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SOCIAL COLUMN

Hi Bushies!

Last month I had my first official club function - the games night at Jean Giese's house. It was a great night. I think the best part of the evening was when about 15 bushies gathered round a little card table with Jean's "Budget Macquarie Dictionary" (which looked more like a telephone book) and played several rounds of Dictionary. The port flowed freely, imaginations even freer. So what was a buddle? And who said a "ambuck was a young Zimbabwe man?"

Pictionary was great fun, thank you Ken MacMahon for the loan. Oh, by the way, my team won... of course.

Thank you Jean for allowing 30 odd bushies loose in your house. And thank you Sylvia Andrews for keeping the food, tea and coffee flowing.

I would love to organise another games evening soon. So if you have a lounge room that would fit 20 to 30 bushies (on the floor if necessary) please let me know.

MOVIES

Last month I sold all my tickets to see "Hamlet" so I must have had at least 20 people there. The next movie I want to organise is "Dances With Wolves" for **Monday 20th May**. I have changed the location for this movie. Instead of seeing it in the city, I thought we would try the Rivoli on Camberwell Road, Camberwell (near the tram depot). I have also changed the night to Monday night because I thought it would be easier to find a carpark on a Monday rather than a Friday night.

But it will still be \$6.50 !!!! So get your movie monies from me in the clubrooms.

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Please note that articles for "The News" may be faxed to the News Convenor on
Closing date for the June edition is Monday 3rd June.

Meetings are held in the clubrooms, Mackenzie Street, Melbourne (rear of the Horticultural Society building) every Wednesday night 7.00-9.00 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

SOCIAL COLUMN (cont.)

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Some of you may not realise that a group of bushies meet before the Wednesday night club meeting for a bite to eat or just a cappuccino. We meet at Toto's Pizza Restaurant, 103 Lygon Street, Carlton, between 6 and 7 p.m. Go into the pizza/bistro part, not the restaurant. Look for Michael Mann - he's always there!

GARAGE SALE

Not many bushies have come up to me with camping/ski equipment that they want to sell. I guess I'll have to skip this idea unless people talk to me soon.

BUSH DANCE

Don't forget that on **Friday 24th May** there is a bush dance organised by the YHA held at the South Melbourne town hall. Tickets are \$10. You don't have to be a bushie to enjoy a bush dance, and you certainly don't need to know how to dance as they explain each dance before it begins. So grab a couple of friends, a basket of food, something to drink and be prepared for a good night out.

Please hurry, I only have tickets for two tables.
Do you like the graphics on my poster?

G.T.'S PUB CRAWL

Graeme Thornton, is starting to get really excited about his pub crawl. We'll "preview" the walk soon, to determine the best route to take. It will be the first Saturday in June, visiting pubs in Richmond on Bridge Road. And I'm still aiming to end it at the Bridge Road Hotel where you can have a very nice cappuccino, slice of cake or two and they often have afternoon music, usually jazz.

BIKE RIDE

After my article about my "spontaneous Saturday arvo bike ride", several closet bike riders came out and lamented the fact that they had missed out. Do not despair! I will organise another one in June, especially if the ski season is late. I have two ideas. One is the Yarra River bike track trip, starting from Como House and travelling upstream for about four hours return. Hire bikes are available from this starting point. The other bike ride will be an overnight trip.

But there are stacks of rides we can do, I'll organise them if there is a demand for them.

Look for my posters in the clubrooms, I promise to give at least 3 weeks warning before either event.

Rosa D'Angelo

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*	WHAT'S ON	*
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*	Movie: Dances With Wolves	Monday 20 May 8.00 pm
*	Navigation Instruction (clubrooms)	Thurs. 23 May 7.30 pm
*	Bush Dance (S. Melbourne)	Friday 24 May 7.30 pm
*	Garage Sale - Camping/Ski gear	???
*	G.T.'s Pub Crawl (Richmond)	Sat. 1 June afternoon
*	Bike Ride	Sat. in June (or later)
*	Marysville Weekend	21-23 June
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MARYSVILLE GUEST HOUSE WEEKEND

Friday June 21st to Sunday June 23rd

This is your opportunity to enjoy a great weekend of relaxation and/or activities in comfortable surroundings and with generous hospitality.

Bookings open in the clubrooms on **Wednesday May 15th at 7.30 p.m.** with Michael Humphrey and Alison Blaker. Payment must be made in full with precedence given to personal bookings ahead of mail/phone bookings.

The cost is \$98.00 per person and rooms with private facilities are \$20.00 per room extra. (If over 50 persons attend, there will be a refund of \$5 per person.)

Pat and Paul Gray will take over the arrangements after Friday May 24th.

50TH ANNIVERSARY PHOTOS

The official photographs of the 50th anniversary celebrations are now available in the clubrooms. Those that were to be mailed were sent on the 18th April. If yours was to be mailed and you have not yet received it please contact me on .

Those who still wish to get a photo but have not yet ordered, the easiest way now will be to get a copy from someone who did!

Enlargements of the 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's walkers will be mounted in the clubrooms, with the names of those in the photo. However, I still need to identify some people, especially from the earlier groups. If any members are able to help, please contact me.

Alan Clarke

FOR SALE

Fairydown Altimate II snow tent - 2-3 person, 2 hoop tunnel tent, good condition, light use **\$300**

Contact Ian Dunnadge - Phone: (H) , (W)

DAY WALKS - JUNE 1991**SUN. 2 JUNE 91 WERRIBEE GORGE EASY/MED & MED/HARD**

LEADERS : KEITH WHITE & JANET NORMAN
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : INGLISTON 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 12 & 16 KM

The Werribee Gorge offers spectacular views and varied walking terrain in a compact area. The easy/medium walk will circle the main section of the park, including Falcon's Lookout and the Werribee River.

The medium/hard walk will do a broader circuit exploring all three gorges - Werribee, Ironbark and Ingliston - in the park.

There are some ups and downs and rock-hopping.

SUN. 9 JUNE 91 GUNNAMATTA BEACH - CAPE SCHANK EASY/MED & MED

LEADERS : GINA HOPKINS & DERRICK BROWN
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : MELWAYS PAGES (RECENT EDITION) 251,252,258,259
 APPROX DISTANCE : 16 & 19 KM

This will be a delightful winter walk, with surf, sand, rock pools, dunes and cliffs along the way. The walk will start from Rye Back Beach, and follow the coast along Gunnamatta Beach to Cape Schank. The cliffs leading to the Cape offer magnificent coastal views. We will explore Cape Schank, then continue along the coast past Bushranger Bay, turning inland for the last part of the walk. The easy/medium walk will do a little less beach walking at the start.

MON. 10 JUNE 91 MERRI PATH EASY

LEADER : ATHOL SCHAFER
 TRANSPORT : MEET UNDER THE CLOCKS IN TIME TO CATCH 9.52 A.M. TRAIN
 TO VICTORIA PARK

From Dight's Falls, the path is followed upstream to the bluestone stockade and finishing at Coburg Lake. You may obtain a detailed map of the path at the MMBW Headquarters, Spencer Street. The walk finishes at about 3.30 p.m.

SUN. 16 JUNE 91 MT. DISAPPOINTMENT STATE FOREST EASY & MED

LEADERS : ALAN MILLER & GILL ROBERTS
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : KINGLAKE WEST 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 14 & 17 KM

Mt Disappointment is just north of Whittlesea and not far from the Hume Highway. I am told that it was named by Hume and Hovell who climbed it in 1824 hoping to see the sea.

The walks will be on tracks through eucalypt forest with some wattle and other trees and shrubs in the areas which have been cleared. There are no steep hills. We will start by climbing Mt. Disappointment from the picnic area.

DAY WALKS - CONTINUED**WED. 19 JUNE 91 WARRAMATE HILLS, GRUYERE EASY/MED**

LEADERS : JAN LLEWELYN
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 MEETING PLACE : 9.00A.M. 9 ALBERT CRESCENT, SURREY HILLS OR
 10.00A.M. WANDIN NORTH SHOPPING CENTRE CAR PARK, WARBURTON HWY
 MELWAYS PAGE 119 B11
 EXPECTED RETURN : 5.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : TARRAWARRA 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 10 KM

A pleasant stroll along the Yarra Flats, rising to the summits of the range for lookout from the fire tower on Briarty Hill.

SUN. 23 JUNE 91 YOU YANGS EASY & MED

LEADERS : IAN NEWBOLD & PETER BULLARD
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.

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

SAT. 29 JUNE 91 DANDENONGS EXPLORER: JOHNS HILL - MONBULK EASY/MED

LEADER : MIKE CLODE
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE OR 8.49 A.M. TRAIN FROM FLINDERS ST TO BELGRAVE
 MEETING PLACE : 10.00A.M. BELGRAVE STATION CAR PARK (train from Flinders St arrives 10.03)
 MAP REFERENCE : MELWAYS PAGES 124 & 125. COMMENCES AND FINISHES K11
 APPROX DISTANCE : 14 KM

Sandra Bardwell describes this walk in her '50 Day Walks Near Melbourne' as "an English-style country ramble along streams and lanes". Being the end of June we might also have to cope with some English-style rain and mud but, if the weather is kind, the panoramic views from John's Hill across to Port Phillip Bay and Western Port can be captivating.

Descending John's Hill, we join Menzies Creek at Avars Picnic Ground, turning west when we meet the Woori Yallock Creek at Butterfield Reserve. We continue to follow the creek after it changes its name to Sassafras and then on to Moxhams Picnic Ground. Up to this point we have been using defined paths through thick vegetation and trees, walking close to and parallel with the road, though largely unaware of it. From Moxhams we follow Priors, Portman, William and Ridge roads to return to the cars.

Bring warm and rainproof clothing and water as well as lunch. I shall be in the clubrooms on Wednesday. 26/6/91 to co-ordinate transport.

SUN. 30 JUNE 91 PORTARLINGTON - EDWARDS POINT EASY & EASY/MED

LEADER : ROSA D'ANGELO & MAUREEN HURLEY
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : MELWAYS PAGES 239-241
 APPROX DISTANCE : 15 & 20 KM

The easy/medium walk will start at Portarlington, and the easy walk will start about 5 km further down, at Point George. The walks will pass the shipwreck "The Ozone" at Indented Head which makes a great photo and where pelicans are often seen. Both walks will go down to the Wildlife Reserve which is one of the best parts of the walk. It's all beach walking, but considering it's June, I don't think we'll go for a swim.

WEEKEND WALKS - JUNE 1991**7-10 JUNE 91 HATTAH LAKES - MURRAY RIVER - KULKYNE E/MEDIUM**

LEADER : KEITH WHITE
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : 8.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : VICMAP: HATTAH LAKES
 APPROX DISTANCE : 30 KM (WITH PACK)

The Hattah-Kulkyne has always been one of my favourite walking areas. You can normally expect cold nights and warm days in June - fingers crossed.

This is a pack-carrying trip with a day walk on Sunday.

We will start from Lake Hattah camping area following the shore line of the southern lakes, then cross to the Murray River to camp for 2 nights. The return journey will again cross the Kulkyne and follow the shore line of the more northern lakes back to Hattah.

7-10 JUNE 91 HATTAH LAKES BASE CAMP EASY

LEADER : MICK MANN
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE

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

8-11 JUNE 91 KANGAROO ISLAND - SOUTH AUSTRALIA E/MEDIUM

LEADER : DAVE VINCENT
 TRANSPORT : LIGHT AIRCRAFT - COST \$150 EACH
 EXPECTED RETURN : 6.00 P.M. TUESDAY 11 JUNE
 MAP REFERENCE : TBA
 APPROX DISTANCE : 30 KM OVER 3 DAYS

The walk is planned over the Queen's Birthday long weekend. The walk will use a base camp at Rocky River in the Flinders Chase National Park, which is on the Western end of Kangaroo Island. Access will be by light aircraft from Melbourne. Kangaroo Island is 200 km SW of Adelaide and is only available by boat or light aircraft. For a group of six, including myself, the estimated cost will be only \$150 each.

For those who don't know the area, Flinders Chase National Park is SA's most important wildlife refuge. There are no rabbits, foxes or dingoes on the Island. For this reason some mammals and many bird species have been introduced from the mainland to ensure their survival. Native birds include the rare western whipbird, and the yellow-tailed black cockatoo which is found nowhere else in SA. Three major rivers dissect the area and they flow year round. These rivers support dense forests, dominated by sugar gums.

For further details and to book a place on this walk, contact Dave Vincent at home on phone:

21-23 JUNE 91 MARYSVILLE GUESTHOUSE WEEKEND EASY & EASY/MED

LEADERS : PAT & PAUL GRAY (Phone:)
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Marysville weekend at "Mountain Lodge" King Street, Marysville, with hosts Suzette and Herbert Nassl.

Daytime activities will include organised half day walks with skiing, golfing, cycling, horse riding available in the area and tennis (tennis shoes required on the court) and croquet available on site.

MARYSVILLE WEEKEND (continued)

Evening activities can include table tennis, billiards, board games, sing songs (piano available but B.Y.O. song book and music), fireside reading, chatting, etc.

Official arrival time is after dinner Friday with supper provided around 9.30 p.m. You may check in during the afternoon and dine locally at "The Cumberland", the Marysville hotel, or a take-away/milk bar. The weekend finishes after the "Christmas" lunch on Sunday.

Transport is private. If you need a lift or wish to share your car, the leaders may be able to arrange this. Alternatively, Whights bus service is available - phone _____ for times and booking.

28 JUNE - 1 JULY 91 WILKY INTRODUCTION - SKIING MEDIUM

LEADERS : KEN MACMAHON & GRAEME THORNTON
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : MONDAY EVENING
 MAP REFERENCE : BOGONG ALPINE AREA (OUTDOOR LEISURE MAP) 1:50,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 20 KM (WITH PACKS)

This trip is aimed primarily at those who have heard how wonderful Wilky can be under snow but are lacking the confidence or experience necessary to get there and back again.

A pre-requisite, of course, is an ability to cross-country ski with a 10-15 kg pack - even when the weather isn't nice!

Once there, GT and Ken will conduct lessons in:

- how to drive Wilky,
- hooting down steep hills,
- repairing broken skis and bones,
- feast preparation,
- night skiing in blizzards (optional), etc, etc.

28-30 JUNE 91 BARMAH FOREST EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER : SPENCER GEORGE
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : 8.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : BARMAH FOREST (CFL)
 APPROX DISTANCE : 20 KM

Barmah Forest is on the Murray River north of Nathalia. It is an important resource for red gum timber and water birds. During our walk we may see emus, kangaroos, river views and many birds.

Camp is planned at a grassy riverbank amongst young red gums.

WALKS PROGRAMME FOR SPRING 1991

Hello there fellow walkers! I'm looking for ideas for walks for the Spring Programme - September, October and November. During the next few weeks the programme will be drafted by the Walks Subcommittee, which consists of Jean Giese, Keith White, Nigel Holmes, Mark Walters and myself, with advice from Fred Halls.

If you have any suggestions, please let one of us know.

Max Casley

ALONG THE TRACK

LAKE TARLI KARNG 5-7 APRIL 1991

A longish drive on Friday evening is required for the walks on the Snowy Plains, so a nice campsite at Breakfast Creek on the Wellington River was appreciated. We walked from McFarlane Saddle carpark to Spion Kopje, then onto Gillios Track and down to Lake Tarli Karng, where we were to camp. Mary, bringing up the rear and feeling somewhat exhausted on the steep descent into Tarli Karng, asked the leader how much further there was to go (meaning to the campsite). She mentally fortified herself by considering that the worst case scenario would be "half-way". Max, believing the question referred to the length of the entire weekend walk, replied "Not quite half-way". Mary stoically shouldered her pack without a word and continued on down the track, being much relieved to find the group a few metres ahead putting up the tents.

Unfortunately, the evidence of other campers at the lake was more than apparent - 17 fire sites just where we were, complete with tin cans, and many more elsewhere. Some enterprising campers had destroyed and burnt the dunny.

Whilst some people lazed around camp, some of the braver (crazy?) souls swam in the freezing lake, and others climbed up to the Sentinels, returning to camp in the dark. We left Tarli Karng on Sunday through the Valley of Destruction, following the Wellington River which emerges after a subterranean route from the lake. At lunchtime, the swimmers were in again in a deep river pool. At Shaws gap, the party split up, some bashing their way down a cliff to Crolls Gorge, then following this pretty gorge back to the track. Meeting up again at the carpark, the river again proved to be inviting for the swimmers, whilst the cars were retrieved. An excellent weekend.

Party - Leader Max Casley, Dave & Sylvia Andrews, Stan Mackowiak, Lloyd Young, Brian Bowditch, Mary Leonard, Rosa D'Angelo, Cameron McMillan, Les Southwell, Raf Byron, Derrick Brown

CENTRAL FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Department of Conservation and Environment is in the process of developing a Management Plan for the Central Forest Area. The Central Forest Area is that area approximately bordered by Kinglake, Healesville, Lake Eildon and the Hume Highway - hence, the Central Forests. The plan hopes to address all issues of resource use (ie. logging, mining, water catchments, etc.) and recreation (bushwalking, four wheel driving, trail bikes, deer hunting, etc.).

The relevance to the Club, and all others like us, is that we need to ensure that some consideration is given to our needs in the formulation of the plan. We must make sure that future bushwalks do not become more and more difficult because of the encroachment of users whose uses are not compatible with ours. While we are all prepared to compromise, we must ensure that our needs are heard and properly considered.

I recently attended a public meeting of the Central Forest Planning Group. The most striking thing was the representation from other users, particularly Deer Hunters, Trail Bikers and Four Wheel Drivers. Bushwalkers were also represented, but they did not appear as organised as the other groups. The danger is obviously that if we do not improve, our needs may not receive as high a priority as they should.

The Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs, to which we are affiliated, is endeavouring to improve our representation and is asking for support from member clubs and bushwalkers. The MBC committee has decided to encourage members to give more consideration to these issues, and to provide you with more information as to what can be done. Stay tuned!

In the meantime, we were able to give input to the Central Forests Plan, and it is being considered. At the moment, the key issues appear to be: access - specifically the closure of some roads and the maintenance of others; and cost - who should pay for the closures, maintenance and ongoing management. With the current position that the State Government is in financially, it would appear that the plan, when finished, may sit on a shelf for some time.

Alan Clarke

VICTORIAN NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION UPDATE**Logging in our National Parks - East Kiewa**

The Department is planning to log the scheduled East Kiewa addition to the Alpine National Park next spring. This area includes forest between Mt. Fainter, Mt. McKay, Bogong Village and Big Hill near Falls Creek. The area is well known for its Mountain Ash and biological importance. The Land Conservation Council has recommended that this region be added to the Alpine National Park.

The VNPA is campaigning to stop this proposed logging and urges us to write and protest against these moves. I will be writing on behalf of the Committee.

For more information, contact Jamie Pittock on

President of RSPCA to speak at VNPA next meeting

Dr Hugh Worth, President of the RSPCA, will speak on the national environment policy of the RSPCA at VNPA next meeting. Also, Di Ward from Dandenong Ranges NP will talk on problems of domestic and feral animals in our parks.

The meeting is on Wednesday 5 June "World Environment Day" 8.00p.m. Kay Scott Room, ground floor, Ormond College.

Drinks and nibbles available at 6.30p.m.

Liz Telford



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BUDGET ACCOMMODATION

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COMMITTEE NOTES - 6 MAY 1991**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

Friends of Bogong - Newsletter
 Wilderness Society
 Mick Mann - Business Cards for Committee members
 Joan MacMahon - re submissions for wilderness protection
 Barbara Whiston - re comments on the bus

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

None

WALKS REPORT - MARCH:

Total	Day walkers	W/E walkers	Members	Visitors	Fees
310	224	86	228	82	2530

TRANSPORT:

The Van sub-committee has not yet met to discuss the future of Club transport.
 Further enquiries are being made regarding the van repair invoice.

TREASURER'S REPORT AT 30 APRIL 1991:

APRIL RECEIPTS \$5969

BALANCE:

Current Account	\$2,919
Reserves Account	\$33,000
Postage float	<u>\$500</u>
Total	\$36,419

APRIL PAYMENTS MADE/ TO BE RATIFIED:

Various \$8,352

MAY PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL:

Various \$1617

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The By-Laws were amended so that :

- 1) the treasurer could pay bills up to \$100 without prior approval of the committee;
- 2) walk fees could be transferred from one walk to another if there was good reason for absence and the leader was forewarned.

The Committee is to meet on Monday 17 June especially to review all the By-laws.

DUTY ROSTER:

May	15	Alan and Stephen
May	22	Gina and Derrick
May	29	Rosa and Nigel
June	5	Becky and Rob

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 3 June at 7.00 pm.

NEW MEMBERS

The Club would like to welcome the following new members:

Leo Prestia

John Tolmie

Lisa Fielding

Paul Lamprecht

Robyn Terzis

Dami Mariadason

John Murphy

CHANGES OF INFORMATION

Valerie Elder

Janice Lawton

Rick Chater

Marijke & Graham Mascas

Ken & Joan MacMahon

Gwen Morgan

Graham Harding

Isabella Gulotta

Gill Roberts

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