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- YOUR CLUB 1991 -

Office bearers and Committee:

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Social Secretary	Rosa d'Angelo
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News Convenor	Gina Hopkins
General Committee	Alan Clarke
	Stephen Down
	Nigel Holmes
	Becky Marshall
	Liz Telford
Auditors	Rosemary Cotter
	Pat Gray

The following members have agreed to keep up their good work for the club, namely:

Club contacts	Grahame and Sue Errey
	Geoff and Jenny Kenafacke
	Jim and Libby Marsden
Phone contact for enquiries	Anne and Peter Bullard
Equipment officer	Ian Newbold
"News" despatch	Douglas Wilhoft
Clubroom cleaning and supplies	Margaret Borden

Club walks & activities:

Day walk - medium and easy	Every Sunday
Weekend pack-carry or base-camp	2-4 per month
Extended weekend pack-carry or base-camp	Public holidays
Dandenong Explorers	Saturday, 3rd of each month
Mid-week day walk	Wednesday, once per month
Historical walks	Saturday, once per month
Track clearing	Twice per year
Ski touring	Throughout winter
Canoe trips/Lilo trips	Christmas
Social events	Throughout the year

Annual Subscription (now payable - see last page of News)

Ordinary Members	\$27
Concession	\$18
Couples	\$39
News Subscribers	\$15

Visitor's fee (per trip) \$5 (See Committee Notes)

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

Hi Bushies!

I'm your new social secretary, Rosa D'Angelo. Being basically a bright-eyed and bushy-tailed person, I'm really excited about being on the committee and about the social year ahead.

To keep you informed about coming social events, look for my articles in The News, my notices on the board in the entrance area of the clubrooms and for me of course on a Wednesday night in the clubrooms.

Being also so new to the job, I'll need all the help and support I can get.

Help me by:

- (a) Show up! Nothing gives me more of a buzz than lots of bushies showing up at one of my events.
- (b) Telling me what you want to do. Give me some suggestions, but also give me some background information, make some calls for me, find out costs, times, etc.
- (c) Spread the word. Help spread the details of where we are going, what time we're meeting, etc.

COMING EVENTS - APRIL**SATURDAY, 13 APRIL - BOARD GAMES NIGHT**

Jean Giese has graciously allowed me to organise a board games night at her house. Bring along any board game you want to play - but I'd like to see Pictionary if anyone has it ?!

More information will be available in the clubrooms during April.

Some time during April, or sooner if I can, I would like to organise a group to go to "Hamlet" the movie, starring Mel Gibson as Hamlet and Glenn Close as his mother. I intend to organise "Movie Monies" for the night so it should cost us only \$6.50. It will be on a Monday, Thursday or Friday night.

And for May, I was thinking of organising a movie night with a good old-fashioned movie projector. Stuart Hodgson has the projector, we'll get the film, but we need a large lounge/rumpus room. If you could accommodate about 30 bushies in your lounge room, please let me know.

See you in the clubrooms. Rosa D'Angelo.

50TH ANNIVERSARY PHOTOS

Sorry about the delay on these, however we are just a few short of being able to obtain worthwhile discounts on the processing. Therefore anyone who has yet to order, or is considering doing so, please do so as soon as possible.

Alan Clarke Phone:

FOR SALE - DRY JAPARA - \$60

I would like to sell a Dry Japara that has hardly been used. Small size, colour blue. The jacket is totally waterproof and very lightweight, ideal for a new member. Please call Liz Telford on in business hours.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In the leading article in The News, January 1991, one person tells us what his idea of a bushwalk is and tries to convince us his is the only way to enjoy one.

The authoritarian tone of the article, its first paragraph references to the (capital L) Leader, its Star Chamber-like threats of sanctions by mostly anonymous "senior leaders" against hinted at but never named transgressors leave a nasty aftertaste. I had not believed that there were here people arrogant enough to prescribe to others how they should enjoy their Sunday bushwalk, nor do I imagine many bushwalkers are sufficiently sheeplike to allow others to prescribe the manner of their enjoyment.

Despite the above, my experience of our walk leaders has been quite different. Our leaders are reasonable people who will agree that our liberty to enjoy our Sunday walks in our individual ways must not be limited except by discouraging any one's behaviour that compromises either the safety or the enjoyment of others on the walk. The walkers who are also reasonable will surely concur on what constitutes such behaviour. The only remaining problem is that of the necessary two-way communication and agreement between the leader and those s/he shares the walk with.

As far as "tearaways" are concerned, this two-way communication must include a clear understanding of where those in front should stop and wait for the rest of the group. If the leader is familiar with the walk, reaching such an understanding should present no difficulty. Only if those up front were to breach such an understanding would the leader have cause for complaint.

In the matter of "unwritten" and "written" (engraved on stone tablets, yet?) laws, please, for sanity's sake, as few as are strictly necessary. Or was anyone thinking of adopting as a start the traditional Middle East half step between the superior Leader and the inferior follower?

Peter Havlicek

DAY WALKS - APRIL 1991**SUN. 24 MARCH '91 KINGLAKE PARK - EASTERN REGION E/MED & MED**

This is the date of the Federation Walk in Marysville, detailed in last month's News. As it is not viable for our bus to arrive there early enough, members wishing to go on the Federation Walk are advised to use private transport.

For those who can't or don't wish to travel privately, here is an alternative trip.

LEADERS : TREVOR & ROSEMARY THOMSON
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 6.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : STRATHEWEN 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 15 & 17 KM

We will traverse the Kinglake Park from North to South - Jehosophat Gully to Buttermans Track. Both groups will have some ups and downs, the easier group on both major and minor bush tracks, the medium group including some off-track walking.

SUN. 31 MARCH '91 TIPPERARY TRACK - DAYLESFORD - HEPBURN SPRINGS EASY/MED & MEDIUM

LEADER : PENNY STAPLEY
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : CASTLEMAINE 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 18 KM

A very pleasant walk all on forest tracks in the Mineral Springs area around Daylesford. Bring a cup if you wish to 'take the waters'. The walk can easily be shortened if necessary.

SUN. 7 APRIL '91 ANGLESEA - AIREY'S INLET EASY/MED & MED

LEADERS : JOHN ROSEMAN & JOHN STANSK
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.30 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : AIREYS INLET
 APPROX DISTANCE : 17 KM

The medium walk will start and finish at Mount Ingobsly following the salt creek marsh deep into the Otway State Forest. Scenic views of Bass Straits and the surrounding Otway State Forest are a feature of this walk.

The easy walk will follow Distillery Creek North of Airey's Inlet to finish at Lookout Hill. This will be a more down-to-earth walk to low-lying swamp areas.

DAY WALKS - CONTINUED**SUN. 14 APRIL '91 MT WORTH STATE PARK EASY & E/MEDIUM**

LEADERS : LIZ TELFORD & DARRELL ROLFE
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.30 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE :
 APPROX DISTANCE : 14 & 16 KM

The park is a superb pocket of rainforest in the Strzelecki Ranges that has survived the clearer's axe. The walk is mainly on tracks through forest that includes tall mountain ash, mountain grey gum and silver wattle, with cool tree ferns lining the creeks. Abundant bird and animal life includes wedge-tailed eagles, lyrebirds, rosellas, wombats, echidnas, bandicoots and platypus. You may even hear the world's largest worm gurgling beneath your feet. The walk also includes panoramic views of the green rolling hills of the LaTrobe Valley.

It is advised that you carry wet-weather gear and water. An end of walk treat of scones and tea/coffee will be provided by the ranger's children for a small fee.

WED. 17 APRIL '91 POWELLTOWN TRAMLINES E/MED

LEADERS : SPENCER GEORGE
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 MEETING PLACE : 8.30 A.M. AT 9 ALBERT CRESCENT, SURREY HILLS
 EXPECTED RETURN : 6.30 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : SPION KOPJE & ADA RIVER, 1:25,000 VICMAP
 APPROX DISTANCE : 15 KM

We will be walking through some of the most scenic forests around Melbourne in the headwaters of the LaTrobe and Yarra rivers. The Forestry Commission calls it "A walk into history".

SUN. 21 APRIL '91 MT. MARTHA - POINT NEPEAN E/MED & MED

LEADERS : ALAN CLARKE & IAN NEWBOLD
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.30 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : CAPE SCHANK 1:25,000, MELWAYS 170-71, 253-54, 259-60
 APPROX DISTANCE : 13 & 18 KM

Most people associate Mornington Peninsula with beaches. However, this walk will be down the centre of the peninsula and take in much of the bush that has been thankfully preserved, including Greens Bush. We will also pass farmland, and hopefully have an opportunity for a swim in a dam if it is hot.

DAY WALKS - CONTINUED**THURS. 25 APRIL '91 MT. WAVERLEY - FERN TREE GULLY MEDIUM**

LEADER : ATHOL SCHAFER
 TRANSPORT : MEET UNDER THE CLOCKS IN TIME TO CATCH 9.19 A.M. TRAIN TO GLEN WAVERLEY
 EXPECTED RETURN : 6.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : MELWAYS NOS.71, 72, 63, 64, 74 (in sequence)
 APPROX DISTANCE : 16 KM

After leaving the leafy suburb of Glen Waverley we will enter the Dandenong Valley Metropolitan Park at Shepherd's Bush. Lunch at Norton's Park. Downhill after lunch with striking views of the Dandenongs. Thereafter the winding Blind Creek Trail leads to the gully, hopefully arriving there about 4.30 p.m. This is a new walk for the Club.

SAT. 27 APRIL DANDENONGS EXPLORER: OLINDA STATE FOREST EASY

LEADERS : KATH FITZGERALD & PAM WESTGATE
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : 4.00 P.M. TO CAR PARK
 MAP REFERENCE : MELWAYS 120, 122
 APPROX DISTANCE : 11 KM

Meet at Olinda Falls car park (Falls Road) at 11 a.m. Depart 11.15 a.m. We plan a round trip along the creek to Olinda Creek Road, Bartletts Road then through the forest via Yallambie Way back to the car park.

The 9.29 a.m. train from Flinders Street gets to Upper Fern tree Gully at 10.35 a.m.
 Ring Pam on or Kath if you require transport from the station.

WEEKEND WALKS - APRIL 1991**22-24 MARCH MT BUFFALO BASE CAMP EASY**

LEADER : MICK MANN
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 APPROX DISTANCE : BLUDGE

We will base camp at Lake Catani on top of Mt Buffalo. There are plenty of walks to do near Lake Catani. We may have to drive to a few places such as the Horn. I believe afternoon tea is served at the Chalet. Come along and have fun!!

29 MARCH - 1 APRIL BOGONG VILLAGE - SPION KOPJE MEDIUM

LEADER : ROSEMARY COTTER
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE

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

WEEKEND WALKS - CONTINUED**5-7 APRIL WELLINGTON RIVER - LAKE TALIKARNG EASY/MEDIUM**

LEADER : MAX CASLEY
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 MAP REFERENCES : VICMAP TALIKARNG 1:25,000, LICOLA - WELLINGTON 1:50,000
 ALGONA LAKE TALIKARNG
 VMTC SNOWY PLAINS, MT KENT AND TALIKARNG

The beautiful Lake Tali Karng hidden in the mountains, undiscovered even by the aborigines until last century is one of the most popular bushwalking destinations. We will visit it the weekend just after Easter, so there may be fewer people around than usual.

I plan to start at McFarlane's Saddle, which involves a car shuffle but it gives a varied walk mainly downhill. We will camp above the lake, and after pitching tents we can do a short walk to the Sentinels for a view down to the lake - bring a small day pack. Next morning we will go down to Tali Karng and then along the Wellington River (about 16 river crossings). If there is time, we will visit Croll's Gorge.

12-14 APRIL SQUARE HEAD JINNY - MT HOWITT MEDIUM/HARD

LEADER : STEPHEN DOWN
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : 9.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : VICMAP HOWITT/SELWYN 1:50,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 36 KM

The start of the walk will be near Bindaree Hut off the Mt Stirling Circuit Rd. We will then climb up through the cliffs of Square Head Jinny. This walk won't be suitable for people who are not confident with big drops. Once on top we will head along the ridge, climbing Mt Lovick, Picture Point, Mt Magdala and Hells Window. We will camp on the saddle below Hells Window.

The next morning we climb over Big Hill and then up to Mt Howitt. We will then either descend Stanley Name Spur track off the Cross Cut Saw or the Howitt Spur track back to the car, depending on weather, etc.

19-21 APRIL GUYS HUT - WONNANGATTA RIVER MEDIUM

LEADER : KEITH WHITE
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : 8.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : NATMAP HOWITT 1:100,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 32 KM

It's been a long time coming, my first serious attempt to visit the Wonnangatta Valley. We will start walking from Guy's Hut car park and descend Dry River to the Wonnangatta to camp near the mysterious Wonnangatta Station. On Sunday, we will return to our cars via Conglomerate Creek.

WEEKEND WALKS - CONTINUED**24-28 APRIL****GRAMPIANS BASE CAMP****EASY & MEDIUM**

LEADERS : JEAN GIESE, BOB STEELE, DOUG POCOCK
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 MAP REFERENCE : VICMAP OUTDOOR LEISURE SERIES NORTHERN GRAMPIANS
 APPROX DISTANCE: VARIED

These four days include Anzac Day.

Camp will be at Boraugh Huts on the Grampians Tourist Rd just south of Lake Bellfield. We'll explore the Serra and Wonderland Ranges with some easy and some medium walks.

Also on offer will be -

2 DAYS ON MAJOR MITCHELL PLATEAU

Doug will lead a pack-carrying trip, reaching camp by lunchtime, Thursday. That afternoon and Friday morning will be spent with day packs exploring the Plateau, returning to base camp Friday late afternoon. This trip will be suitable for beginners in pack-carrying.

THE END OF THE TRACK

Paddy Pallin died in Sydney on 3rd January 1991 aged 90.

Paddy Pallin came to Australia in 1926. In 1930 he and his wife made an adventurous canoe trip down the Shoalhaven River from Long Point Lookout, Tallong to Bomaderry Creek, Nowra. When he returned to his office after the trip he found that he was another victim of the Great Depression.

He started a back bedroom industry, using a household treadle sewing machine to make tents, packs and other gear for bushwalkers and scouts. Today there are Paddy Pallin shops in Melbourne, Box Hill, Sydney, Canberra, Jindabyne (NSW) and Carringbah (NSW).

Paddy was President and Secretary of The Federation of Bushwalking Clubs in NSW for many years. In 1934 he became the first organiser of Search and Rescue for the Federation in NSW. He retired from this position in 1976 after 42 years service. Paddy was active with scouts and helped found the Youth Hostels Association in NSW.

At 54 Paddy learnt to ski across the snowfields at Kiandra. He helped with the alterations of a building which became the YHA hostel in Kiandra. Then in 1958 he helped with the building of the new YHA hostel in Thredbo. In 1965 he organised the Paddy Pallin Ski Classic from Round Mountain (near Kiandra) to Perisher (near Thredbo).

Paddy led many Easter bushwalking trips in the Budawangs before this area became a National Park. He was still bushwalking in 1987.

I still use a Paddy Made pack on Lilo trips, a Paddy Made tent on base camps and my Paddy Made water bucket, billies and Paddy fingers go on all my trips.
 We'll miss you Paddy.

Spencer George

WALK AGAINST WANT - SUNDAY, 14 APRIL

This is a fundraising event for Community Aid Abroad. If you are interested, see the details pinned on the Notice Board.

We receive many brochures and notices in the post. Just recently we have removed some of the old stuff from the Notice Board, and pinned up lots of new and exciting pamphlets and papers full of interesting articles and places to go, etc. Have a look next time you are in the clubroom.

WALKS SECRETARY'S REPORT - 1990

Walks statistics for 12 months of 1990 compared against previous years:

Year	Total	Day	Weekend	Pack Carry	Members	Visitors	Number of Trips
1990	2842	2403	439	140	2131	711	130
1989	2584	2130	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

1. Need to encourage new leaders, particularly day walks.
2. Need to encourage more weekend walking, particularly pack carrying.
3. Navigation skills often essential for more interesting off-track walking.
4. General membership to offer ideas on favourite walking trips.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT - 1990/91

There was very little change in membership numbers between last year and this year. We started the year with a total of 367 members and finished with 364 members. During the year 48 new member joined the club. The membership at the end of the year comprised -

Ordinary members	342
Honorary members	13
Life members	9
	<u>364</u>

News subscribers 16

Penny Stapley, Membership Secretary 20/2/91

COMMITTEE NOTES - 4 MARCH 1991**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

Transport Accident Commission re request for help
 Chinamans lodge re advertising
 Ambleside Lodge re advertising
 Melbourne Water Resources review re Acknowledgement of our response
 Bogong Jack re Request to use Wilky

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

Brian Smith re information
 Water Resources Review re our response

WALKS REPORT - JANUARY:

<u>Total</u>	<u>Day walkers</u>	<u>W/E walkers</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Visitors</u>	<u>Fees</u>
221	164	57	163	58	\$1484

TRANSPORT:

The bus has failed its Vehicle Inspection and needs repairs. These have been authorised. If necessary a hire bus will be used in the interim period. Other options are to be examined later.

TREASURER'S REPORT MARCH 1991:**BALANCE:**

Current Account	\$4662.83
Reserves Account	\$33,000.00
Postage float	\$500.00

PAYMENTS TO BE RATIFIED:

Rampower (Fuel January)	\$349.81
Printed Matter P/1 (Autumn Programme)	\$74.40
P. Bullard (First Aid items)	\$65.19
Driving & Garaging (January)	\$440.00
D.Barson (Maintenance & tools)	\$231.06
Associations Incorporation Office	\$27.50
Dinner dance (Bogarts)	\$450.00
Pennt Stapley (postage & incidentals)	\$19.30
Bank charges & taxes	\$52.23
A. Bullard (postage)	\$43.00
P. Scully (Equipment hire reimbursement)	\$21.00

BILLS TO BE PAID:

P. Gronow (Van Maintenance)	\$410.00
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GENERAL BUSINESS:

VISITORS FEES: The request from the AGM to re-examine the \$5 visitors fee was debated at length.

It was decided that the \$5 fee will stand for all qualifying walks, day and weekend. The fees will be rebated on application for membership. There will be no concession fees.

Juniors (under 16) will not be charged a visitors fee.

COMMITTEE DUTIES:

The following people agreed to look after:

Wilderness Society	Janet
STAV	No rep
Friends of Bogong	Held over until next meeting
Track Maintenance	Nigel
Equipment	Becky
Conservation Council of Vic	Alan
Federation of Vic walking clubs	Athol
Aust Conservation Foundation	Alan
National Parks	Liz
Search & Rescue	Nigel to investigate
Maps	Trevor Thompson/Max
50 year publication liason	Liz

DUTY ROSTER:

March	13	Alan and Rosa
March	20	Nigel and Alan
March	27	Gina and Derrick
April	3	Jean and Liz
April	10	Becky and Liz

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 8 April at 7 pm.

NEW MEMBERS

The Club would like to welcome the following new members:

Gareth Pocock

Dot Christian

Dianne McKinley

Judy Smallman

Mary Leonard

Bruce Sutherland

Geoff Harrison

John Stanshall

CHANGE OF INFORMATION

Denis Barson

Trish Elmore

Paul Photios

1991 SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

It's that time of year again folks! Members have three months (March, April, May) to renew membership. Failure to pay dues within the time specified means that qualifying walks will be necessary to rejoin.

Please fill in the form below and post, together with your payment, to:

Membership Secretary
Melbourne Bushwalkers
PO Box 17510
MELBOURNE 3001

Ordinary Members	\$27	___	Please tick one
Concession	\$18	___	
Couples	\$39	___	
News Subscribers	\$15	___	

YOUR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NO. (H) _____ (W) _____