important to the club as a whole. This is a S. O. S.

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TRACK CLEARING - SATURDAY 31ST MARCH 1990.

Ralph Algar of the Walking Club of Victoria will be leading a track clearing exercise along Thompson's Tramline, east of Warburton, on Saturday, 31st March, 1990. Melbourne Bushies or indeed any enthusiastic walkers are invited to participate in this worthwhile activity. Further details may be obtained from Nigel Holmes on 881 2374 (8 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.)  
Monday - Friday.....

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DAY WALKSAPRIL 1990

SUN. 1 APRIL BEACH WALK - BELL'S BEACH - EASY &  
URQUHART'S BLUFF EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER BILL PENROSE ( )  
TRANSPORT BUS FROM SOUTHBANK BVD. AT 9.00 A.M.  
EXPECTED RETURN 7.30 P.M.  
MAP REFERENCE MELWAYS  
APPROX. DISTANCE 13 K. & 16 K. RESPECTIVELY

This walk could offer our last chance for a swim or a surf before the long winter.

We will start from Bell's - Australia's leading surfing beach - and perhaps spend a few minutes watching the board riders. Then a beach and clifftop walk to Anglesea. Spectacular seascapes are assured.

The easy walk will end just past Anglesea - probably Pt. Roadnight. The easy-medium walk will cover an additional 3-4K. along the beach to Urquhart's Bluff. Don't forget your togs - although I understand Pt. Addis is an "optional attire" beach.

SUN. 8 APRIL MURRINDINDI AREA - FEDERATION DAY WALK VARIOUS

N.B. \*TRANSPORT\*\*\*\*\*BUS FROM SOUTHBANK BVD. AT 8.00 A.M.

As part of the Club's activities to commemorate its 50th anniversary this year, we are hosting the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs' Day Walk.

The venue for the walks is the Murrindindi Scenic Reserve. This is an excellent area for walking with something to suit all types of walkers.

As a special treat at the conclusion of the walks at around 3.00 p.m. afternoon tea will be served, cake with a nice cup of tea or coffee. Please bring a cup.

THE WALKS:WALK A. MT. DESPAIR.

LEADERS KEITH WHITE & WENDY BARNES  
GRADE MEDIUM (4½ hours - climbs 300 M.)  
Commences at Park entrance and climbs steadily to summit of Mt. Despair for good views. Continues along the ridge to Kalatha Road and finish at Cascades Picnic Area. 12 K.

WALK B. MURRINDINDI RIVER WALK.

LEADERS ANNE & PETER BULLARD & VERONICA SHEEN  
GRADE EASY (100 M. climb)  
Commences at Cascades Picnic Area walk to Murrindindi Cascades and then follow the Murrindindi River down stream. Good walking along tracks. Side trip to Wilhelmina Falls finishing at the swing bridge at the Park entrance. 11 K.

WALK C. YEA ROCK.

LEADERS PHILIP LARKIN AND SYLVIA WILSON  
GRADE EASY/MEDIUM (4½ hours - climb 250 M.)  
Commences at Cascades Picnic Area and walk to Cascades. Walk along Bull Spur Creek to commence steady climb to Yea Rock for expansive views over Murrindindi Valley before heading down to join River Track and returning to Cascades Picnic Area. 16 K.

WALK D. OLD DINDI MILL.

LEADERS GINA HOPKINS AND DEREK BROWN  
GRADE EASY/MEDIUM (4 hours)  
Commences at Cascades Picnic Area walk along pleasant forest roads to Dindi Mill site. From the old mill site walk to Siberia Junction return through beautiful "big timber" country to Cascades Picnic Area. 13 K.

Day Walks continued:Federation Day Walks continued:WALK E. WILHELMINA FALLS.

LEADER ART TERRY

GRADE MEDIUM/HARD (5 hours - climb 500 M.)

Commences Cascades Picnic Area walk along Murrindindi Walking Track to the Wilhelmina Falls, climbing to the top for excellent views across the valley. Descend steeply down into the valley before returning to the Cascades Picnic Area. 17 K.

The bus will provide transport for club members at the normal fare, but please note the bus will be leaving from Southbank Bvd. at 8.00 A.M. sharp, so that club members can go on the walks. Please select your walk before the van trip to reduce any delays.

All the other walks start at 10.00 a.m. from the Cascades Picnic Area except the Mt. Despair walk, which will start at the Entrance to the scenic reserve. It is possible to drive to the walks if you want to, details in the clubrooms.

This will be a great day - how about getting out and supporting the Club and the Federation.

SUN. 15 APRIL MT. VINEGAR EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER NIGEL HOLMES

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

MON. 16 APRIL MULLUM MULLUM CREEK - SCHWERKOLTS COTTAGE EASY

LEADER ATHOL SCHAFER

TRANSPORT MEET UNDER THE CLOCKS, FLINDERS STREET STATION IN TIME TO CATCH THE 9.29 A.M. TRAIN TO RINGWOOD.

A new walk for the Club, a round trip of 12 K. ranging from the heights of Park Orchards down to the depths of the forested valley of the Mullum Mullum. This will be devastated when, and if, a proposed freeway is put through! Route takes in the Yarran Dheran bushland with its charming rock pools and the beautifully restored pioneer farm house (now on the Register of the National Estate). Bring something for afternoon tea as well as lunch.

SUN. 22 APRIL LIMESTONE CREEK - MT. CUNNINGHAM - EASY & MEDIUM MOLESWORTH

LEADERS JEAN GIESE &amp; KEITH WHITE

TRANSPORT BUS FROM SOUTHBANK BVD. AT 9.00 A.M.

EXPECTED RETURN 7.00 P.M.

MAP REFERENCE 1:25,000 MOLESWORTH

APPROX. DISTANCE 14 &amp; 18 K RESPECTIVELY

This area is typical of the pleasant hilly country surrounding Yea, a mixture of farmland and State Forest.

Both walks start at Limestone Creek and finish beside the Goulburn River (and shops!).

The easy walk crosses farmland (but few fences) through Native Dog Gap, explores the edge of the forest and climbs Mt. Nelso.

The medium walk includes a long climb into the Black Range. Then we mainly follow forest tracks to Mt. Cunningham and Mt. Nelso.

Bring water for lunch.

Day Walks continued:WED. 25 APRIL (ANZAC DAY) CEMENT CREEK - ACHERON GAP EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER TREVOR THOMSON ( )  
 TRANSPORT Share cars from either Jean's ( ) at Surry Hills, or Trevor's (232 2019) at Glen Waverley, or go direct to Cement Creek Turntable at 10.00 a.m. Melway 284 T2.  
 EXPECTED RETURN 5.00 P.M.  
 APPROX. DISTANCE 11 K.

With Anzac Day falling on a Wednesday this year, there is the opportunity for many to join the Wednesday Walkers and sample the pleasures of mid week walking.

We will ascend the historic Federation Track from Cement Creek to the Donna Buang - Boolyalla - Acheron Gap Track, walking through some of Victoria's best unspoilt mountain forest. After continuing over Mt. Boolyalla, there will be the choice of an easier return along the Boolyalla Track (with Jean Giese), or continuing on to Acheron Gap. Book in the clubrooms, or with Jean or Trevor.

SAT. 28 APRIL DANDENONGS EXPLORER - EMERALD - COCKATOO - EASY  
AVONSLEIGH

LEADER DORRIE WARTON  
 TRANSPORT TRAIN FROM FLINDERS ST. STATION - 9.29 A.M. TRAIN ARRIVE BELGRAVE 10.43 A.M.  
 EXPECTED RETURN 4.30 P.M.  
 MAP REFERENCE MELWAYS MAPS 127 to 188  
 APPROX. DISTANCE 11 K.

Walk to begin from Emerald Station Car Park. Turn right at first round-a-bout in Emerald, car park 1st turn right. Meet there 11.00 a.m. Anyone requiring transport from Belgrave Station please contact Joyce Dunn in the rooms Wednesday p.m. beforehand. This walk will take us along parts of the old Puffing Billy line to Cockatoo at times inspecting areas of interest on the way, e.g. Vobelins Heritage Nursery, the rejuvenated Treganowan Lake also the new Emerald Lake. It will be of interest to view the recovery Cockatoo has experienced after the 1983 fires of Ash Wednesday. After Cockatoo we return via a different route via Avonsleigh and then back to the cars.

I expect all my old contemporaries of the 70's to join this walk. No excuses accepted.

Carry water for lunch. Drinks and snacks may be purchased at the Kiosk at Emerald Lake where we will lunch.

SUN. 29 APRIL TOMAHAWK CREEK - BUNYIP RIVER - EASY/MEDIUM &  
BASANDS CORNER EASY

LEADERS FRED HALLS & SYLVIA WILSON  
 TRANSPORT BUS FROM SOUTHBANK BVD. AT 9.00 A.M.  
 EXPECTED RETURN 8.00 P.M.  
 MAP REFERENCE NEERIM OR EQUIV. 1:50,000  
 APPROX. DISTANCE 12 & 15 K. RESPECTIVELY

Walk near Powell Town up onto a ridge above Bunyip Valley. It's all forest with the exception of the Seven Acre Rock and Mt. Beenak, which have good views. Then we go from Seven Acre Rock along back roads to Mt. Beenak (thick bush) to Basands Corner and down into the Bunyip Valley and then to the Tomahawk Valley. Out along Hunter Rd. which is a 4WD track, under the SEC transmission lines, to Soldiers Rd.

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12 - 17 APRIL SNOWY MOUNTAINS MEDIUM

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LEADER KEITH WHITE  
 EXPECTED RETURN 6.00 P.M. MONDAY  
 MAP REFERENCE KHANCOBAN (CMA) 1:50,000  
 APPROX. DISTANCE 65 K.

A Crystal Ball and its Jagungal (the Magic Mountain) again, but with a difference from past trips. This is a 4 day walk (the wheels of industry must turn again on Tuesday) and we will heave our packs over the mount. The walk starts and ends at Round Mountain car park.

THURSDAY: Melbourne to Bradney's Gap (450K)  
 FRIDAY: 8.00 A.M. start. Drive to Round Mountain (33K).  
 Endeavour to follow the Tumut River upstream, but if too tough then opt out to Farm Ridge Track. Camp below Jagungal. (Approx. 20K).  
 SATURDAY: Climb to summit of Jagungal, then south to cross the Geehi River to Mawson's Hut (11k).  
 SUNDAY: North east past Cup & Saucer, Mailbox Hill to Bull's Peaks. Follow the Great Divide to Spenser's Peak and camp near Mackey's Hut or Boobee Hut. (18 or 22K).  
 MONDAY: Follow Far Bald Mountain Trail to Tumut River and hence Round Mountain (13 or 16K).  
 Bring your winter gear just in case. The numbers will be limited to 12 - 14 walkers.

12 - 17 APRIL GRAMPIANS VICTORIA RANGE BASE CAMP EASY/MEDIUM & MEDIUM

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LEADERS FRED HALLS & NEIL PRIESTLEY  
 TRANSPORT PRIVATE  
 MAP REFERENCE VIC MAPS GRAMPIANS EAST & WEST 1:50,000  
 APPROX. DISTANCE VARIOUS

Meet on Thursday 12th April at Buandik Camp Site. MBW's arrows on trees at every junction from Henty Highway. The walks are as follows:-

THE FORTRESS: One of the star attractions of the area. Up by track back via Deep Creek, which is more interesting than returning by the same track.

THE FORTRESS: Up and down via the same track, with possible deviation to cave of interest.

HOLLOW MOUNTAIN: To Red Case and back along Hut Creek possibly via Cave of Hands on return. Scrubby & slow.

GLEN ISLE ROCK: (Iniation Rock) to Valley of Cultivation Creek to goat track. Short rough & scrubby.

VISIT TO BLACK RANGE: Arch & Caves. Short distances. Double Head Mountain and shelters.

ASSES EARS: Climb up and across plateau to Wallaby Rocks.

This is just a selection of possible walks which can be mooted at the time. The terrain is quite difficult. Fred Halls is an expert on Aboriginal caves and culture, particularly in the Grampians, so here's a chance to gain from Fred unique knowledge of the walking areas. This is a base camp so "kitchen sinks" welcome etc. etc. Probably long trousers and gloves would be advisable for the scrub. There should be water at the camp site in abundance. More details as usual in the clubrooms prior to the event.

12 - 17 APRIL BOGONG NATIONAL PARK - BASE CAMP EASY/MEDIUM

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LEADER PHILIP LARKIN ( )

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

27 - 29 APRIL                      EILDON STATE FOREST                      EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER                      JEAN GIESE  
 TRANSPORT                      PRIVATE  
 EXPECTED RETURN                      6.30 P.M.  
 MAP REFERENCE                      TORBRECK 1:25,000  
 APPROX. DISTANCE                      24 K.

It's a long time since the club walked in Eildon State Park. We will begin and end at the Jerusalem Inlet arm of Eildon Lake, using tracks in the denser forest and taking to the bush in the rocky, open parts. Saturday will hold some gradual climbing and Sunday 400m. with some stiff pitches, but the resultant views from The Pinnacle of Buller, the Bluff, Mt. Howitt etc. will be worth the effort.

We'll only be about 150K. from Melbourne so a Saturday morning drive to commence walking at 9.00 a.m. could be a good idea for the less leisured class.

### COMMITTEE NOTES

#### MEETING HELD 5TH. MARCH 1990

1. Reports:

1.1 Treasurer:

Balance		\$26,555.11
Payments to be ratified:		
D. Wilhoft (Printing Expenses)		386.10
K. MacMahon (Final costs Wilkie Shed)		336.55
Rampower (Fuel)		176.81
P. Taylor (Postage etc.)		60.92
Gronow (Van servicing)		346.35
Bookaburra Printing (Autumn Prog.)		108.00
M. Mascas (Costs for Wilkie Wk. Pty.)		65.00
Association Incorporations Office		25.50
RJ&J Hamilton (Plumber for Wilkie)	4,	325.00
M. Willians (costs for nostalgia nt.)		40.00
G. Breen (advice for Wilkie Refuge)		800.00
M. Mann (Tilly spares for Wilkie)		60.00
G. Thornton (costs for Wilkie Wk. Pty.)		32.00
R. Ayre (costs for Wilkie wk. pty.)		27.00
		\$ 6,789.23
Bills to be paid:		
Driving (February)		400.00
Garaging & cleaning (February)		140.00
D. Pokock (costs for Wilky wk. pty.)		39.00
R. Steel (costs for Wilky wk. pty.)		20.00
P. Gray (costs for Wilky wk. pty.)		30.00
		\$ 629.00

1.2 Walks Secretary:

	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
Total	216	210
Day	189	169
Weekend	27	41
Members	146	164
Visitors	70	46

Operation Day Walk, Sunday 8th April - Phil Taylor has put a lot of work into planning 5 walks graded from easy to medium/hard, to ensure something to satisfy everyone. The notices have been printed and will be sent direct to other clubs - see Phil's article in this issue and be sure to note the 8.00 A.M. bus departure time.

The walks sub-Committee expects to have the winter program put together by the end of this month.

Committee Meeting Notes continued:  
The response to Errinundra Draft Management Plan has been completed by Keith White. Please add your weight by writing to CFL as individuals.

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Transport:

Graeme Thornton will obtain quotes to fix the dent in the bus roof and for a few repaint options. Anyone with strong feelings re. the painting should make them known as soon as possible.

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Wilkinson Lodge:

The woodshed has been erected and by all reports is a very fine structure. Congratulations to Ken MacMahon and his band of helpers.

The new septic system has been installed as planned and approved by the Omeo Health Inspector. This is the culmination of a lot of effort by many people and hopefully we won't have any similar problems cropping up in the future.

The work on the refuge, which is a modification of the entry store room, is planned for 17, 18 and 19 March.

FEES: With all the recent expenditure on Wilkie and the need to accommodate visitors as other groups using Wilkie, the committee has decided that a modest increase of \$1, to take member's fees to \$6 per day should apply. Visitors fees will be double i.e. \$12. Concessions for children, students and pensioners will be half these rates, but during the winter season concessional rates will not apply.

1.5

Equipment Hire:

Mark Walters will be the committee member looking after equipment hire and will be assisted by Ian Newbold.

Duty Roster:

14 March	Nigel Holmes & Janet Norman
21 March	Mark Walters & Graham Breen
28 March	Jean Giese & Graham Breen
4 April	Tracy Guest & Rob Ayre

Next Committee Meeting Monday 2nd April at 7.15 p.m.

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CLOSING DATE FOR APRIL NEWS, WEDNESDAY 4th APRIL 1990:

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

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ERRINUNDRA NATIONAL PARK

Have you done your bit towards preserving Victoria's important conservation areas? As members will have seen in this News, and in past editions, a considerable amount of effort has been made by the Club in contributing to the management process for the Alpine National Park.

Not to be forgotten is the Errinundra National Park in far East Gippsland. The scene of some confrontation between loggers and conservationists trying to protect the trees of the National Estate in the area.

Keith White has now completed a submission on behalf of the Club on the area and we now need your help. Please write a letter to the management team supporting the Club's submission.

To help you here are the major points which can be included, if you wish.



- \* Paramount importance is given to the protection of the Park's outstanding natural values and specifically those areas which are susceptible to degradation through overuse e.g. First Creek Falls and Tea Tree Flat.
- \* Establishing a Special Protection Zone around Gunmark and Coast Range Roads and restricting access to this fragile area to walkers and management vehicles only.
- \* Setting up camping facilities outside, but, in close proximity to the Park. Facilities at Delegate River, Frosty Hollow, Ada River and Goongerah should adequately cover the needs of campers.
- \* Specific aims and actions which should be given high priority are:-
- \* Proposed closure of Goonmirk and Coast Range Roads to all traffic except management vehicles.
- \* Closure of Aspens Battery Track to all vehicles.
- \* Closure of Curley Track to all vehicles
- \* Lower the public profile of First Creek Falls and construct a more direct and unobtrusive track to the look out rock opposite the falls.
- \* Construction of a track to West Errinundra Falls with appropriate publicity.
- \* Upgrade Rooty Break Track whilst retaining its present compatibility with the rain forest.
- \* Discourage dispersed camping in the Special Protection Zone.
- \* Mark a route between Ellery Creek Track and Postman's Track for overnight walkers.
- \* Establish camping facilities and easy access at Frosty Hollow.

Submissions should be forwarded to The Regional Manager, Department of Conservation, Forests & Lands, Orbost Region, P.O. Box 260, Orbost 3888, by 31st March 1990.

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IMPORTANT REMINDER RE. ALPINE NATIONAL PARK SUBMISSIONS.

As Phil Taylor mentioned in his note in the Feb. "News", the closing date for submissions on the Wonnangatta - Moroka and Cobberas Tingaringy unit is 31st March. (I suspect that submissions may be received for a short time after the dead-line, but it's safer not to rely on it).

During his talk to the Club last month, Jamie Pittock of the V.N.P.A. handed around a sheet outlining points that members might like to make in their submissions - applicable to all units.

The submissions don't have to be long - one page is sufficient - but it is important to make a submission. As Jamie pointed out - to date 70% of submissions received by CFL have been from 4WD'ers. Guess what that means if they get their way.

Submissions should be addressed to:-

The Manager,  
Alpine Planning Project,  
4 Ireland Street,  
BRIGHT. VIC. 3741. by 31st March.

Copies of the Clubs' submissions on:

1. Errinundra National Park (Keith White)
2. Wonnangatta - Moroka Unit (Phil Taylor)
3. Cobberas - Tingaringy Unit (Graeme Thornton)

are pinned up on the notice board in the Clubrooms.

To help overcome that depressing "blank page" syndrome, and get you started, I could lend people a copy of the Club's submission for Cobberas-Tingaringy on an IBM PC 3.5" disc (even 5.25" with a bit of warning) to serve as a proforma. For those "hackers" out there with access to E-mail and an ACSnet gateway I can send you an electronic copy if you request it (via thornton@mineng.oz). I'm sure the authors can run off a (paper) copy if you contact them.

Just getting something onto paper to start with is important, even if it's all subsequently changed. The points 1-10 Phil made in Feb's "News", are by and large valid for the Cobberas-Tingaringy unit - substitute the following points:-

- \* for 2. Support the introduction of the Mt. Murphy Historic area.
- \* for 5. Commercial operators to be licenced and (if you like) max. size of ALL horse parties to be 5 (not the 15 as in the plan), in conservation A zones and 12 (not 25) in conservation B zones. Max. size of 4WD tours to be 4 (not 10) with a total convoy weight not to exceed 12 tonnes (unspecified).
- \* for 6. Support the protection of Wilderness and Remote zones through the closure of all tracks and roads and the prohibition of horse parties in these zones. Particularly support the prohibition on horse and vehicular access to Cowombat Flat.

Additionally - for the Cobberas-Tingaringy unit:

- (i) Request that CFL have sufficient resources to manage the final plan - particularly funds for Education and Information within each unit.
- (ii) Support the management zones proposed in part V of the plan - particularly the Davies Plain and Cobberas Remote zones. Note that these zones could be Wilderness zones except for one incompatible use - grazing. Request that grazing be immediately phased out so that these zones may be upgraded to Wilderness zones.
- (iii) Any timber "harvesting" ("mining" really at present) by selective logging only within the areas designated to be ongoing (Mt. Murphy).
- (iv) No oversnow vehicles to be permitted within the unit (note that groups in Falls Crk. have been advocating the use of skidoos to enable the disabled to visit the Mt. Nelse region. Excellent sentiments, but the use of "muscle power" sleds are more in keeping if the groups' intentions really are philanthropic).
- (v) Prohibit the private use of generators and chainsaws except in designated areas in the Recreation Development Zones.

Graeme Thornton (541 1137 W, 878 0660 H, thornton@mineng.oz E-mail).

#### WILKIE NEWS - MARCH 1990

The septic tank system was installed over 9-12 Feb. It went very smoothly considering the amount of work and earth-moving involved. The Friday saw the back of the task broken with the tank in place and a lot of the plumbing done. Thanks to Dougo, Bob Steel, Marijke, our plumber Rob Hamilton, his assistant Les and last but by no means least the champion of back-hoe operators, Jack (?). The rest of the work-party Pat and Paul Gray, Peter Hamann, John Fritze and GT added their efforts and the job near enough finished as far as then possible by Sat. night. A happy workparty departed Sun. leaving GT to await Rob Ayre and Jenny McCann then finish off the filling and landscaping after the Health Surveyors inspection on Monday - which all went smoothly and we have received approval to use.

Two N.P.W.D. rangers arrived with the Plumber Mon. and were pleased with the minimal damage done by the earth-works.

Well, that's two down, one to go.

Seemingly, as part of the package to entice our new President into office, he also has the task of building the emergency shelter. He expects to take up his prize the weekend after Labour Day (sounds ominous).

Phew.....now onto Wilkie Fees.

Wilkie News Cont:

At the 6th March committee meeting it was resolved that Wilkie Fees have to increase. The Club has just made a considerable investment in time and money and it's not yet finished.

So, from the first "official" winter group (normally end June/early July mid Sept.) the nightly fees per person will be:-  
members \$6.00; non-members \$12.00.

The non-winter group rates will stay at the current \$5 (members) and \$8 (non-members) until at least the end of the winter groups and we have a chance to see how the accounts balance.

Children (\*) under 16 and the concession (pensioners) will be discounted by 50% off the applicable member or non-member rate outside the winter group period. Space is too limited during the winter group period as it is, to favour one user over another through a discount.

(\*) Historically Wilkie was purchased by Club members and donated to the Club to encourage family use. I think it appropriate that "children" of members be extended to include not only offspring but nieces/nephews and - naturally - grandchildren. Wilkie is an ideal way to introduce the young to the Alpine environment without TOO much drama and hopefully help them develop an affection and appreciation toward that environment.

Graeme Thornton (Wilkinson Lodge Manager.)

For almost a week after Christmas celebrations, the following people wafted down the Shoalhaven River, under the guidance of the now retired Spencer George. Rather than write the usual style of report, I have written a parody of "Click Go the Shears". Please enjoy the song by reading the notes at the end thereof.

SPLASH GO THE PADDLES

Down by the river our dear Spencer stands  
Clasping his lilo is his strong brown hands  
Together with nine more he will brave Shoalhaven's flow  
Glory yes we'll get there, just get on and have a go.

Splash goes the water, eight, nine, ten,  
Down to the river and round the bend  
Whatever we looked back we saw Ian tumblin' in,  
Cursing all the rocks for making him fall in ag'in.

In the middle of the night looking up amongst the trees  
A magical sight - watching fireflies in the breeze  
And after Jan Llewelyn had Dr. tend her knee  
We set off for another day of partial nudity.

Paddle through the rapids, eight, nine, ten,  
Down to the river and round the bend,  
Martin and Gareth had fun at every dinner time,  
Upon others' scraps they would pounce - no thought of crime.

Cut off from the world for a week of luxury,  
All except Bill who sat listening patiently  
Merilyn she told us we wouldn't see the rain  
As within her sox she cuddled a big bottle of champagne.

Snip went Doug's scissors and out came the glue  
Cut holes in the red side, and then in the blue  
Lilo repairs reached an all time peak  
And no one dared say "baffles" when to Doug they did speak.

Tracy Guest came too, with her pack all laden high  
Cooking gourmet meals as she shooed away the flies  
Everyone forgot to bring along for our dear Spence  
-His "More Mella Mum" from in the days of pounds & pence.

Splash go the Paddles cont:

Paddlin' is over and we all climbed to the top  
 Exhausted we are as we finally do stop  
 The first one to leave us was Jan Mattingley  
 Who couldn't wait another night to see her family.

It was worth all the effort and got up a tan  
 Though various speeds the warm water ran  
 Just watch out in the "News" when a trip is on ag'en  
 For it's great to go with Spencer down his beloved  
 Shoalhaven!

To explain the poem here are some notes:- \*Ian McPhee had difficulty staying on the lilo once the river began getting a touch faster than slow.

- \*Jan Llewelyn slipped on day one, and had her damaged knee tended by Dr. (Doug) each day after that.
- \*Partial nudity - a trait of Spencer's trips are (I'm told) a distinct lack of clothes at all possible times.
- \*Martin and Gareth Pocock had endless appetites, and seemed able to eat anything of anybody's at any time.
- \*Bill Metzenthen sat patiently with his radio each night, but it wasn't until about the third night we found this out. But we still were unaware of any news!
- \*Merilyn Whimpey unveiled a magnum to celebrate New Year's Eve. She also carried (& played) her recorder.
- \*Doug Pocock had a major operation on his son's lilo on day four. All except about 4 baffles (these hold a lilo in place) popped, leaving a large balloon to sit on. Doug created his own baffles out of scraps/patchings. A mammoth effort! This was after his creative effort of makeshift paddle out of bits he found on the river's edge.
- \*Tracy had meals of the greatest intricacy - garlic, onion, mushroom, eggplant, parmesan cheese, wooden spatula etc. etc.
- \*Spencer produced instant "puds" each night of the most intriguing colours and textures - but wasn't satisfied - not as good as "More Mella Mum!" What is that? Ask Spencer.
- \*Jan M. was lonesome without her family, was collected at the finish by Stuart and they drove off into the sunset, to see their children!

Jan Mattingley.

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We offer our condolences to Tracy, our "News" Editor, on the death of her mother: Tracy's need to leave suddenly for Queensland as she was about to start typing the February "News" left us in a tight spot. Ursula Grawe kindly stepped into the breach and struggled with our old typewriter and stensils to produce a particularly lengthy copy of "News", (because of the reports for the AGM etc.)

Many thanks Ursula. Thanks, too, to Douglas for coping with our difficult situation, and fixing the printing, collating and posting, as usual.

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Also, dear Margaret Borden has offered to clean our Clubroom regularly. We all noticed how nice it was this week. Thank you, thank you!!

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New book out on S.W.Tassie - A Natural History & Visitors Guide. Very interesting - blurb on the Notice Board.

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CHANGE OF INFORMATION:

Jean Woodger - (H) 820 3351.

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NEW MEMBERS

Gregory Nutting,

Kathleen Fitzgerald,

Marian Ross

Maureen Rooney,

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