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- BRING A PLATE OF FOOD
- DRINKS ON US. BYO GLASS.

MERRY XMAS
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM THE
PRESIDENT AND
THE COMMITTEE,

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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 January edition is Wednesday 13 January 1993.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

A Happy Christmas to all and good walking in 1993.

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CELEBRATIONS

Amongst the gloom and doom we are pleased the Club is offering some occasions for end-of-year celebrations.

- The Saturday walkers had cake and other goodies at the end of their last walk for 1992 on 28 November.
- The Historical hearties enjoyed a sausage sizzle after exploring the Kananook Track down Seaford way on 5 December.
- The Wednesday walkers are joining in the President's Weekend, along with the weekenders and Sunday walkers.
- Then we hope everyone can drop in for a short or long time from 7.00 p.m. onwards for a bite of tea and Christmas cheer at our annual **Christmas Party on 16 December** (see notice front page).

Note: Xmas party date changed from that advertised in last month's News.

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LEADER'S CAR STOLEN

After leading the Sunday walk on 15 November, Adrian Cole returned to the city to find his car had disappeared. Fortunately it was found during the following week at Reservoir. Adrian had parked in Dodds Street, which is what most of us do, and the car had a built-in steering lock. I guess the bar steering locks are a deterrent and maybe a parking spot in St Kilda Road would be safer. Dodds Street is a bit deserted.

CLUB ROOMS

We do not have almost exclusive use of 'our' club rooms any more. A self-help group is meeting there every day except Sunday from 11.30 to 2.30 p.m. Everyone is happy to have all our notices, photos, etc. around the walls but we will have to be more particular about locking things away. We ask for everyone's co-operation in not leaving things hanging around, washing up mugs, etc.

We could use the garden area more than we do. With the cheerful sound of 'choofers' and delicious aromas pervading the evening air at the camp cooking demo last week, some ideas started to surface. Members who stay in town after work before coming to the Club night on Wednesday might like to bring tea to eat in the garden or have a BBQ during the summer months. Does anyone have a portable Barbie we could have occasionally. We have the facilities already on tap for tea and coffee and washing up.

Incidentally, the money cup, which is supposed to receive the 20c for each cup of refreshment poured, doesn't get as much attention as it should. We appear to have some free-loaders!

Note: the clubrooms will be closed Weds 30 Dec.

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CASUALTIES

Cameron McMillan had his ankle bitten by a dog whilst on his postal rounds and couldn't go, as planned, on the Wabonga Plateau packcarry weekend. Joan Haigh landed in Peninsular Hospital for kidney surgery. Both are doing well and we send the Club's good wishes to them.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSES AND RULES

There are two matters concerning our Rules which need attention. One is the position on the Committee of Management for "A Magazine Editor". The Club has not produced "Walk" since 1987 so this means that the Committee is operating with one short. There are a lot of jobs to be done and it would be good to have another worker. It is proposed that we delete "A Magazine Editor" and insert "An Assistant Walks Secretary".

The other problem we have is with the Proxy Form being ambiguous. It is proposed that we add a † beside the second paragraph of the form with the words "Delete if not applicable".

To change our Rules we must do so in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act by a Special Resolution passed by a majority of not less than 3/4ths of members who vote in person or by proxy at a general meeting of which not less than 21 days' notice in writing has been given setting out the proposed changes. This proposal will be formally notified to members in the January News and will be a Special Resolution on the agenda of the AGM on 26 February, 1993.

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SUNDAY TRANSPORT

Sunday 29 November was the first day of hiring a bus from McKenzie's, a bus company based at Kew (and Healesville). All went well and driver Dave was very obliging.

The Committee decided to make the change because McKenzie's is more central and in the event of a breakdown a replacement bus would be more readily available, as well as the drivers having less distance to travel before and after the walk.

McKenzie's are experienced with our kind of transport requirements and were near the top of the list in our original evaluations of companies last year. The same Club/driver guidelines have been agreed with McKenzie's and all leaders receive a copy of these.

Peninsula and their drivers have been very satisfactory and most helpful, and we thank them for the years of our association.

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NEW WALKING / BIKE TRACK

Doug Pocock has been appointed to the Advisory Committee for the development of the walking/bike track along the old railway line from Lilydale to Warburton. This is good. We will have someone with walking and environmental concerns to the forefront. Doug will be please to hear from anyone with ideas for the project.

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LIGHTNING DRILL

Recently, up on the Lamington Plateau, a group of schoolchildren was struck by lightning, resulting in the death of two and injury to others. This tragic event caused me to check up on the correct drill. The following is a quote from the Handbook of the Bushwalking and Mountain Craft Training Advisory Board, produced by the Department of Sport and Recreation, 1986:

"During the storm, strikes tend to be centred on mountain tops or other natural projections. It affords no protection to be tucked in against the cliff or peak itself, since in this position you are likely to receive earth currents shed from it.

The lightning discharge seeks the shortest route between the cloud and the ground. It will use a tree if available so don't shelter beneath an isolated tree in an otherwise clear area. With reasonably waterproof equipment, remaining dry should not be a major problem and it is much safer to sit out in the open on top of your rucksack with your knees up and your hands in your lap. Do not attempt to support yourself on your hands by leaning back.

The object of these precautions is to keep your points of contact with the ground as close together as possible and in such a position that a current flowing along the ground would not pass through vital parts of the body."

Jean Giese, President

HELP MAKE A LEADER'S JOB EASIER

It makes a leader's life easier if you can -
 a) come in to club nights to book, and
 b) have the correct change with you.

If paying by cheque, please make the cheque out to Melbourne Bushwalking Club.

Alan Clarke

RECIPES FOR BACKPACKING

Many thanks to all those who took part in the Cooking Demonstration on Weds 2 December.

For those of you who couldn't make it that night (and even for those of you who did), here are the recipes of the culinary delights that were on offer.

Derrick's Pasta Surprise (for two)

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| 2 rashers bacon, chopped | 35g |
| vegeroni | 200g |
| dried peas | 50g |
| 1 small carrot | 75g |
| pine nuts | 25g |
| pinch black pepper | |
| pinch dried garlic | |
| pinch tarragon | |
| 3 teaspoons tomato magic | |
| pkt green peppercorn sauce (McCormick) | 35g |

Gross weight 420g

Mix together vegeroni, pine nuts, tomato magic, herbs and spices when packing food. Keep other ingredients separate.

Fry bacon in billy then remove. Add dried peas to cold water and bring to boil. Add sliced carrot and pasta, and boil until almost cooked, then throw in bacon. Add a little cold water to the green peppercorn sauce mix, stir in to the pasta and cook a minute longer.

Barbara's Brew

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| 1/2 cup bourghul (bulgar wheat) |
| 1/2 packet dried peas & corn |
| pinch onion flakes |
| pinch dried garlic |
| 1/2-3/4 packet Continental Thai chicken & coconut soup |
| grated parmesan cheese |

Gross weight 160g

Combine all ingredients, except for the parmesan cheese, add plenty of cold water, bring to boil and simmer gently until cooked, approx. 10 mins. Stir in parmesan cheese and serve.

Merilyn's Fruit & Vegetable Curry (for two)

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| 1/2 cup uncooked white rice |
| 1/3 cup raisins |
| 1/2 cup dried apple |
| 1 carrot, sliced |
| 1 zucchini sliced |
| 2 dried bananas, sliced |
| 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg |
| 3/4 teaspoon curry powder |
| 1/2 cup of mixture of sunflower seeds, pumpkin seeds & flaked coconut |

Boil rice, raisins and apples for 5 minutes; add sliced carrot, cook another 5 minutes; add zucchini and banana, and simmer until rice is cooked. Then dry fry seeds, coconut and spices till they smell good (only a minute or two), mix through rice and vegetables and serve.

Marianne's Curried Seafood Pilau (for two)

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| 1 cup mix of Sunbrown Quick rice & red lentils |
| 2 pieces dried fish (available from Asian grocery shops) |
| 2 tablespoons dried shrimps (" ") |
| 1 clove garlic (fresh or dried) |
| 1 small onion (fresh or dried) |
| 4 serves Surprise dried vegetables (e.g. peas) |
| 1 small carrot or capsicum or broccoli |
| 2 teaspoons curry or satay powder |
| 2 teaspoons coconut cream or dried equivalent |

Gross weight (using dried vegetables) 350g

You'll need a 1.5 to 2 litre size billy, preferably with tight fitting lid.

Put all ingredients in a billy (if using fresh vegetables these could be added later). Add water to about 3 cm above level of mixture, and bring to boil with lid off. Put on lid tightly and turn heat down as low as possible.

Check after 10 minutes that sufficient water was added and give a quick mix. Cooking time approx 30 minutes.

Cameron's Bush Mix

Chopped bacon
Spaghetti
Dried peas
Corn - cut off cob

Boil all ingredients in water. Cook and season to taste.

Sylvia's Wild Horse Creek Special

1 onion, chopped and fried in billy (with a bit of
butter borrowed from Bob Steel)
Garlic
Any veg in the fridge just as you're leaving
e.g. carrots and celery
Pasta e.g. spinach fettucini
Cumin seeds
Pepper
Water

Cook till starvation cannot be held off any longer.
Cheese - chopped small, also whatever you have - a
selection is nice.

Bob's Easy Pasta

1 packet La Pasta - Spicy tomato & herbs

Boil water then empty packet and cook for 8
minutes.

Jean's Fruit & Custard

3 rounded dessert spoons powdered milk
1 heaped dessert spoon quality custard powder
1 teaspoon sugar
Dried fruit of your choice

Stew the fruit in a small amount of water. In
shaker, put 1/3 water and float dry ingredients on
top. Shake and add to boiling fruit. Stir and adjust
consistency as desired.

***Doug's Creamed Rice
(for four)***

1/2 cup white rice
Water
Handful of sultanas, or other dried fruit
Milk powder) as much as you
Sugar) have to spare

Put on while eating main course. Add plenty of
water to make creamy.

Bring to boil and simmer till rice is creamed.
When nearly done add what you like - sultanas,
apricots, gum leaves, etc. When cooked, add sugar
and milk powder.

Cooking time about 20 minutes - so best on camp
fires.

Your January "News" will be one or two weeks
later than usual as at least half of the Committee
are going away on extended trips over Christmas.
So you'll have plenty of time to write up a newsy
article about your adventures over Christmas and
New Year. (Closing date for News is 13 January.)

If you haven't yet written about any of your trips,
either one day, weekend or longer, then perhaps
you'd like to have a go. It would be good to hear
more from the silent majority of day walkers.

THANKS TO DANDENONG LEADERS

Just a quick note to thank all the Leaders of the
Dandenong Explorer Walks for their efforts over
the past twelve months and to everyone who
participated on them.

To everyone - I hope you all have a very happy and
safe Christmas. See you all next year.

Michael Humphrey

DAY WALKS - JANUARY 1993**SUN. 3 JAN 93 YEA ROCK - MURRINDINDI EASY**

LEADERS : REBECCA MARSHALL & GEOFF MATTINGLEY
 TRANSPORT : BUS FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : TAGGERTY SOUTH 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 12-14 KM

Starting at the historic Dindi Mill site, this walk is entirely on tracks through thick forest. This area has been heavily logged in the past and therefore has very thick undergrowth, but there are still some very impressive trees as well as a lot of wild life. We will have lunch at Yea Rock, then follow more old logging roads/4WD tracks to a walking track which passes by rapids and waterfalls, ending up at the Murrindindi Cascades picnic ground. If there are enough people for 2 walks, the other walk will follow the same route but in the opposite direction. It should be a very pleasant walk for a hot day, as there is shade most of the time, and likewise if it is cool and windy as it is sheltered.

Note: the clubrooms will not be open on Wednesday, 30 December. You can either book on this walk the week before, on 23 December, or ring the leader, Becky, at home -

SUN 10 JAN 93 RICHARDS TRAMLINE - BIG PATS CREEK EASY/MED & MEDIUM

LEADERS : GEOFF HARRISON & ALAN CLARKE
 TRANSPORT : BUS FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : ADA RIVER 1:25,000

This walk follows the old Richards Tramline through the lovely Mountain Ash hills and fern gullies found in this area. It is also hoped to visit Big Rock. Temperatures in this area are always cooler in summer than they are in Melbourne. There will also be the opportunity to practice your navigation on this walk.

SUN 17 JAN 93 BALNARRING BEACH - POINT LEO - FLINDERS EASY & E/MEDIUM

LEADERS : SALLY BOUVIER & MICHAEL MANN
 TRANSPORT : BUS FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : MELWAYS (20TH ED) 193, 192, 257, 256 & 262
 APPROX DISTANCE : 14.5 & 17.5 KM

Easy walk begins at Balnarring Beach; easy/medium begins at Coolart. Both walks go along sandy beaches to Flinders via Merricks Beach, Point Leo and Shoreham. Bring bathers, towel, hat and water - two litres if very hot.

WED 30 JAN 93 LAKE MOUNTAIN EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER : MARGARET BORDERN
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 MEETING PLACE : 8.00 A.M. JEAN GIESE'S, 9 ALBERT CRES, SURREY HILLS, OR
 10.30 A.M. SNOWY HILL CAR PARK (LAKE MOUNTAIN), MELWAY 408 (254) U 11.5
 EXPECTED RETURN : 6.30 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : OUTDOOR LEISURE: MARYSVILLE/LAKE MOUNTAIN
 APPROX DISTANCE : 16 KM

If it is a hot day it will be a lot cooler in the mountains amidst the alpine flowers; if it is cool it will still be beautiful. It will be a circuit walk from Snowy Hill car part up to the ski tracks (approx 250 m climb) and down to Gerraty's car park, with some lovely views along the way. Back to the start along Lake Mountain foot tracks and various lookouts with long views and fascinating scenery.

SUN 24 JAN 93 LORNE'S WATERFALLS**EASY/MED & MEDIUM**

LEADERS : PHILIP LARKIN & PETER HAVLICEK
 TRANSPORT : BUS FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 8.30 A.M. *** NOTE EARLY START ***
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.30 - 8.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : LORNE 1:25,000 OR THE OTWAYS & SHIPWRECK COAST 1:50,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 16 & 20 KM

This area is notable for its sheer beauty, scenic coast and peaceful forest reserves. It offers a natural forest backdrop to the ocean and includes several swiftly seaward-flowing streams. These offer numerous and spectacular waterfalls, cascades and rapids. The walking track follows approximately 24 kilometres of historic timber tramway routes and winds through fern gullies, gorges and in many places traverses cliff faces. There is also an abundance of fauna such as the echidna, platypus, possums and gliders which are all common in the Otway Ranges.

Both walks will start from the Cumberland River estuary. The medium group will visit an unknown waterfall under the cliffs of Langdale Pike, which is a spectacular sight, before proceeding up the magnificent Cumberland River valley, passing beneath towering cliffs, tranquil pools and numerous cascades surrounded by the lush rainforest of the Otways.

Both walks will visit the lower Cumberland River Gorge and continue up across the Divide to the Kalimna and Sheoak stream systems. After reaching the Upper Kalimna Falls, the walks will continue down along the waterways back to the ocean through fern glades, passing numerous waterfalls and cascades. The medium walk will proceed via Henderson Falls, the Canyon and along Saint George River to Lorne while the easier walk will continue to Sheoak Picnic Ground then down to Allenvale and onto Lorne via Saint George River.

SUN 31 JAN 93 VAUGHAN SPRINGS - LODDON FALLS**EASY**

LEADER : ALAN MILLER
 TRANSPORT : BUS FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : GULDFORD & DAYLESFORD 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 12-14 KM

This walk usually starts at the weir at Vaughan Springs, then proceeds through undulating eucalypt forest to the old Sebastopol gold workings, and finishes at Loddon Falls. The central part of this walk can be hot and dry in summer. Unless there is sufficient demand for two walks, say easy and easy/medium, I propose to leave out the middle part.

The first part of the walk will take in Vaughan Springs and Glenluce Springs, both on the Loddon River. Then the bus will take us a few kilometres down the road to a point from which we can walk through eucalypt forest to Loddon Falls. There is a large swimming hole at the Falls. There will then be less than a kilometre to walk back to the bus.

WEEKEND WALKS - JANUARY 1993**30 DEC-6 JAN 93 KOSCIUSKO NATIONAL PARK - MT JAGUNGAL MEDIUM**

LEADERS : PHILIP LARKIN & MARIJKE BEDDOWS
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : WEDNESDAY NIGHT
 MAP REFERENCE : CMA KHANCOBAN & MT. KOSCIUSKO 1:50,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 80 KM

The walking route from the south will take us to the Park's most magnificent mountain - Jagungal. The walk concentrates on the central section of Kosciusko National Park which consists of the catchments of the Tumut and Doubtful Rivers to the north, Bogong Swamp to the west, the upper reaches of the Geehi River to the south including the Munyang River, and then the alpine and high subalpine areas around the Great Dividing Range, including Disappointment Spur to the S.E and the Kerries to the East.

The area will provide us with the alpine summit of Jagungal, subalpine frost hollows and woodland, granite supplied by a roughly north-south band of volcanoes. The huts on the trek are of the mining, skiing and cattlemens qualities. Wildflowers will also predominate at this time of year. Valentine Falls are also on the agenda.

- Day 1 The walk will begin at Guthega Power Station to the south. Walkers will take the road beside the Munyang River leaving it at Schlink Pass to Gungartan then onto Tin Hut vicinity for camp. (15 km)
 Day 2 will see us onto Kerries Ridge along which we will walk to the Mawsons Hut location and crossing Valentine Creek to camp along the Geehi River. (13 km)
 Day 3 will be a day walk from our base camp to Mt Jagungal. (12 km)
 Day 4 we'll cross the Strumbo Range onto the Grey Mare fire trail to the abandoned Grey Mare gold mine and onto Valentine Hut via the fire trail for camp. (17 km)
 Day 5 a short trip to Valentine Falls, then south along the fire trail to Dicky Cooper Creek. Continuing south to camp at Horse Camp Hut. (16 km)
 Day 6 a short walk to the cars before returning home. (3km)

NOTE: Walkers must be prepared for potential snow conditions.

15-17 JAN 93 LAKE MOUNTAIN AREA EASY/MEDIUM

LEADERS : ROSEMARY COTTER
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : SUNDAY EVENING 7.30 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : LAKE MOUNTAIN, ROYSTON 1:25,000; ALGONA: LAKE MOUNTAIN, MARYSVILLE

This walk will possibly be a walk-in base camp. Whatever, it will be lovely up there in mid-summer, being a few degrees cooler on hot summer days. Please contact the leader later in December for more details.

22-24 JAN 93 CAMPASPE RIVER EASY

LEADER : RON GARRETT
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : SUNDAY EVENING
 MAP REFERENCE : PYALONG
 APPROX DISTANCE : 13 KM

A perfect walk for beginners in backpacking, including (good) kids; a perfect bludge for the experienced. The walk is fully described in Tyrone Thomas's book "120 Walks in Victoria". The walk starts near Barfold on the Campaspe River and proceeds along the river to the Mitchels Falls. Explore the falls, caves, organ pipes and tessellated pavement and have lunch, followed by an easy couple of kilometres to the junction with Pipers Creek and an early tea. The next day is an easy 7 km up the creek (literally not literarily) back to Barfold. Total distance for two days is 13 km. A good walk for a relatively new family, new to camping - or for anyone else who wants to really enjoy delightful river scenery.

29 JAN-1 FEB 93 CROOKED RIVER GOLDFIELDS BASE CAMP EASY & MEDIUM

LEADER : TREVOR & ROSEMARY THOMSON
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : MONDAY EVENING
 MAP REFERENCE : CROOKED RIVER - STEVE 1:50,000 & CROOKED RIVER - DARGO VMTC
 APPROX DISTANCE : ? KM

Not yet previewed, so details still to come. However, there should be interesting rambling exploring the forgotten sites of old gold mining towns north west of Dargo. These gradually disappeared earlier this century. A good medium walk should be possible by following the McMillan Track beside the Crooked River combined with a steep climb over Summer Hill. Other easier walks are planned.

29 JAN-1 FEB 93 REEDY CREEK CHASM MED/HARD

LEADER : PETER CHALKLEY
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : LATE MONDAY NIGHT (11.00 P.M.)
 MAP REFERENCE : NATMAP MURRINDAL 1:100,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 26 KM

Fancy a three day walk in the heat of summer that involves the greater part of 2 days river walking and includes wading through the 2 km of Reedy Creek chasm? Then this is the walk for you.

Reedy Creek Chasm is a spectacular gorge in north-eastern Gippsland with 200 m cliffs that overhang in parts. The walk will start and finish from the Brumby Point Track and though some bush bashing will be necessary to reach the creek there will be little fire-track walking.

30 JAN-1 FEB 93 FLINDERS ISLAND EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER : DAVE VINCENT
 TRANSPORT : HIRE AIRCRAFT - COST \$100 EACH
 EXPECTED RETURN : 6.00 P.M. MONDAY 1 FEB

This three day walk to Flinders Island includes the Australia Day holiday. Access to the island will be by light aircraft from Moorabbin Airport, Melbourne. For a group of six, the estimated cost of the aircraft hire will be \$100 each. The planned itinerary is as follows:

Sat 30 Jan: Depart Moorabbin and fly to Killiecrankie Bay on the northern tip of Flinders Island. Establish a base camp and climb Mt Killiecrankie - a short day walk.

Sun 31 Jan: Leisurely day walk from the base camp, exploring the unspoilt beaches, secluded coves and swimming in the sparkling blue-green water.

Mon 1 Feb: Depart Killiecrankie Bay and fly to Lady Barron on the southern tip of Flinders Island. Swimming and a leisurely lunch. Depart for Melbourne mid-afternoon and arrive Moorabbin at about 5.00 p.m.

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

WILKY BOOKINGS

I won't be around to handle Wilky bookings or keys from 16 December through until 27 January. During that period Mick Mann will be looking after Wilky, so please contact Mick.

Graeme Thornton, Wilky Lodge Manager

ALONG THE TRACK**THE PENNYROYAL FALLS 22 NOV 1992 MAP: BOONAH 1:25,000**

Very few people seem to know about these falls on the northern side of the Otways. I would not have known about them if Phil Larkin had not suggested a walk to the area for our Spring programme.

Pennyroyal Valley is south-west of Deans Marsh, which is just under 2 hours drive from the centre of Melbourne. Our starting point for the walk was Pennyroyal Lodge just off Dunse Track. This can be reached from Deans Marsh, either by following Pennyroyal Valley Rd for 6 km until you reach a narrow steel bridge, then turning right about 100 m past the bridge up Dunse Track (not signposted), or by travelling 4 km south towards Lorne on the main road, and then turning right onto Pennyroyal Station Rd. At the cross-roads at the bottom of the hill, turn left onto Pennyroyal Valley Rd and then it is just over 2 km to the bridge and Dunse Track.

The Pennyroyal 1:25,000 map describes Dunse Track as 'Four wheel drive', though our 13-tonne 2-wheel drive bus had no problems getting up the 2.5 km hill to the lodge. The first 3 km of Dunse Track is a good gravel road but if you attempt to drive further up you will have no difficulty getting any vehicle bogged to the floor boards in mud! From Dunse Track, there are 2 routes into the falls, one is a private track from Pennyroyal Lodge, which we had permission to use, and the other leaves Dunse Track about 1 km beyond the gates to the lodge.

If you are using the private track, go down the gravel drive from Dunse Track to the lodge. Turn right at the lodge along the track signposted to the falls. After about 50 m turn right. Follow the vehicular track about half a kilometre until it ends. The take-off for the walking track is not easy to find; it is on the lower right-hand side of the vehicle turning area. Follow this track down to Acquila Creek (not named on the Boonah map), and then proceed up the creek on a track for about 2 km. You will need to cross the creek several times, but the water is only ankle deep in most places. You will be walking through cool rain-forest with some magnificent tree ferns each side of you. The rocks in the creek are extremely slippery, and it is safer to walk through the creek rather than to try to keep your feet dry, as several members of our party found, including the present author.

Just before the main falls are reached, there are some attractive cascades on a side creek to the right. About 600m before the main falls, the public path from Dunse Track enters from the right. The foot of the main falls is a good place to stop for lunch. The location of the main falls is at 385 524

on the Boonah map. If you clamber up the rock slabs on the left-hand side of the main falls for a short distance, you will find a steep muddy track going off to the north. Thank Phil Larkin for constructing the steps on this section. This winds around to the top of the falls which is the end of the track. Cross over the creek, and then proceed up the creek for about 250 m to the majestic upper falls. These can be climbed easily on the right-hand side.

About 100 m beyond the upper falls, we bush-bashed up the steep ridge on the south side, heading about 10° west of south. At the top of the ridge we came to the point where an old vehicular track from the top end of Dunse Track turns through 90° and heads down very steeply into a side creek. This corner is 379 526 on the map. Our easy group headed west at this point while the medium group headed south.

The party which headed west had a very steep descent and was scattered by a pair of trail-bike riders, and then had to climb more gradually up the other side of the small creek to a 4WD track which leads down to the public track to the Pennyroyal Falls. This suggests a good circular walk of about 6 km in length from the end of the gravel on Dunse Track to both sets of falls on Acquila Creek. The party which headed south came across a track junction at about 367 524 on the map, near the '494' marked. The other track heads north for a short distance and then gradually turns east. We headed south-west from this point to rejoin Dunse Track at about 363 520. Dunse Track is very boring, and muddy, so we left it as soon as possible and headed to the right down an unnamed track heading north and back down to Acquila Creek.

At the end of the walk we stopped at the Gentle Annie Berry Gardens on Pennyroyal Valley Road for afternoon tea. The food was excellent and reasonably priced, but even though we told them we were coming two weeks in advance, the service was very slow. Not recommended for bus parties!

I thought that this walk may be of interest to those who missed our walk, and it may be of interest to other clubs who will help to keep these tracks open. On our previews (2), we went heavily equipped with saws, machetes, secateurs and a garden spade, to clear a way through many fallen trees.

Recommended for late spring or early summer.

Alan Miller

THE BLUFF - MT CLEAR - THE KNOBS 13-15 NOVEMBER 1992

Friday 8.30 p.m., arriving at Sheeppark Flat, we found Spencer already set up and looking comfortable as he watched us hurry to get our tents up before dark. His self-satisfied air did not last long however as, afterwards, I proceeded to set his tabletop alight while seeing if my old cooking equipment still worked... It does... very well!

We'd barely ungummed our eyes Saturday morning before we were heading off. Complicated car arrangements were worth the hassle as great weather and spectacular views unfolded before us. The first mountain we tackled, The Bluff, was a great reintroduction to packcarrying for me, being straight up the side!! I thought we were nearly going to lose Peter Ashby at this stage, but he battled on and once over the first obstacle was unstoppable all weekend. Mind you we nearly did lose him later when he said he had gone bush!!! A reminder of the importance of leaving your pack on the track - and besides, it makes it easier for the rest of us to check out your *stash!*

Chesters Yard was a great campsite, except for the steep incline we chose to set up our tent on. Sharing with Peter Day proved very interesting, but did he really believe me I wondered, when I

gave the slope as the reason I had rolled onto his side for the third time!

On Sunday we followed the Great Divide and took in Mt Clear, Square Top and High Cone, then across to the Knobs, and the walk proved just as invigorating as the previous day's. Scenic views, icy water, some snow and birds, though few, were beautiful. Some of the 4WD tracks unfortunately were very torn up and muddy, leaving it somewhat difficult in parts to pass.

The climb up High Cone at lunch gave the few of us who tackled it spectacular panoramic views but left us unimpressed to hear we had used up our break in doing so. Thanks, Keith, who needed a rest anyway?

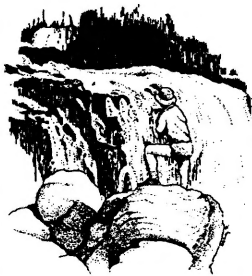
Thanks to all, Janet and Keith in particular for a great and tuff trip and to Peter D for being an entertaining tent companion, but I would like to know what made you laugh in your sleep Friday night???

Also big thanks to Max, Gina, Cameron, Spencer and Peter A.

Merryn Mitchell

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ON THE TOP OF VICTORIA - MT HOTHAM 27-29 NOVEMBER 1992

My driver took me from Melbourne to Mt Hotham. The ascent from Harrierville was slow and dangerous as thick fog blanketed the road and at times visibility was nil. It was pleasant arriving at the lodge, being welcomed by the leader and shown the bedrooms, kitchen and lounge room. Much easier than trying to pitch a tent on top of a mountain in thick mist.

Three walks were arranged for Saturday. The medium group walked up the road to Loch car park then followed the Alpine Walking Track to top of Mt Loch (1875 m). There were many large patches of snow but most of them were avoidable. While we rested the mist and clouds were hanging around the surrounding peaks, but occasionally cleared to give views of Feathertop (1922 m), Jim (1818 m), Cope (1837 m), McKay (1842 m), Niggerheads (1852 m), Fainters (1883, 1845 m) and Bogong (1986 m). We then descended the full length of Machinery Spur with a diversion to the site of Red Robin Battery. Here we entertained the miner's dog while the miner answered our questions about the area. Arriving at Cobungra Gap we were back on the Alpine track which descends slightly to Dibbins Hut before climbing steeply up Swindlers Spur, past Charles Derrick hut and Mt Loch, back to the car park. Heavy rain persisted after Mt Loch and we were glad to hurry down the hard, sealed road to our lodge where we arrived after 6 o'clock.

Into the drying room, off with wet clothes and footwear then upstairs under the hot showers into dry clothes and back down to the lounge room

where we revived with drinks. A novel feature of the weekend was that the leader had organised a four course meal, cooked by some of the walkers. We enjoyed nibbles with wine or fruit drinks, tomato and vegetable soup, roast beef with potatoes, pumpkin, onion, broccoli and cauliflower, then apple crumble with cream or yoghurt. A splendid meal after a solid day of walking.

On Sunday there was cleaning the lodge and a car shuffle before at least three groups set off for Harrierville. The medium and hard groups climbed Mt Hotham (1868 m), descended to Diamantina Hut, then walked along the Razorback to Mt Feathertop (1922 m). There is no doubt that this is one of the most spectacular walks in Victoria. All the way there are 360° views of the high peaks. As we approached Feathertop there were a couple of snow showers, but the weatherman was kind enough to allow us to have sunshine and a clear view for lunch on the peak of Feathertop. Then it was downhill all the way for 11.2 km to the car park above Harrierville.

All of the twenty people on the walk contributed to my enjoyment of the weekend, but I want to especially thank Stephen (my driver), Bill (leader of the trip), Max and Stephen (medium walks leaders), Jean, Marilyn, Wendy, Gina and Peter (who cooked our roast dinner on Saturday night after they had walked all day).

Spencer George

NEW MEMBERS

The Club would like to welcome the following new members:

Terry Tragear

Cathy Lee

Carmen & Colin Dienhoff

CHANGES OF INFORMATION

Don Isdale

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COMMITTEE NOTES - 7 DECEMBER 1992**BUSINESS ARISING:**

Margaret Borden is to be new Club contact: answering machine and new line to be installed.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

McKenzies - agreement
Val Elder - life membership

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

McKenzies - bus services
Reply to Val Elder
Peninsula

TREASURER'S REPORT AT 30 NOV 1992:

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| | \$ | \$ |
| NOVEMBER RECEIPTS: | 1,708 | |
| NOVEMBER PAYMENTS: | 1,476 | |
| BALANCE: | | |
| Current Account | 8,766 | |
| Reserves Account | 52,000 | |
| Postage float | <u>500</u> | <u>61,266</u> |

WALKS REPORT FOR OCTOBER:

| Total | Day walkers | W/E walkers | Members | Visitors | Fees |
|-------|-------------|-------------|---------|----------|--------|
| 205 | 173 | 29 | 170 | 35 | \$1932 |

The average number of Sunday walkers for October was 37.

TRANSPORT

New arrangement with McKenzies going OK.

50 YEAR PUBLICATION:

Final edits being input, then it's over to the designer. Advertising to start next month.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Leader skills - training required; plan for 1993.

DUTY ROSTER:

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| Dec | 16 | Janet & Gina |
| Dec | 23 | Mary & Alan M |
| Dec | 30 | - club room closed |
| Jan | 6 | Liz & Alan M |
| Jan | 13 | Becky & Mary |
| Jan | 20 | Merilyn & Derrick |

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 18 January 1993 at 7.00pm
