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## S O C I A L   C O L U M N

### **\*\* DATES TO REMEMBER \*\***

#### **ANNUAL - GENERAL - MEETING**

As notified in January's News the Annual General Meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 20TH, 1991** in the Royal Horticultural Society's Hall - enter from our club rooms. The meeting will start at 8.00 p.m. to allow normal club business to be transacted e.g. booking for walks.

The ordinary business of the A.G.M. is to:

- . confirm the minutes of the preceding half yearly meeting;
- . receive committee reports;
- . elect officers and members of the committee;
- . receive and consider statements required by the Associations Incorporation Act;
- . determine membership fees for ensuing year; and
- . transact general business.

Please attend if you can, it is your club.

GRAHAM BREEN

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### **SOCIAL EVENTS:**

#### **BUSH DANCE**

**WHERE :** UNION HALL, LATROBE UNIVERSITY  
**WHEN :** SATURDAY 16TH FEBRUARY, 1991  
**TIME :** DANCING STARTS AT 8.00 P.M.  
**SUPPER :** PROVIDED, BUT BYO LIQUID REFRESHMENT  
**BOOKINGS:** PHONE STUART (H)

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#### **END OF YEAR DINNER-DANCE:**

**WHERE :** BOGART'S, 504 VICTORIA STREET, NORTH MELBOURNE  
LICENSED - BYO  
**WHEN :** SATURDAY 23RD FEBRUARY, 1991  
**TIME :** 7.15 P.M.  
**COST :** \$30.00 PER PERSON - 3 COURSE A'LA CARTE MENU, MIXTURE OF MUSIC  
**BOOKINGS:** SEE JANET NORMAN IN THE CLUB ROOMS.

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**50TH BIRTHDAY PHOTOS:**

Please note that the deadline mentioned in the last NEWS was in error. Because we want to get as many orders in as possible before obtaining the prints, you have until the end of **FEBRUARY**. If you still want to place an order please see me in the clubroom, or mail it to **MELBOURNE BUSHIES**.

Thank you to those who have put their orders in so quickly. Those who have not yet paid please do so. We intend to provide a list of names with each photo, but need to identify some people. Can older members especially see me at the club night and help out.

ALAN CLARKE

**WILKY WINTER GROUP BOOKINGS 1991**

Allocation Leaders for winter groups will open at 7.30 p.m. in the clubrooms on **WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH**. There will be a few changes this year to simplify the system. Experience indicates that the 2 week arbitration period is not necessary as leaders usually sort it out among themselves on the night (**EXCEPTION** for July school holidays contact me **BEFOREHAND**). If any contention does arise the Lodge Manager will arbitrate on the basis of past contribution by the group to work parties. Members have priority over non-members but note that at least 2 weeks will be allocated to outside groups.

After being allocated their week, leaders names will be placed on the Walks Notice Board. Anyone wishing to go on a particular week should discuss it first with the nominated leader. From the **20TH MARCH** onwards reservations can be made by payment of fees in full for each party member plus the key deposit. Wilky fees are 100% transferable (within your group) but only 50% refundable. If circumstances conspire to prevent you going please contact your leader ASAP.

As a suggestion, if leaders collect \$100-150 per member, to cover fees and food, their financial hassles will be considerably reduced.

To qualify, group leaders must be "endorsed", i.e. they must know the "does and don'ts" about Wilky. This means that they should have spent at least one week in Wilky (in winter for winter leaders) before and be recommended as qualified by the leader(s) of the time. Given the increasing useage it is very important that Wilky receive large doses of T.L.C. to get it through the winter onslaught.

Please note that whether a party goes or not is conditional on at least one member of the party being qualified as leader. No qualified leader, no visit, so it is desirable that a second party member be qualified to take over independantly of the nominated leader if need be.

- \* Maximum party sizes will be 8. If the demand warrants it the leaders of any small party may be prevailed upon to make up their numbers;
- \* Leaders to handle all the financial transactions on behalf of their group;
- \* Groups not involved in work parties of recent years may be asked to perform a "chore", so allow 1/2 - 3/4 day extra when taking supplies in or out;
- \* Keys to be returned (by post if necessary) the following week (see Wilky Report);
- \* ALL RUBBISH must be taken out when the group departs;
- \* ONE locker per group of 8. Smaller groups are to use the smaller lockers. Arrange to remove locker contents by 31st January, 1992 as any remaining usable (UNUSABLE BEING RUBBISH) contents then revert to communal property;

**WILKY WINTER GROUP BOOKINGS ....CONT'D**

- \* Bins for ashes are placed in the woodshed;
- \* Wood only operation again this year;
- \* The toilet, shower, sink and basin all discharge into the new septic system so please minimize water useage;
- \* Only pure soaps and toilet paper suited to septic operation to be used;
- \* Each group to provide one 6 volt "Dolphin" lantern battery for toilet/shower. Please leave battery in Wilky stores with group name/date if not used.

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 group. 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 Wilkys charms is its isolation but beware. We ask that anyone with known medical problems assess the risk factor and not sign up if doubtful.

Pleasant skiing in 1991

GRAEME THORNTON, LODGE MANAGER

**INTRODUCTION TO WILKY LONG-WEEKEND**

Ken MacMahon and Graeme Thornton will be conducting their 3 day "Intro-to-Wilky" long weekend again this year. For anyone wishing to use the club cottage, Wilkinson Lodge for the first time this is an ideal opportunity. It will be the weekend immediately before the first winter group, most likely 28/6-1/7, assuming suitable snow.

First preference is given to first time winter users but one or two "old hands" may be required to provide assistance. Please note that this trip is completely self contained and other than stopping in Wilky party members should be equipped for extended ski-touring. Contact Graeme Thornton if interested.

GRAEME THORNTON

A Volunteer with dBaseIII on an IBM compatible is required to print the club mailing labels. It is not an arduous job, and only takes about an hour each month. Please contact Richard Chater on (H) or (W) .

**NEW MEMBER:**

The club would like to welcome:

JAMES HORD

**CHANGE OF INFORMATION:** Penny Stapley

**FLAT TO RENT:**

**WHERE:** AIREYS INLET (Between Anglesea & Lorne)  
**WHEN :** Anytime you like. Remember Easter is coming up soon.  
**WHAT :** Does it have to offer? Fully self-contained. Sleeps 2 very comfortably.  
**COST :** \$15.00 per person, per night.  
**WHO :** Do you contact? Phone Anne Bullard (H)

DAY WALKS MARCH, 1991SAT 23RD FEBRUARY, 1991 DANDENONG EXPLORER - LYSTERFIELD LAKE PARK EASY

LEADER: : MICHAEL HUMPHREY  
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE  
 MAP REFERENCE : MELWAYS MAPS 108, 83 AND 82  
 APPROX. DISTANCE: 12 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 Belgrave - Hallam 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.

We should arrive back at the cars at around 5.30 - 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 on Phone: (H) after 7.30 p.m. and we will try to organise something.

SUN. 3RD MARCH, 91 DOM DOM SADDLE-MT MONDER-MURRINDINDI RIVER E/MED & MED

LEADERS : JEAN GIESE & IAN McPHEE  
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. TIME: 9.00 A.M.  
 EXPECTED RETURN: 7.00 P.M.  
 MAP REFERENCE : JULIET 1:50,000 AND MONDA 1:25,000  
 APPROX DISTANCE: 13 AND 19 KMS

When we alight at Dom Dom saddle we usually head for Mt Vinegar, Fernshaw or other points East. This time we'll go West towards Mt. Monda and the head-waters of the Murrindindi River, with a gradual 350m climb. If you enjoy walking mainly on tracks amid the towering Mountain Ash, this is for you. Bring water for lunch.

SUN. 10TH MARCH, 91 MT BLACKWOOD-AH KOW'S TRACK-LERDERDERG RIVER E/MED & MED

LEADERS : JEAN GIESE & JOHN KITSON  
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. TIME: 9.00 A.M.  
 EXPECTED RETURN: 7.00 P.M.  
 MAP REFERENCE : CF&L LERDERDERG 1:25,000  
 APPROX DISTANCE: 13 AND 18 KMS

Commencing near Mt Blackwood and we'll descend to the Lerderderg River by Razorback Track, following the river upstream to pick up the East Wealk Track. Stops for dips will be taken if its hot, the medium walk will do an extra loop up Whisky Creek and Vodka Track (don't get any ideas)

MONDAY 11TH KOORNONG CREEK HISTORICAL WALK EASY

LEADER : ATHOL SCHAFER  
 TRANSPORT : MEET UNDER THE CLOCKS IN TIME TO CATCH 9.29 A.M. TRAIN TO HEATHERDALE

Probably the first time this area has been on the club program - and maybe the last chance to see the valley before a freeway goes in its whole length. Walk starts through parkland, then to the creek head to go down stream to near its junction with the Yarra. Finish about 4.30 p.m.

**WED. 13TH MARCH      SOMERS BEACH WALK      EASY**

LEADER : JOAN HAIG  
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE  
 MEETING PLACE : 8.30 A.M. AT JEAN GIESE'S (NEAR SURREY HILLS STATION) OR OPPOSITE  
 SOMERS P.O. (CAR PARK) AT 9.45 A.M. EXPECTED RETURN : 6.00 P.M.  
 MAP REFERENCE : MELWAY MAP 194  
 APPROX DISTANCE : 16 KMS

A return beach walk with time for a swim starting at the Post Office. The walk will be to Sandy Point and just beyond to the Mangrove swamp with views of French Island and Gippsland. Bring water for lunch, afternoon tea provided 1 km prior to end of walk.

**SUN. 17TH MARCH      NOOJEE STATE FOREST      E/M & MEDIUM**

LEADER : NIGEL HOLMES  
 SEE LEADER IN CLUB ROOMS

**SAT. 23RD MARCH      DANDENONGS EXPLORER - FERNTREE GULLY NATIONAL PARK      EASY**

LEADERS : JILL & GRAHAM BREEN  
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE OR 9.29 A.M. TRAIN FROM FLINDERS STREET  
 MEETING PLACE : UPPER FERNTREE GULLY RAILWAY STATION CAR PARK AT 10.40 A.M.  
 MAP REFERENCE : MELWAY MAP 74  
 APPROX DISTANCE : 10 KMS  
 EXPECTED RETURN : 5.00 P.M.

The walk will start from the Upper Ferntree Gully Railway Station car park at ..... a.m., opposite the subway entrance.

This section of the Dandenong Ranges National Park is hilly so expect a few up-hill and down-hill sections. I will keep steep bits to a minimum. The walk will be a little different to previous years, but will still take in a full range of the variety of forest. The walk will be on formed tracks and bush tracks. Something to drink should be carried.

**SUN. 24TH MARCH      ADVANCE NOTICE FEDERATION DAY WALK 1991**

Bayside Bushwalking Club is running this year's Federation walk, planning 17 walks, ranging from family to hard standard.

AREA : Marysville - Lake Mountain  
 STARTING TIME: Family 10.30 a.m.  
 Easy 10.00 a.m.  
 Medium 9.30 a.m.  
 Hard 8.30 a.m.  
 REGISTRATION : Gallipoli Park Hall (at Cricket oval), Falls Road, Marysville.  
 TIME : 15 minutes before starting time.

Exception to this is for some of the medium walks which commence in the Lake Mountain area. Details on Walks Board in Club rooms.

Because of the early and differing starting times, the club van will not be a viable proposition for transport. Members are encouraged to support Bayside's big effort by arranging their own private transport - to enjoy walking with other club's members and the light refreshments together after the walks. BYO cup.

We will run our van (for those who can't or don't wish to arrange transport) for a walk in another area, place and leader to be advised in next month's "News".

W E E K E N D   W A L K S   M A R C H , 1 9 9 11ST-3RD MARCHHIGHFIELD PARKEASY

LEADER : ART TERRY  
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE  
 EXPECTED RETURN: SUNDAY EVENING APPROX. 6.00 P.M.  
 MAP REFERENCE : BROADBENTS MORNINGTON PENINSULAR NO.229 OR CAPE SCHANCK 7821-2-2  
 1:25;000

Spend an enjoyable weekend in a relaxing atmosphere in beautiful rural bushland/coastal surroundings, all you need to bring besides clothes and personal requirements are a sleeping bag (or blankets & sheets), a pillow case, tea towel, food for 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and evening meals or you could go to the Flinders Hotel for tea on Saturday night, most of us do, you can do as you please here. There are walks and swims to go on, we will be camped in Highfields bunkhouse which was the original farm house, all mod.cons, fridges, stoves etc. Highfield is located on the Rosebud - Flinders Road (Boneo Road) Melways 170 A1 (on the Point Nepean Road End) 200 K5 is as far as Melways goes. Highfield is adjacent to the coastal radio station (M 200 K5). It is about 2 kms from the Cape Schanck Road turn off on the Flinders side. Cost is \$10 for the weekend (accommodation)

8TH-11TH MARCHSNOWY BLUFFMEDIUM

LEADER : MERILYN WHIMPEY  
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE  
 MAP REFERENCE : VMTC "SNOWY PLAINS, MT KENT AND LAKE TALİ KARNG

Snowy Bluff sits between the Moroka and Wannangatta Rivers. The views from the top of its cliffs, which overlook the Wonnangatta, are worth the trip.

After a car shuffle, we will start by climbing 1100 metres up the Billy Goat Bluff Track. If the weather is warm this will be hot and thirsty work. Be prepared to carry two litres of water. Once this climb is over it is an easy eight or nine km walk to our campsite which will probably be in Shanty Hollow. It will be almost certainly be necessary to descend for quite some distance from the campsite to get water.

The second day takes us over Snowy Bluff, with lots of views, and then down to the Moroka River to camp. On the Monday we will follow the McMillan Track along the Moroka to the Wonnangatta and then along this river to the cars at Eaglevale.

9TH-12TH MARCH, 1991 FRENCHMAN'S CAP, TASMANIAMED

LEADER : DAVE VINCENT  
 TRANSPORT : LIGHT AIRCRAFT

I plan to lead this walk for four days over the Labour Day long weekend encompassing the dates 9-12 March, 1991 (inclusive). Access to the area is from Queenstown and I plan to fly down direct by light aircraft from Melbourne to Queenstown. For a group of between four and six, including myself. The aircraft cost will be only \$180 each. The return flight down will be via the picturesque west coast of Tasmania.

One of the most striking peaks of Tasmania's South West, Frenchman's Cap stands in isolation, surrounded very broadly on three sides by the Franklin River. Apart from the rivers, this peak is the central feature of the Franklin - Lower Gordon Wild Rivers National Park. Its sheer, three hundred metre high, east face and sloping western sides form the classic cap shape after which it is named. The views from the summit are extensive and the many glacial lakes make the walk spectacular. The walk round trip from the Lyell Highway can be done comfortably in three days. This is one of the classic bushwalks of Australia and should not be missed. For further details contact Dave Vincent, Phone (H)

15TH-17th MARCH WILSONS PROM IN A DAYMEDIUM HARD

LEADER : SPENCER GEORGE  
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE  
 EXPECTED RETURN : 8.00 P.M.  
 MAP REFERENCE : ANY MAP OF SOUTHERN SECTION OF THE PROM  
 APPROX. DISTANCE: 40 KM ON THE SATURDAY

The classic round trip: Tidal River, Telegraph Saddle, Sealers Cove, Refuge Cove, Kersop Peak, Wellington Bay, Waterloo Bay, Oberon Bay, Norman Bay. Early start, late finish. Swim from all main beaches.

22ND-24TH MARCH AVON RIVER - THE CHANNELE/MEDIUM

LEADER : PETER BULLARD  
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE -COST \$.....  
 MAP REFERENCE : BEN CRUACHAN & VALENCIA CREEK 1:25, 000  
 APPROX DISTANCE : 22 KMS

We'll be walking along the Avon River from Huggetts crossing downstream past "The Channel" and a couple of Gorges to camp at the place called Dermody's Camp for Saturday night.

Sunday we will be following various tracks back to the cars with some views along the way. I have roughly previewed the area but come along and find out with me what these gorges are like.

23RD MARCH - 1ST APRIL THE OVERLAND TRACK TASMANIAMED

LEADER : DAVE VINCENT  
 TRANSPORT : LIGHT AIRCRAFT

I plan to lead this walk over Easter for a ten day period over the dates 23rd March to 1st April, 1991 (inclusive). The walk will commence from the airstrip at Cradle Valley Camp. Access will be direct from Melbourne by light aircraft. The walk will finish at Cynthia Bay near the Derwent Bridge over the Lyell Highway. The group will then travel by the bus service to Queenstown and fly out from there direct to Melbourne. The return flight will be via the spectacular west coast of Tasmania. The estimated cost of the aircraft for a group of four to six, including myself, will be only \$200 each. Direct access to the start of the walk using the airstrip at Cradle Valley Camp is a definite plus and saves considerable travelling time.

The Overland Track would have to rank as Australia's most popular long distance walks. Traversing Tasmania's highest country, it crosses open moors and plunges through deep forests in the mountainous region between Cradle Mountain in the north and Lake St Clair in the south. The track very carefully avoids too much steep climbing, leaving the summit climbs to be done as side trips. Many huts have been constructed enroute to provide shelter in bad weather. The track is well defined and the scenery it passes through is nothing short of spectacular. The side trips to Pine Valley and the Labyrinth should not be missed.

The track is clearly defined and has been carefully aligned to avoid any steep climbing. There are only two major mountain passes to cross and even these are relatively gentle. The full walk, including several side trips to climb the major peaks, takes about nine days. This allows for a casual pace and a couple of days of rest during bad weather, if required. This is one of the classic bushwalks of Australia and should not be missed. For further details contact Dave Vincent at home on Phone:

**29TH MARCH - 2ND APRIL TASMANIA: WALLS OF JERUSALEM****MEDIUM**

LEADER : BILL METZENTHEN  
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE  
 MAP REFERENCE : 'WALLS OF JERUSALEM' NATIONAL PARK MAP & NOTES

I had thought that I would be leading a trip to Frenchmans Cap this Easter. It seemed like a good idea. However, it was not to be and I am leading a trip to The Walls Of Jerusalem instead. The Walls is a magnificent area which perhaps lacks some of the grandeur of Frenchmans Cap but in my view is more beautiful.

Party members should find their own way to Devonport. I will arrange transport to take us from Devonport to the start of our walk on Friday morning. I have not yet decided the exact route which we should follow but it will probably be something like this: On Friday we will climb the track to Clunner Bluff, a climb of about 700 metres. From here we head east to a suitable campsite. On Saturday our route takes us south through a network of lakes to our next campsite. Then on Sunday we head north-west to the Walls of Jerusalem and find a comfortable campsite for the next two nights. We will spend Monday exploring the Walls area with day-packs. Then on Tuesday morning we follow the track north-west and descend to the road where we will be picked up and driven to Devonport.

The last time I walked into the Walls, it was snowing and we had to walk through fresh snow - but it was in January! I can't promise that you will see any snow this Easter but nonetheless be prepared for any sort of weather. Be prepared for lots of water. We will have to navigate our way between the hundreds of lakes which dot the area. All of this water comes from somewhere. A good parka is strongly recommended.

Now for the bad news. Easter is a very popular time for Australians to travel and because of this the return air fare to Melbourne is likely to cost you over \$250. In addition the return bus fare from Devonport to the Walls will cost about \$60. If you are interested in joining this trip please let me know as soon as possible (before the end of February). This is even more important this year because the number of extended trips being offered by the club this Easter seems to be expanding by the minute (no less than four at my last count), and I need to have some indication that there are enough people interested in this walk to justify running it.

**29TH MARCH - 2ND APRIL ERRINUNDRRA PLATEAU BASE CAMP****EASY & E/MED**

LEADER : JEAN GIESE  
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE  
 MAP REFERENCE : BENDOC 1:100,000 & MAPS IN GRANT DA COSTA'S BOOK ON EAST GIPPSLAND

About 100ks NE of Orbost is the gem of East Gippsland, Errinundra Plateau. With day packs we will absorb the wonders of its temperate rainforests, unique vegetation, spectacular waterfalls and immense eucalypts. Camp will be near the Delegate River. It's a high rainfall area so we could be unlucky. Roads are good in dry weather but can become slippery after rain. Numbers limited to about 20.

**TRIP SECTION - UPPER MURRAY CANOE TRIP 28TH DECEMBER - 1ST JANUARY, 1991**

Due to lack of space, small "extract" of an excellent report from Anne Bullard: ".....we were driven to Bringenbrong Bridge where some of us stayed while others went further up stream and canoed down to us. At this point in time we were all a little nervous and although Peter and I had canoed before we had not done so together and it was suggested that we may not end up with the same Surname by the end of the trip..... we found ourselves finding every eddy the Murray had to offer in that small area, each branch of the Willows we shook hands with much to Peter's distress....."

Report on Notice Board for member's perusal.



COMMITTEE NOTES - 4TH FEBRUARY

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

- . Federation Day Walk - Bayside will be the host this year.
- . MMBW seeking input to terms of reference for inquiry into catchment areas.
- . Nudity on club activities.
- . 50th birthday photographs.

**WALKS REPORT:**

<u>Total</u>	<u>Day Walkers</u>	<u>W/E Walkers</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Visitors</u>	<u>Fees</u>
230	163	163	186	44	\$1,822

**TRANSPORT:**

Rob warned that a major expense (\$20,000 possibly) could arise in the not too distant future for an engine replacement.

**TREASURER'S REPORT FEBRUARY, 1991:**

**BALANCE:**

Reserve for Bus Replacement/Wilky repairs	\$33,000.00
Current Account/Printing Account	\$ 2,990.05
	<u>\$35,990.05</u>

**PAYMENTS TO BE RATIFIED:**

Gestetner	\$ 54.70
Rampower (Fuel December)	\$ 234.60
Driving & Garaging (December)	\$ 540.00
R. Ayre (Tools)	\$ 144.70
Uno Pringint (January)	\$ 200.00
G. Thornton (Wilky)	\$ 427.77
P Gronow (Van Maintenance)	\$ 1,247.48
D Wilhoft (Postage)	\$ 435.16
	<u>\$ 3,284.41</u>

**BILLS TO BE PAID:**

Nil	\$0.00
	<u>\$0.00</u>

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Considerable discussion ensued on the basis for setting membership fees. The question of nudity (skinny dipping) was also discussed at great length. It was considered that leaders should be expected to respect the sensitivities of all members and exercise appropriate discretion. In particular where a trip entailed skinny dipping as a normal feature, intending participants should be advised of that possibility.

**DUTY ROSTER**

February 13	Derrick & Gina
20	Jean & Janet
27	Janet & Nigel
March 6	Graeme & Janet

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

When I agreed to my nomination a week or so prior to the last AGM I did so with some trepidation. I was fairly ignorant of the workings of the Club, however, I need not have worried. The experienced members on the Committee were a tower of strength and the whole committee worked as a team.

The events of the year have already been reported in "The News", however, I will briefly refer to the major items:

- \* In accordance with the direction of the last AGM the production/method of "The News" was reviewed and changed over from a typed stencil/duplicating process to a "word processing/printing process". This has made the work of the News Editor much easier but at an increased cost.
- \* 50th Birthday Dinner at Potters Cottage - thanks Sylvia Wilson.
- \* Federation Day Walk hosted by the Club - thanks Phil Taylor and all the helpers and there were plenty.
- \* Marysville weekend - thanks Michael Humphrey and Alison Blaker.
- \* Great Bridgewater Bay Bush Bash - thanks Sylvia.
- \* Navigation Day - thanks Rob Ayre.
- \* Rawson Lodge Weekend - thanks Sandra Mutimer.
- \* Purchase of new equipment for hire - thanks Mark Walters.
- \* Painting the bus - thanks Rob Ayre.
- \* 50th Birthday Gathering at Gilwell - thanks Sylvia Wilson
- \* Christmas Breakup Party - thanks Betty Spencer.

It is not practical to name every individual to whom I am grateful, it is only when one becomes involved with the committee that the extent of work performed by many individuals for the club becomes apparent. Jean Giese has sought to give recognition to these people with her "Behind the Scenes" articles in News. Some names which spring to mind are Doug Wilhoft mailing of News, Athol Schaefer - Federation representative, Anne Bullard - Club enquiries, the Errey's, Kenafacke's and Marsden's - club contacts.

I greatly appreciated Jean Giese's filling the breach when I was laid low by sickness. Robert Ayre's knowledge of club procedures and care of the bus. Winnifred De Souza's careful taking of minutes and prompting. Rick Chater's very earnest and highly competent work as Treasurer, Phil Taylor, who unfortunately had to leave to pursue his career, as Walk Secretary, he had a very demanding role. Penny Stapley for keeping the Membership flowing, Graeme Thornton as a most enthusiastic Wilky Manager, Jill Breen who kept the News flowing, and the general committee Derrick Brown, Nigel Holmes, Gina Hopkins, Janet Norman and Mark Walters, all of whom performed specific tasks for the club as well as the business of meetings.

GRAHAM BREEN  
PRESIDENT

## TREASURER'S REPORT - 1990/1991

Attached is a summary of the club's financial status in the accompanying tables. Expenses of the club increased in the year from \$32,000 to \$50,000, and although income for the club was adequate to cover this increase, the amount put aside for Wilky improvements and van replacement was reduced from the previous year.

The accounts as usual have been separated into five areas, each to be self-financing. It is a premise in the financing of the club that the intension remains to put aside money for the eventual replacement of the van. Thus the reserve in the trust account is not be used in normal running costs and is to be increased each year.

### CLUB ACCOUNT

This account is mainly financed by subscription, and pays for the general running of the club ("News", Clubroom hire etc). Last year's total income was \$12,800, vs expenditure of \$10,600. Note however that \$4,000 (30%) of this income is in the form of interest. Without this, the Club account would have run at a loss. As this interest is made on the money put aside for the van replacement, it is required to keep ahead of inflation and is not to be spent on the general running of the club.

The major expenditure increase is in the production of the monthly newsletter. As this is now being printed commercially, and not on the Gestetner machine, the cost of this per month has increased from about \$50 to \$200. This represents about \$5 per member per year. There were also additional expenses in printing off 150 extra copies of 4 months' newsletters for ex members, due to the 50th anniversary celebrations.

Another notable cost was in the purchase of over \$1,000 worth of equipment for hire to members. This included another good back pack, and two tents. These are almost continuously on hire, and the investment is believed to be well worthwhile.

Due to the increase in printing costs, I recommend that the club annual fees be increased by \$5.00. The following scale would then apply:

** •	Full Single Membership	\$30.00
•	Multiple Membership	\$42.00
•	Concession Membership	\$15.00
•	"News" Subscriber	\$18.00

### WALKS

The income received from the walks increased from the previous year from \$26,000 to \$30,800, with expenses also up from \$18,000 to \$25,300. The amount available to be reserved for the van replacement was thus reduced from \$8,000 to \$5,500. One of the major costs however was almost \$4,000 for the repainting of the bus, a cost that will probably not occur again.

During the year, the charge for walks was increased by \$1 to cover the increase in petrol prices. The break-even point for last year was 29 people per trip, an increase over the previous year of 22.

It was also decided recently to increase the charge for visitors' fees, from \$2 to \$5. It was felt that the previous rate was discouraging people to become members. At \$2 per walk,

Members may be interested in a few statistics in relation to the number of visitors to members and how the \$2 to \$5 change in visitors fee is to be used.

Year	visitors walks	new members	visitor walks per new member	member walks	members fees	members fees per walk
1990	701	49	14.3	2128	\$8005	\$3.76
1989	761	54	14.1	1811	\$7600	\$4.20
1988	739	39	19.-	2275	----	----
1987	854	51	16.8	1948	----	----

What this tells us is that if this Clubs' primary activity is walking then it cost \$3.76 last year, \$4.20 the year before (of members annual subscriptions) per walk per member. Now a lot of members didn't go on any walks so their fees helped toward 'subsidising' those who did. Given that visitors use Club resources (insurance, clubroom rental, overheads, etc.) for every walk they go on it is not unreasonable that they contribute toward these costs which members would otherwise have to pick up the tab for. As visitors pay piece-meal at their leisure \$5 would seem to be a minimum on these figures. Note also that it takes 14 to 19 visitor walks per new member. Some visitors clearly don't join after 3 walks or perhaps don't join after a lot of walks.

Looking at the Club side of the accounts it can be seen that the component keeping this solvent is the interest income from the Van/Wilky reserve. It has been argued for years that this is inappropriate and we should pay and received unto Caesar. This would deplete considerably the Club acc. However visitors fees rightfully represent a Club income and should be credited accordingly to defray expenses.

I made a range of assumptions about how many visitor-walks and how many visitor-walks-per-new-member there may be next year. As it is proposed that qualifying walks be rebated against membership fees on joining, this means that new members would typically pay \$10 if joining in the first half of the year and it would be free on joining in the second half. An 'average' joining fee of \$5 per new member is assumed in what follows.

visitor walks	600	650	700	750	800
walk income	\$3000	\$3250	\$3500	\$3750	\$4000

Vis-Walks Per New Member Income from members fees at \$5 average per new member for various visitor-walk, new-member ratios.

8	\$375	\$405	\$435	\$465	\$500
11	\$270	\$295	\$315	\$340	\$360
14	\$210	\$230	\$250	\$265	\$285
17	\$175	\$190	\$205	\$220	\$235

Even if visitor-walks fall to 600 → 650 this year, the new fees encourage membership so visitor-walks-per-new-member should also decrease. Assuming 11 for v-w-p-n-m we get, on this basis \$3000 → \$3250 + \$270 → \$315 = \$3270 → \$3545. Offsetting this normally 50 new members would have contributed approx. \$940 (25 @ \$25, 25 @ \$12.50), thus reducing this to a nett \$2300 → \$2600. To be realistic it is likely that about 30 (?) current members (at \$25) will not renew so the probable increase in this years Club acc. is \$1500 → \$1800. Adding this but subtracting \$4000 (interest) gives this years income estimate as \$12,800 - \$4000 + \$1500 → \$1800 = \$10,300 → \$10,600.

On the expenditure side, last years was \$10,600. It is estimated 'NEWS' costs will rise a further \$500 over a full year, but will be offset by \$500 decrease in equipment costs. If \$500 → \$700 is allowed for contingencies/inflation then estimated costs this year are \$11,100 → \$11,300.

The Club account is likely to be in deficit by only \$500 → \$1000 despite a transfer of \$4000 (currently) away from it. \$500 → \$1000 represents a \$1 → \$3 increase in Club fees per member. I submit these estimates and proposed accounting changes for consideration at the A.G.M. in conjunction with the treasurers report.

one would only have to walk less often than every three weeks to make it cheaper not to become a member. As compensation, it was also decided that the fees for the three qualifying walks would be deducted from the membership fee. The visitors' fees should rightly be accounted against the Club account, but as it is collected in with walk fees, the treasurer is not provided with the break-up required. However this would balance with the interest on the trust account accumulated against the Club account.

Although it is the current intention of the club to put aside adequate funds for the eventual replacement of the van, at the moment we have \$36,000 in the bank, the bulk of which was accumulated from surpluses in this account. I feel therefore that the two increases mentioned above are adequate and that there is no need to make additional charges for van trips yet.

### **50TH ANNIVERSARY**

This year, we received \$6,000 vs expenditure of \$5,000, but \$550 had been paid in the 1989/1990 year, and we have yet to pay for photographs worth about \$500. The overall costs of the anniversary will thus balance to the income.

### **SOCIAL**

No Social Secretary was elected last year, thus these activities were minimal. Any social events that were held were basically self financed, and were not put through the club accounts. Due to the large number of 50th Anniversary events too, there was less emphasis on organising social activities.

### **WILKINSON LODGE**

Income for the year increased from \$3,200 to \$5,200, but expenses rose substantially from \$2,800 to \$9,200.

Most of this was due to the major extraordinary capital expenses for the additional shelter, woodshed and septic arrangements, but the normal running costs also rose. A major increase here was for public liability insurance which we had previously believed was covered by the Federation policy. It is recommended that this coming year a common policy be investigated before paying the Federation insurance in April.

### **RICHARD CHATER**

\*\* NOTE: If the club actively pursues advertising or other fund raising activities, these increases could be reduced by \$2.00.

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE  
AS AT 31 JAN 1991**

RECEIPTS	1991	1990	EXPENDITURE	1991	1990
<b>BANK BALANCES c/f</b>					
Cheque	5,333.67	6,937.49			
Investment	25,500.00	14,500.00			
(Reserve for van replacement)					
Printing	500.00				
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	31,333.67	21,437.49			
 <b>CLUB</b>					
Membership fees	8,005.00	7,600.00	"News" printing/postage	5,000.24	2,597.35
Equipment hire	596.95	192.00	Stationery, postage, phone	946.99	602.93
Interest	4,038.79	2,163.96	Subscriptions/Donations	584.50	1,134.10
Donations		50.00	Insurance	673.75	710.00
Trade/Sundry/Transfers	145.00	431.27	Clubrooms rent	1,775.00	2,314.00
			Equipment	1,068.00	328.57
			Maps	138.05	153.35
			Bank charges	347.27	202.64
			Trade/Sundries	105.91	255.34
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Total:	12,785.74	10,437.23		10,639.71	8,298.28
 <b>WALKS</b>					
Walks	24,651.50	21,379.80	Van driving & garaging	7,193.50	5,804.50
Accommodation	6,191.13	4,620.00	Fuel & oil for van	3,688.76	2,812.76
			Van maintenance & parts	6,840.64	3,091.63
			Regist'n, insurance, RAC	848.28	1,612.68
			Accommodation	6,265.00	4,677.50
			Sundries	423.42	6.00
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Total:	30,842.63	25,999.80		25,259.60	18,005.07
 <b>50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS</b>					
Total receipts	5,961.20	Nil	Total expenditure	4,991.74	550.00
 <b>SOCIAL</b>					
Total receipts	35.41	1,958.00	Total expenditure	34.81	2,008.00
 <b>WILKINSON LODGE</b>					
			Normal Supplies & maint	3,694.34	1,343.55
Fees collected	5,113.15	3,168.55	Extraord. Capital Works	5,461.55	1,462.50
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				9,155.89	2,806.05
 <b>BANK BALANCES 31 Jan 91:</b>					
			Cheque	2,490.05	5,333.67
			Investment	33,000.00	25,500.00
			(Reserve for van replacement)		
			Printing	500.00	500.00
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				35,990.05	31,333.67
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	86,071.80	63,001.07		86,071.80	63,001.07
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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
AS AT 31 JAN 1991**

**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	5,000.00
Slide projector	120.00
Projector stand	50.00
Typewriter	40.00
Duplicator	80.00
"News" postage account, paper and supplies	500.00
Walking equipment for hire	1,800.00
Map library	300.00
Wilkinson Lodge	
Building - Nil resale value	
Equipment and supplies	1,000.00
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8,890.00

Bank Balances

Investment Account (reserve for future van replacement and Wilky improvements)	33,000.00
Cheque account	2,490.05
Printing acct	500.00
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**TOTAL ASSETS**

44,880.05

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**LIABILITIES**

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

Driving/garaging Jan '91 (est)	540.00
"News" printing (est)	200.00
Fuel & oil Jan 91 (est)	300.00
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1,040.00

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

Nil

**TOTAL LIABILITIES**

1,040.00

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WILKINSON LODGE REPORT 1990/1991

Last year was a very good year for Wilky. There was a record winter useage, 13 winter parties plus one 'intro' to Wilky long weekend. Summer useage is also up on previous years. Three (if not a fourth by majority composition) of the winter groups were from organisations outside of the club.

The new 'bring-it-in-take-it-out-yourself' rubbish system worked very well and I would like to thank all the leaders for their co-operation, it has eliminated a particularly nasty chore at season end.

As 'News' readers will be aware the last 12-15 months have seen a new (beaut) wood-shed, a new septic sewerage/waste system and a new refuge. Last Australia Day saw a repaint of the kitchen, lounge room, entrance hall and storage room. Wilky is lighter, brighter, warmer and seems a little more spacious. The lounge room ceiling has been painted white. Pause. The ceiling not the 'exposed beams'. They have been given a reprieve, temporarily, while it's decided whether they are aesthetic or not.

Wilky had an income of \$5113 and expenditure of \$9155 which over the year meant a loss of \$4042. The \$9155 has been broken down into \$5461 on 'capital costs' (wood-shed/septic-tank/refuge) and \$3694 on 'running costs'. Allowing that \$1462 was spent in 1990 on the wood-shed this brings the total expenditure on those projects to \$6923, below the \$10,000 (maximum) voted at the 1989 special Wilky meeting.

The \$3694 on running costs is up substantially on previous years but some of this could be induced from the major projects and should stabilise this year. Fuel costs increased from \$350 to \$900 due mainly to the switch from 50/50 wood/briquette to 100% wood. An unexpected cost was an additional \$707 3rd party insurance policy (additional to contents and building policies) as it was revealed part way through the year that the Federation of Walking Clubs' policy didn't cover this vital aspect.

As announced at the 1989 special Wilky meeting, the Wilky account had accumulated some \$6,600 over 7 years prior to the major projects. Over the last 2 financial years (1990 and 1991) it lost a net \$3680 (income \$8281 exp \$11961). Thus Wilky has a current reserve of about \$2900 (thanks to the record winter usage last year). I would like to see the reserve built back over the next 2-3 years as there are other projects on the horizon that we have to do. At the same time I don't want to raise the lodge fees as the present members have made a considerable contribution in both time and money. On the twin assumptions that running costs can be held and there is a good fee income this year, there is no need to increase fees for 1991.

I propose to make the winter groups fees payable in advance with a key deposit as it has taken up to 3-4 phone calls over 4-5 weeks to get the keys and fees off the odd recalcitrant group. Pre-payment is, in the long run, much easier for both the lodge manager and group leaders.

All 1991 rates stay the same as 1990 (note weekly/daily winter rates), viz:-

Non-winter group - \$5/night for members, \$8/night non-members, with a concession of 50% for pensioner/student members.

Winter groups - \$42/week members (no concession), \$84/week non-members, daily rates 1/5th the appropriate weekly rate. The key deposit will be \$50 (winter groups only) refundable when the key(s) are returned, but less a \$5/week/key deduction for keys not returned within the following week.

Graeme Thornton.

Graeme Thornton - Lodge Manager