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50 YEAR PUBLICATION..... HELP!

A committee has been set up to manage the writing and production of a publication to mark 50 years of the Melbourne Bushwalkers. We are already a year late but never mind, we still think that it is well worth doing! However, the task is daunting and **we need your help**. The target is to publish the book in June 1992.

Specifically, we need some ideas, some writers and a **designer**. So, if any of you, particularly those who have been around for a few years, would like to contribute articles, stories, anecdotes, pictures, etc., now is your chance! Before you put pen to paper, please contact the appropriate member of the committee to discuss your ideas.

Please note that contributions should be **double-spaced and preferably typed** (but don't let that put you off if this is not possible).

At (or after) the first meeting on 10 September the following people agreed to be part of the production team:

Managing Editor
Editor
Designer
Production Manager
Advertising Manager
Archives Manager
Distribution Manager
Committee Secretary
Typists

Maps
Photographs
Members w/o portfolio

Derrick Brown
Barbara Weiss
?????
Gina Hopkins
Sylvia Wilson
Alan Clarke
Trish Elmore
rotating
Tracy Guest,
Liz Telford
Barry Short
John Siseman
Athol Schafer

The following people have bravely agreed to write articles:

The 1940's
The 1950's
The 1960's

The 1970's
The 1980's
Wilky
Skiing
Liloing
Walking by train
Walk magazine & NEWS
Broadford-Yea marathon
Presidents
Gear
Conservation/Environment/
Track clearing/S&R
Club Bus
Social

Sylvia Wilson
Athol Schafer
Doug Pocock &
Jan Llewelyn
Tracy Guest
Noel Tolley
John Siseman
Graeme Thornton
Spencer George
Spencer George
Rex Filson
Jan Llewelyn
Liz Telford
Doug Pocock
????

Geoff Mattingley
Bob Steel

The target date for completed contributions is **15th December 1991**. This is to give us adequate time for the substantial job of editing, designing, etc, to be done prior to publication.

If you have something to contribute, don't wait to be asked - speak to someone! If you have previously volunteered your services, but have not been approached, sorry, it was not intentional. Please let me know.

With the above team already in harness and with your support I am sure that this will be a most worthwhile publication.

Derrick Brown

Correspondence should be directed to:

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MELBOURNE 3001

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

Please note that articles for "The News" may be faxed to the News Convenor on

Closing date for the November edition is Wednesday 30 October.

*** **LEADERS OF DECEMBER WALKS!** Please submit your previews by the closing date. ***

BEHIND THE SCENES

At the end of last year, I started a spot in "The News" under the above heading in which we wanted to acknowledge and thank those non-committee members who work quietly behind the scenes.

We have already featured:

1. Sadie the Cleaning Lady - Margaret Borden
2. "NEWS" despatch - Doug Wilhoft
3. Club phone enquiries - Anne & Peter Bullard

This month - no. 4 - Contacts

Listed on the back of the Walks Programme, our Contacts stand ready to receive any queries regarding the non-return or delay of walkers. The leader of each walk rings one of the Contacts at the conclusion of the walk. Any delay or emergency is notified to the Contacts as soon as possible.

At present grounded because of child nurturing, they are -

Graham & Sue Errey - 1960's walkers
Geoff & Jenny Kenafacke - 1960's walkers
Libby & Jim Marsden - 1970's walkers

Incidentally, these three couples all resulted from club romances.

Jean Giese, President

WALK FEES REDUCTION !!

From Sunday 20 October, walk fees for the Sunday bus transport will be **reduced**:

Normal	\$12	(reduced from \$13)
Concession	\$6	(reduced from \$7)

The visitor fee remains unchanged at \$5.

DAY WALKS - NOVEMBER 1991**SUN. 3 NOV 91 CAMPASPE RIVER - MITCHELLS FALLS EASY/MED & MED**

LEADERS : NIGEL HOLMES & ANDREW LOW
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.

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

TUE. 5 NOV 91 ELSTER CREEK PARKLANDS EASY

LEADER : PENNY STAPLEY OR ATHOL SCHAFFER
 TRANSPORT : MEET UNDER THE CLOCKS IN TIME TO CATCH THE 9.56A.M. TRAIN
 TO GLENHUNTLY
 EXPECTED RETURN : 4.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : MELWAY 68, 67, 58, 57 (IN SEQUENCE OF USE)
 APPROX DISTANCE : 14 KM

We'll leave Glenhuntly Station at 10.30 a.m. Since the walk returns to the same spot, you may prefer to drive - there's plenty of parking!

The route makes use of some attractive parks and green strips, and follows the coastline of Port Phillip Bay for a while at Elwood. If Athol leads the walk you will have the added bonus of historical information about the area. If he is unable to lead the walk, Penny will take you all for a swim at Elwood Beach (but only if you bring your bathers).

*** Note: This is a non-qualifying walk although it is not marked as such on the programme. ***

SUN. 10 NOV 91 HUGHES CREEK EASY, EASY/MED & MEDIUM

LEADERS : SYLVIA WILSON, ALAN MILLER & MICHAEL BAUER
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 8.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : MT BERNARD 1:25,000 & MT STEWART 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 10, 15 & 20 KM

Hughes Creek is a favourite Bushie walking area as it has a bit of everything: rolling hills, massive granite boulders, spectacular 360° views, nice fairly open bush and running through this the scenic, if unpredictable, Hughes Creek. Because of the latter we won't do any hairy crossings you'll be pleased to hear; and with three leaders we can do some interesting and challenging walks.

Starting from the Seymour approach, the Easy trip will be a loop into Waggs Range, going along the ridge tops and ending at "Bungle Boon". The other two walks start from here, the Medium doing an extra loop to Green Hill and Smiths Range before following the Easy Medium group who will first go up Wicket Hill, down to find the delightful gorge, up onto the Callen Range and then down to Hughes Creek for another search for the Native Orchid Reserve. Then a gentle amble north following the creek and ending at the Booroola Estate and Tarcombe Rd.

WED.13 NOV 91 MYRTLE CREEK - TANGLEFOOT TRACK EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER : JOAN HAIGH
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE, MEET AT 9 ALBERT CRES, SURREY HILLS AT 8.30 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 6.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : JULIER 1:50,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 17 KM

This is a repeat of an early Wednesday walk and a Sunday one in April. We shall be on formed tracks or roadway all the way in a tall timbered area not too far from Healesville. All being well we shall go over Mt. St. Leonard late in the walk.

SUN. 17 NOV 91 HEPBURN SPRINGS - MT. FRANKLIN EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS : ROSEMARY COTTER & GILL ROBERTS
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.30 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : DAYLESFORD 1:25,000, GUILDFORD 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 12 & 18 KM

Both walks take in a wide variety of scenery: creeks, farmland, state forest, crossing the crater of an extinct volcano, tracks and mineral springs. And there are views - what more could you want?!

SUN. 24 NOV 91 LORNE - FOREST AND BEACHES EASY & EASY/MEDIUM

LEADERS : MAUREEN HURLEY & ROSA D'ANGELO
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.

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

SAT. 30 NOV 91 MITCHELLS RESERVE - OLINDA STATE FOREST EASY/MED

LEADER : PAULINE WILLIAMS
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE

Details of this walk will appear in the November issue of "NEWS".

WEEKEND WALKS - NOVEMBER 1991**31 OCT -5 NOV 91 UPPER YARRA TRACK: BAW BAW - WARBURTON EASY/MED**

LEADER : JEAN GIESE
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE CARS
 EXPECTED RETURN : TUESDAY EVENING
 MAP REFERENCE : HEALESVILLE & MATLOCK 1:100,000;
 ADA RIVER, MCCARTHY, TANGIL BREN & TOORONGO 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 86 KM

About 80 years ago the Victorian Government developed a walking track from McVeigh's Hotel on the Yarra River near Reefton across the Baw Baw Plateau to the goldmining town of Walhalla. The track was very popular with walkers from near and far for many years. Then came the 1939 fires and later the route was closed to protect the Upper Yarra Reservoir catchment area.

Today's Upper Yarra Track is a new route which uses unsealed roads (closed to vehicles) or old timber tramlines and is a link to the Alpine Walking Track. Departing Surrey Hills at 7.00a.m. on Thursday morning by arranged transport, we will be dropped off to commence walking at the Northern end of the Baw Baw Plateau, finishing in Warburton in time to catch the 5.35 p.m. bus to Melbourne on Cup Day. Limit of 11 or 12.

Contact me early as transport arrangements have to be made.

1-5 NOV 91 BURROWA-PINE MOUNTAIN NAT. PARK BASE CAMP EASY/MED

LEADER : LEADER REQUIRED
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : TUSEDAY EVENING
 MAP REFERENCE : CORRYONG 1:100,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : VARIABLE KM

Pine Mt - Burrowa National Park is a rarely visited area in the north east near Corryong. The geological difference between the two sections gives different flora as well as different walking conditions. The flora is very interesting with many very rare species recorded in the area.

There will be a fixed camp at Cudgewa Bluff Falls camping area, with day walks of varying standards depending on the party. The climb up Pine Mountain is very spectacular with views of the distant Snowy Mountains as the group climbs along huge granite slabs.

This walk is suitable for family groups or beginners.

1-5 NOV 91 SNOWY MOUNTAINS SKI TOUR MED/HARD

LEADER : GRAEME THORNTON
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : VERY LATE TUESDAY NIGHT
 MAP REFERENCE : THREDBO 1:50,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 10-20 KM WITH PACKS, + DAY TRIPS

We will almost certainly make a base camp for 3 nights and do day trips from camp. I haven't decided on the location of the base camp as it will depend on the party size, strength and likely weather. It could be my second favourite Alpine campsite, around Charlottes Pass area or near Kosciusko.

Weather will be from anywhere near tropical to blizzardy, so suncream, sunglasses and hats are necessary along with the normal winter ski gear.

Friday night will be spent camping out (at about 1am) at the Geehi Camp on the Swampy Plains River.

2-5 NOV 91 KANGAROO ISLAND - SOUTH AUSTRALIA EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER : DAVE VINCENT
 TRANSPORT : LIGHT AIRCRAFT - COST \$160 EACH
 EXPECTED RETURN : 6.00 P.M. TUESDAY 5 NOV
 MAP REFERENCE : VENNACHAR 1:50,000

This walk was cancelled in June due to wet weather and has been rescheduled to the weekend encompassing the Melbourne Cup holiday.

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 \$160 each.

For those who don't know the area, Flinders Chase National Park is South Australia's most important wild-life 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 S.A. 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:

8-10 NOV 91 SNOWY PLAINS EXPEDITION MED/HARD

LEADER : SPENCER GEORGE
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : 10.00 P.M. SUNDAY
 MAP REFERENCE : VMTC SNOWY PLAINS & KING, HOWQUA, JAMIESON
 APPROX DISTANCE : 40 KM

After descending to the Macalister River we will climb onto the Great Dividing Range which we will follow from Number Two Divide to Mt. Howitt. Then we will complete the circuit via Macalister Springs.

Sunday will be an easier day around the top of Bryces Gorge and then an exploration of Cave Gate Creek and its swimming holes.

15-17 NOV 91 SUNDAY ISLAND EASY

LEADER : STUART HODGSON
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : SUNDAY 8.00PM
 MAP REFERENCE : SKETCH MAP FROM ISLAND CO-OPERATIVE
 APPROX DISTANCE : 15 KM

Where the heck is Sunday Island? That's what they all say. It's east of Wilson's Prom and a 30 minute boat-ride south from Port Albert.

Sunday Island is privately owned and is a wildlife sanctuary - lots of deer and wallabies. We shall spend Friday night at the bunkhouse (electric light, showers, cooking facilities, etc.) and after lunch on Saturday we'll pack-carry to our base-camp at the western end where tank water is available.

Sunday we'll spend exploring the island with day-packs. The whole place is only 8k by 5k and just a few gentle hills, so the walking will be far from arduous. There are "hides" dotted about from which to watch the deer at play, and the animal research station is worth having a look at.

Sunday Island has never before been visited by Melbourne Bushwalkers. Limit of 15.

22-24 NOV 91 KARA KARA (AVOCA AREA) EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER : ROSEMARY COTTER
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : SUNDAY EVENING
 MAP REFERENCE : ST. ARNAUD 1:100,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 18 + 8 KM

This will be a base camp on the south-western shore of the lower Teddington Reservoir in the Kara Kara State Park. The Saturday walk will be a circuit from camp onto a ridge leading to Mt. Separation (621m) returning through old gold mining areas. Sunday's walk will take in the West of England Fire Tower (526m) with views of surrounding country.

There is much wildlife in the park (14 mammal, 16 reptile and 100 bird species) and a mature eucalypt forest. The reservoirs contain brown trout and redfin. For "divided" tent-holds (as opposed to households or families) there are many other attractions to explore: gold mining areas, local historical sites, vineyards, etc.

22-24 NOV 91**SNOWY BLUFF****MEDIUM**

LEADER : MERILYN WHIMPEY
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : 10.00 P.M. SUNDAY EVENING
 MAP REFERENCE : VMTC SNOWY PLAINS, MT KENT & LAKE TALI KARNG

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

We were going to do a 3-day walk in the area last March, but we went elsewhere because of bushfires nearby. So we'll have a go at it in the wildflower season.

29 NOV - 1 DEC 91**NORTHERN WILSONS PROMONTORY****EASY/MEDIUM**

LEADER : MARK WALTERS
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE CARS + BOAT
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.00 P.M. SUNDAY NIGHT
 MAP REFERENCE : WILSONS PROM OUTDOOR LEISURE MAP
 APPROX DISTANCE : 24 KM

The walk route will once again depend on the weather. This will determine where the boat can drop us off. The trip will depart from Port Welshpool on Saturday morning at 8.00a.m. and head to Johnny Souey Cove. From there we'll make our way to Chinaman's Long Beach where we'll be picked up by boat the following day.

Numbers will be limited to 12.

END OF YEAR SHOALHAVEN RIVER LILO TRIP

The King of the Shoalhaven will be visiting some of his domain from Friday 27 December 1991 until Wednesday 1 January 1992.

A group of strong swimmers will follow the Shoalhaven River as it cuts its way through rugged gorges in an uninhabited area of the Southern Highlands of New South Wales. Lots of swimming, sunbaking, walking, climbing, white water, flies, rapids and sandy river front campsites.

Liloists who wish to join the group should contact Spencer George () before 1 December.

SUMMER WALKS PROGRAMME

Please note that the clubrooms will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day (both are Wednesdays) and there will be NO Sunday bus trip on 29 December. However, there will be a walk planned for 5 January. Suggestions are welcome for this and also for Monday 27 January (Australia Day weekend).

The summer programme is taking shape and your ideas can still be included.

Max Casley

BOOK TITLE WANTED !

A title is wanted for the Club's 50 year publication. A free copy of the published book will be awarded for the winning title.

Please send your ideas to Derrick Brown, Club Secretary, PO Box 1751Q, Melbourne 3001, or drop them in his pigeon-hole in the clubrooms.

DESK FOR SALE

Desk sturdy, hardwood, 2 drawer, 3'6 x 2'6, white laminex top.

Any offer accepted. At present in club storeroom.

Please contact Jean Giese (H) or Peter Bullard (H)

CLUB LIBRARY

Did you know that the club has a number of books on walks? There are several books on walks in Victoria, for example "50 walks in the Grampians", "The Alpine Track", etc. and there are also quite a few on walks in New South Wales and Tasmania.

These books can be found in a cupboard at the far end of the clubrooms (thanks to Alan Clarke) and are now available for members to borrow.

Anyone wishing to borrow a book should see either Janet Norman or Becky Marshall. Books should not be removed without recording the name of the borrower, and the date borrowed.

FOR SALE

- **CROSS COUNTRY SKI BOOTS**
ASOLO (Italian) Size 43 Excellent Condition
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- **DUNLOP KT26 RUNNERS**
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Please contact Tracy Guest (H)

OLD COPIES OF WALK

The club still has stocks of old copies of the annual magazine "WALK" which are for sale at bargain prices. We have no editions prior to 1971, so we were unable to meet a recent request from a member for older editions.

Therefore, should any members wish to dispose of their old copies, please put a note in "NEWS".

Worth a thought, eh?

Alan Clarke (H)

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COMMITTEE NOTES - 7 OCTOBER 1991**CORRESPONDENCE IN :**

Conservation Council of Vic- AGM
 Dept of C & E - Mngmt plan for Yarra Forests
 STAV - Meeting of 15 Oct
 Van Dieman - Sailing around Tasmania
 Fed of Vic Walking Clubs - Annual report & minutes, list & description of clubs
 John Markham - back copies of Walk
 RACV - response re service

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

Copleys Solicitors - acknowledgement re bequest 5/9
 Ceri Law - condolences 5/9
 Bennett-Ebsco subscription service 12/9
 RACV - Enquiry re Service/subscription

BUSINESS ARISING:

An electric stapler to be purchased, Gestener and desk to be disposed of.

WALKS REPORT FOR AUGUST:

Not available.

The Melville Caves trip has been re-scheduled for December due to insufficient numbers.

TREASURER'S REPORT AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1991:

	\$
SEPTEMBER RECEIPTS:	2,769
BALANCE:	
Current Account	11,320
Reserves Account	33,000
Postage float	<u>500</u>
Total	44,820
SEPTEMBER PAYMENTS MADE/TO BE RATIFIED:	
Various	1,954
OCTOBER PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL:	
Various	2,028

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Bus fees to be reduced as from 20 October - \$12 normal rate, \$6 concession rate.
 Sunday transport - Of the three best quotes received, one bus hire company had been checked out, two others are to be checked.

DUTY ROSTER:

Oct	16	Janet & Penny
Oct	23	Gina & Derrick
Oct	30	Stephen & Becky
Nov	6	Rob & ???
Nov	13	Janet & Becky

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 11 November at 7.00pm.

******* MEMBERSHIP LIST 1991 *******

Members are reminded that the membership list is **not** to be used for commercial purposes.

NEW MEMBERS

The Club would like to welcome the following new members:

Andrew Stafford

Jane Fraser

Merryn Hallowell

Valerie Wills

Basil Ho

Shirley Roddy

Don Isdale

Kyohei Fujiie

Mark Durre

Ron Garrett

Pauline Wong

CHANGES OF INFORMATION

Julie Samson

Anna Hepi

ALONG THE TRACK**MT ENTERPRISE - EILDON STATE PARK 14-15 SEPTEMBER 1991**

As the preview promised, we started from the Blue Gum Flat campsite with a stiff climb through a pine forest which Brian disliked intensely (the pine forest, not the climb) up onto a ridge-top. With sunshine and a light breeze we ambled along, with the views of the lake getting better until we reached Mount Enterprise, when we had views of lakes and snow-capped mountains including Buller and Stirling.

We headed down a steep spur to the lakeside, then skirted the lake to find the campsite at "The Pines". Brian was dead set against this, and we were getting the idea by now that he didn't like pines (a pine cone dropped on his head when he was in his pram). As there were two boats moored by our designated site, we respected Brian's wishes and found a convenient site in the gums by the water's edge. Don went for a swim, whilst we shivered at

the thought. Andrew and Brian took a wander about, whilst the rest of us had tea sitting around a roaring fire. Later, hearing a noise and commotion, we discovered Brian being attacked by bull ants, which were angered by having a tent pitched on their nest. Although he was bitten twice, it was not enough to convince Brian to move his tent.

Sunday morning was beautiful, and we followed the lakeside for a time before heading up vertically onto another ridge-top. As we made good time, the leader modified the route and we left the track again to find our way down a spur back to the start point. (We blindfolded Brian coming back through the pines). A lovely walk, and we did our bit by collecting a number of tinnies along the track.

Party -Gina Hopkins, Don Isdale, Andrew Stafford, Peter Ashby, Brian Bowditch, Derrick Brown.

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