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SOCIAL EVENTS

OPERA - LA BOHEME Wednesday 18 August

After a successful visit to The Merry Widow I've arranged a visit to My Fair Lady in November. More of that closer to the date.

Meanwhile, how about seeing **La Boheme**.

I have 12 tickets (actually, only 9 left) to see Puccini's La Boheme by the Victorian State Opera on Weds 18 August at 7.30 p.m. (Note the time Jan) Seats are in B Reserve in the 3rd row of the Balcony at about \$74 each. For those new to operat, this is in my view one of the two best firsts, together with Carmen.

The story is the age-old one of love gone wrong, set in a spirited Bohemian life style in Paris. There are two romances. Rudolf's love for Mimi is marred by Rudlfo's fear that Mimi's health suffers because of their poverty. He is intensely jealous yet tries to sacrifice his love for her health.

Marcello's love for Musetta is no less intense, but the jealousy is openly shown and tempestuously expressed. Puccini's music brings to life all the passions that attend that lifestyle: its gaiety, frivolity, anger, frustration, poverty and sadness. More so for me than any other opera.

If you decide to see it, get familiar with the story line before you see the opera, then sit back and give yourself to the music and let it tell the real story - that of the the very real emotions the lovers experience.

Ron Garrett

MOVIE - "THE HEARTBREAK KID"

Australia's latest movie sensation
Starring Claudia Karvan, Alex Dimitriades

Tuesday, 20 July,
early session (about 6-6.30)
HOYTS CINEMA CENTRE

After the movie we will eat at Cafe Luna.

TROTS NIGHT Saturday 31 August "Not just for the big punter"

Good meal, watch the races live or on the big screen, enjoy a little dabble, a convivial drink and be home early enough to walk the next day.
SEE THE NOTICE IN THE CLUBROOMS!

PATAGONIA SLIDES Wednesday 11 August

Geoff Butcher will show slides and talk on his two trips to this part of South America. Join us for this entertaining evening including supper. A \$2 charge will be made to cover costs.

Andrew Low, Social Secretary

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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 Editor on

Closing date for the August edition is Wednesday 28 July 1993.

How to find a VICMAP in the Club's filing cabinet

If you know the name of the map and its scale, look first in the index in the front of the top drawer of the collection. If the map is listed, you will find it in the suspension folder that carries the sub-section name of the 1:100,000 map that covers the area.

The sub-sections of the index are now in alphabetical order and the sections are done away with. Too many folders were put back in the wrong place. If you cannot find the map, then either it has been put back in the wrong place or it is on load and should be noted in the yellow book at the front of the top drawer.

If you do not know the name of the map, then first look at the maps on the wall of the Clubrooms. Each of the 100,000 maps is named there and that leads you straight to the correct folder. Also on the Clubrooms wall is a map showing the 1:50,000 and 1:25,000 map names. Using this approach all the survey maps are accessible. Soon a card will be placed in each folder of the filing cabinet showing which maps should be found there.

If you buy a map for a walk, please **do not put it into the collection** but put it in with the index. I can then log it into the database (yes, it's actually on computer - courtesy of the previous custodian) and get into index updates.

I need to do an audit on the maps soon, so please return any that are overdue. And please remember that any collection only works properly if maps are put back in the correct place and are signed out and returned promptly.

Ron Garrett

WHY NOT USE RECYCLED PAPER ?

Many readers have asked why The News isn't printed on recycled paper. Member Sally Bouvier, who works for a paper company, offers some answers.

The answer has both technical and commercial aspects. The News is currently produced by running a master copy through a high-powered photocopier onto white copy paper.

While recycled copy paper can be used in most modern photocopiers, the particular machine used by our printer has difficulty accepting recycled stock.

Recycled papers are made from post-consumer waste. Unfortunately, not all consumers are trained to remove sticky substances from the waste paper they return to the recycling stream. Such sticky substances - gum from envelopes or the ends of writing pads - cause a gradual build up on the drum of some photocopiers, making maintenance costly and causing frequent downtime.

Our editor has negotiated an excellent deal with the printer and while we could change to another with different equipment, we would literally have to pay the price.

Readers of The News can however make a valuable contribution by ensuring that their back copies of The News - and any other unwanted white office paper - is put into the recycling stream either through their work or local council.

Such paper is valuable and vital feedstock from which recycled copy paper is made. So while we are unable, at the moment, to have The News printed on recycled paper, we can all play our part by depositing our unwanted and unloved copies into the growing recycling stream. But please remove the stickies!

Note for your diaries:

Half-yearly General Meeting

Wednesday night, 8 p.m.,
25 August 1993

WINTER HAS COME!

A group of four of us decided to go to Wilky for the Queens Birthday Weekend to spend three days walking on the High Plains. Fortunately, we took our skis!

The High Plains was covered with fresh snow, the road was blocked by snow at Windy Corner and it would have been possible to ski from Howmans Gap onwards.

The weather bureau was wrong and the blizzard only lasted until Saturday night, leaving the other days with almost clear blue skies (at least around Wilky).

An excellent start to the season!

Bill Metzenth

CLUB'S ACCUMULATED FUNDS

This cash is a direct result of having our own van transport for day walks, and from members and visitors who participated on day walks over the few years that we used our van. In short, this is a cash harvest sown by day walkers, members and visitors alike, and as such I think it only fitting and fair that day, weekend and extended walkers should benefit from this \$30,000. It was provided by the walkers and visitors so let it be spent on those members and visitors who walk on our programmed walks.

That has been the practice of Walk Secretaries in the past, so let us stick with that idea. Fares could be reduced drastically on day walks, coaches could be used for most of the weekends, Dave Vincent could be helped in no small way in the hiring of aircraft - no doubt a twin engined aircraft is more expensive to hire than a single. I'm sure a twin would open further horizons for him and members who enjoy his trips.

30 grand is a lot of brass so let us use it to colour our thinking relative to our walking trips.

Art Terry

NEW MEMBER

Will Rolland

CHANGES OF INFORMATION

Christopher John Mentor

Janet Clough

CHANGE OF NAME

Elizabeth Geary
is now
Elizabeth Cameron

Janet Hall

28th JULY

**NEXT CONSERVATION
SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING.**

THANK YOU MERILYN

As I am away overseas for two weeks, Merilyn has kindly offered to finish typing up the July NEWS. Thanks, Merilyn, for helping out. Ed.

DAY WALKS - JULY/AUGUST 1993

*Apologies to Athol - last month's News had the wrong preview for his July walk..
Here is the correct one. Ed.*

SAT 10 JUL 93 HISTORICAL WALK: BRUNSWICK EASY

LEADER : ATHOL SCHAFER
 TRANSPORT : TRAM/TRAIN
 MEETING PLACE : UNDER THE CLOCKS, FLINDERS STREET STATION
 IN TIME TO CATCH THE 1.37 P.M. TRAIN TO JEWELL
 EXPECTED RETURN : 5.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : MELWAYS 29

The walk takes in the old pottery pits and kiln sites, the last remaining 'safe working' railway system, some large areas of recently created landscaped parklands plus other features of interest. Afternoon tea at one of the local eateries.

SAT 31 JUL 93 MT STIRLING SKIING MEDIUM

LEADER : STEPHEN ROWLANDS
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : 8.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : BULLER - STIRLING OUTDOOR LEISURE MAP 1:25,000

We will hopefully leave the car park at Telephone Box junction at 10.30 a.m. (after leaving Melbourne 6.00 a.m.). Where we go after that will depend on the weather and snow conditions, e.g.

- good snow depth and fine weather - the summit
- good snow depth and bad weather - lower trails

Please note that this is not a Beginners trip.

Due to other commitments on Wednesday nights I will only be in the Clubrooms between 7.00 to 7.15 p.m. or you may contact me on

SUN 1 AUG 93 COLIBAN FALLS - GRANITE CREEK FALLS EASY & E/MEDIUM

LEADERS : ADRIAN COLE & PAULINE WILLIAMS
 TRANSPORT : BUS FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.30 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : METCALFE 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 13 & 16 KM

This walk is in sheep farm country about 20 minutes from Kyneton and follows Granite Creek and the Coliban River. The gently sloping land is green and open with the occasional outcrops of granite. Red gum and box are to be found and the birdlife includes screeching cockatoos and parrots. If we are lucky, we may see kangaroos.

An extra charge of \$2 each is necessary to cover the cost of going through private property. Instead, though, for an extra \$2 (total \$4), afternoon tea will be served at Coliban Park Farm at the end of the walk. Please be prepared to pay for either option at the Clubrooms, along with the usual walk fee.

SUN 8 AUG 93 LAL LAL STATE FOREST - DOLLY CREEK E/MEDIUM & MEDIUM

LEADERS : PHILIP LARKIN & ALAN MILLER
 TRANSPORT : BUS FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : LAL AND ELAINE, BOTH 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 12 & 16 KM

These walks are through open eucalypt forest north of Meredith and close to the Moorabool River. The club has not walked in this area recently. Keep your eyes open for koalas.

The area was the site of extensive iron mining in the 1870s and 1880s. The easy walk will be mainly on tracks.

SAT 14 AUG 93 HISTORICAL WALK: CANTERBURY EASY

LEADER : ATHOL SCHAFER
 TRANSPORT : TRAIN
 MEETING PLACE : UNDER THE CLOCKS, FLINDERS STREET STATION
 IN TIME TO CATCH THE 1.29 P.M. TRAIN TO CANTERBURY
 EXPECTED RETURN : 5.00 P.M.

Some modern Canterbury tales will be revealed in this short ramble around the leafy, hilly streets of this suburb. Afternoon tea in one of the 1920s rejuvenated tea-shops in famous Maling Road.

SAT 14 AUG 93 BAW BAW PLATEAU SKIING MEDIUM

LEADER : STEPHEN ROWLANDS
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : MT BAW BAW 1:25,000

We should leave the day shelter at Mt Baw Baw village (near car park one) at 10.00 a.m. and should stick to the area between Mt Baw Baw and Mt St Gwinear.

Please note that this is not a Beginners trip.

Due to other commitments on Wednesday nights I will only be in the Clubrooms between 7.00 to 7.15 p.m. or you may contact me on

SUN 15 AUG 93 ANDREW HILL - WOMBELANO FALLS EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS : MARGARET BORDEN & PENNY STAPLEY
 TRANSPORT : BUS FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 6.30 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : KINGLAKE NATIONAL PARK OUTDOOR LEISURE
 APPROX DISTANCE : 16 & 20 KM

Both walks will be circuits and start from Island Creek Picnic Ground on Eucalyptus Road. The easy group will head easterly along Stryngybark Track and climb approximately 250 m over 2 km up Andrew Hill and down to "The Gums". Those who are not too exhausted will do an extra 4.5 km up the transmission reserve giving lovely views back over the ranges. There should be some fascinating fungi, wattle, banksia etc and the glorious repertoires of the lyrebirds and maybe some black cockatoos.

The medium group will head westerly along Island Creek Track up to Wombelano Falls and back along Captain Creek Road to the transmission reserve, where maybe we'll all meet. The medium walk is around 3 - 4 km longer than the easy/medium and those who want an easy walk will do 11.5 km.

WED 18 AUG 93 YOU YANGS EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER : MARGARET BORDEN
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 MEETING PLACE : 9.15 A.M. WESTGATE CAR PARK (MELWAYS 56 F 1) OR
 10.00 A.M. CAR PARK BY VISITORS' CENTRE AT YOU YANGS
 (\$3 PER CAR TO ENTER)
 EXPECTED RETURN : 6.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : YOU YANGS REGIONAL PARK
 APPROX DISTANCE : 18 KM

We will start from the car park and head for the "Big Rock" with its aboriginal history. From there a bush bash to Great Circle Drive and the "Stockyards", ultimately finishing 348 m up Flinders Peak. The wattles, including beastly hedge wattle, should be in bloom and we may have time to pull out some of the South African boneseed. I'm planning to order a clear, sunny day (not too sure of the procedure) so we'll have glorious views from the Dandenongs to Geelong, down the bay and across to Macedon. There'll be plenty of birds and the occasional kangaroo

SUN 22 AUG93 BRISBANE RANGES EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS : JAN GROSS & JOHN ROSEMAN
 TRANSPORT : BUS FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : STAUGHTON, ECLIPSE CREEK 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 13 & 18 KM

We plan to commence this walk at Anakie Gorge with the easy walk mainly following established tracks and the medium walk taking to the bush.

The proposed route is via the Upper Stony Creek Reservoir with both walks finishing at Steiglitz, the historic gold mining town of the 1850s. This will be an interesting walk as there are many disused mines in the area and there will be time for a look at the township at the end.

SAT 28 AUG 93 DANDENONGS EXPLORER EASY

LEADER : MICHAEL CLODE
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE AND TO MEET AT BELGRAVE STATION CAR PARK TO MEET
 MELBOURNE TRAIN ABOUT 10 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : TO BELGRAVE STATION 5 P.M.

Michael Humphrey - co-ordinator of the Dandenongs Explorer series - has asked me to do some reconnoitering in the area and come up with a suitable walk for Saturday 28 August. As there is still some uncertainty about the September walk and as Michael is trying to avoid any repetition, I cannot give any further information at present. Suffice it to say that I will be leading a walk on that day and that since I have retired and moved out to Ferntree Gully I am taking great delight in discovering new walks and reading up on the history and natural history of the area. Should you want to discuss any aspect of this, please do not hesitate to phone me on

SUN 29 AUG93 UPPER LODDON STATE FOREST EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS : JEAN GIESE & GEOFF MATTINGLEY
 TRANSPORT : BUS FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : GUILDFORD1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 14 & 20 KM

As winter turns to spring, this walk should reward us with wattles in bloom and some early flowers. Our way will be mostly through open forest with the easier group using a track now and again. Evidence of old gold diggings is to be seen. There are some nice ups and downs but nothing more than 50 m at a time, some creeks to walk beside and a view or two.

WEEKEND WALKS - JUL 1993**30 JUL-1 AUG 93 MAJOR MITCHELL PLATEAU MEDIUM**

LEADER : DOUG POCOCK
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.00 P.M. SUNDAY NIGHT
 MAP REFERENCE : VICMAP SOUTHERN GRAMPPIANS
 APPROX DISTANCE : 26 KM

A spectacular walk with good views, wildflowers, rockhopping, the lot. We will meet at the Jimmy Creek camping ground on Friday night. Saturday will start with a short car shuffle before starting the 800 m climb to the plateau.

Please note that if the weather is foul (and it can snow on these higher peaks) then a lower walk may be considered, but bring your winter woollies anyway.

30 JUL-1 AUG 93 INTRO TO SNOW CAMPING - HEATHY SPUR EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER : LES SOUTHWELL

This skiing trip has been deferred to 17-19 September.

6-8 AUG 93 RAWSON LODGE SKI WEEKEND MEDIUM

LEADER : MERILYN WHIMPEY
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : SUNDAY NIGHT
 MAP REFERENCE : VMTC MT BAW BAW

This is a fun weekend, staying in comfort in twin share rooms at Rawson Holiday Resort, with an as-big-as-you like breakfast thrown in. The cost is \$58 per person for the two nights. Rooms have tea and coffee making facilities and electric blankets. Bathroom facilities are down the corridor. There is a drying room and a common room area. A counter-meal style dinner is available at extra cost.

There will be several skiing groups according to ability, interest and available leaders. All abilities will be catered for, except real beginners.

I've made a booking for 20 people, but this is fairly flexible up to a week before the trip. Please pay me a deposit of \$20 to secure your booking.

13-15 AUG 93 THE BLUFF SKIING EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER : MARK DURRE
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : SUNDAY EVENING
 MAP REFERENCE : HOWITT SELWYN 8223N; BULLER SOUTH 81231S

The cars will be taken as far as possible, hopefully to Bluff car park. Climbing the front face of The Bluff, we will camp either on The Bluff or near Bluff Hut, depending on weather. Side trips will be made out towards Lovick's Hut.

We will be snow camping so experienced snow campers with full equipment are required. The skiing standard will be medium. Be prepared for any weather conditions.

13-22 AUG 93 THE BLUFF - CROSSCUT SAW - MT COBBLER SKIING MED/HARD

LEADER : BILL METZENTHEN
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : SUNDAY NIGHT
 MAP REFERENCE : HOWITT-SELWYN 1:50,000, BULLER SOUTH 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 41+ KM

Transportation is a problem with this trip and may involve a very long car shuffle. Arrangements will have to be made early. If you want to join this trip, let me know before August!

The trip will start with an ascent of The Bluff from Refrigerator Gap and will follow the ridge to the Apline Walking Track which will be followed to Mt Speculation. We will then follow the ridge to the Cobbler Plateau where it is likely that the snow will end. We finish our trip at Lake Cobbler.

We will establish a series of mini-base-camps on the way from which we will explore the surrounding country encumbered only by day packs. Our side trips might include: Mt Clear and beyond, Butcher Conuntry Spur and The Razor on snow.

The actual trip will be determined by weather and snow conditions as well as fitness and skills of party members.

20-22 AUG 93 TALLAROOK STATE FOREST - MT HICKEY EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER : JEAN GIESE
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : SUNDAY NIGHT
 MAP REFERENCE : STRATHCREEK & SEYMOUR 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 32 KM

This is a base camp, with maybe a short walk-in if the tracks are soft. We will camp in the drier part of the forest where we should enjoy some winter sunshine.

There will be two good day walks, one south west to Mt Hickey and the other north via Warragul Rocks to Meadow Hill, all affording spectacular views.

Those coming Saturday morning meet us at 9.30 a.m.

20-22 AUG 93 MT COBBLER - MT SPECULATION SKIING MEDIUM

LEADER : MARIANNE DRIVER
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : SUNDAY NIGHT
 MAP REFERENCE : HOWITT-SELWYN 1:50,000, VMTC ALPINE NATIONAL PARK WABONGA PLATEAU SECTION
 APPROX DISTANCE : 20 KM, DEPENDING ON SNOW CONDITIONS

Where we go and ratio of walking to skiing will depend on road and snow conditions.

One aim of the trip is to meet up with Bill Metzenthens's group and keep them company on the last night of their week-long trip.

It will be an interesting trip in an area not often visited while under snow.

We will meet Saturday, 8 a.m. at Bennies.

20-22 AUG 93 MT BUFFALO SKIING - CARAVAN PARK E/MEDIUM

LEADER : JANET NORMAN
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : SUNDAY NIGHT
 MAP REFERENCE : MT BUFFALO PLATEAU 1:30,000

The menu for the weekend will depend on snow conditions and weather conditions. The day trips will be interesting explorations of the plateau; however, if there is no snow on the Buffalo Plateau we will head for Falls Creek.

We will be camping at the Riverview Caravan Park, Porepunkah and if there are enough people interested we can book a van. Saturday's evening meal will be at a restaurant in Bright!

Not suitable for beginners.

27-29 AUG 93 MT LANGI GHIRAN E/MEDIUM

LEADER : KEITH LANGHAM
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : SUNDAY NIGHT

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

ADVANCE PREVIEW**26 SEPT.-2 OCT. KOSSIE CLASSIC SKI TOUR****MEDIUM**

Over the week 26 September to 2 October Ken MacMahon and I are planning to ski between Kiandra and the Main Range (ending at either Guthega or Munyang).

At that time of the year the days are getting longer (and hopefully sunnier), although the snow can be expected to be thinnish in places at the northern end.

It'll be a chance to visit those intriguing names, Jagungal, Cup and Saucer, Gungartan, Gungarlin, Twynam and see them in their winter white.

We plan to leave our cars at Jindabyne and get a taxi/mini-van to Kiandra. On our return we'll get similar transport from Guthega or Munyang back to Jindabyne. The taxi fares will be about \$50-\$60 each for a party of 6 or more.

The standard will be about medium/hard as packs with gear for 7 days have to be carried.

Graeme Thornton

BUSHWALK KAKADU: CLOSE FOCUS

Kakadu is much more than an inspiring landscape with many deep gorges and beautiful waterfalls. It is also a subtle place where many of nature's masterpieces are seen only by those who walk through at a leisurely pace with a keen eye and a sense of wonder.



Take your time. Enjoy a swim and look at the butterflies. Observe the small birds. Have a break and watch the small lizards. Relax around a camp fire. Soak up your surroundings while your guide prepares you a three course meal.



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Art Terry Visitors' fees
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Stan Blewett
18 letters to fitness centres and sports shops enclosing a leaflet about our club.

TREASURER'S REPORT

JUNE RECEIPTS:	\$3,795.40	
JUNE PAYMENTS	\$5,306.72	
BANK BALANCES:		
Current Account	\$13,477.00	
Reserves Account	\$52,000.00	\$65,477.00
Postage Float	\$52,000.00	

WALKS SECRETARY'S REPORT MAY 1993

Total	Day walkers	W/E walkers	Members	Visitors	Fees
288	251	37	216	72	\$2722

Average number of walkers on Sunday bus during May 40.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The club has a copy of the Land Conservation Council recommendations on the Central Highlands.

A conservation notice board is soon to appear in the clubrooms.

First Aid Course: This is to start on 14th October 6.30-9.00 p.m. and go for 8 weeks. Course members will be all Melbourne Bushies and there are just a few places left. The venue will be the Red Cross Building in City Road, South Melbourne.

DUTY ROSTER

July	14	Liz & Mary
	21	Alan Miller & Merilyn
	28	Andrew & Peter Havlicek
August	4	Peter Day & John Kittson

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday 2 August at 7.00 p.m.

ONE TREE HILL REGIONAL PARK

The One Tree Hill Regional Park is a unique example of Box/Ironbark Forest which once occurred in a narrow band across Central Victoria, and up along the western slopes of the Great Divide through New South Wales. Localized species such as the Regent Honeyeater, Tuan (Brush-tailed Phascogale) and recently discovered Legless Lizard are threatened with extinction as this already fragmented forest type is minimalized or totally destroyed by urbanization.

A substantial lot of forest surrounding One Tree Hill Park is privately owned and zoned for urban subdivision. A year ago 24 hectares valued at \$160,000 were put up for sale. With a \$60,000 grant from the Victorian (Labour) Government, Victorian Conservation Trust and local appeals, nearly \$100,000 has been raised to date. The most important package of land has already been purchased. Ultimately it is critical to secure the adjoining blocks. Any financial support individual members may wish to contribute to the One Tree Hill Appeal will be appreciated. Donations are tax deductible.

Donations can be sent to the Victorian Conservation Trust, 8th floor, 49 Spring St. Melbourne 3000.

TWO MEMORABLE WINTER DAY WALKS

Max Casley said to me that day walks are rarely reviewed, and as I've been on two so far so this week, here I go!

On Sunday 13 June, Lloyd Young, at the last minute, took over the leadership of the easy walk, with 35 walkers, at Blackwood. There were too many people to fit into the bus, due to cheques not arriving at the right address and people just turning up. Four of us went in Alan's car.

My theory is that if there is an "easy" walk as against an "easy/medium" walk, we'll have no trouble keeping up the numbers.

It was fine, there was plenty of snow around, the medium walkers crunched through it and Penny's thermometer on her backpack registered 5°. Trevor Thomson led an adventurous medium walk and all were glad of their winter thermals.

On the easy walk, Lloyd was like a frisky young sheep dog, using up his surplus energy running from the front to the back of his big mob, consulting Andrew, his whip.

We had a pleasant walk, at a good pace, with an interesting detour to the Lerderderg River. With Lloyd's good thinking we arrived back in time to

down a couple of Irish coffees before the medium party returned.

On Wednesday 16 June our monthly Wednesday group walked in the north eastern section of Kinglake. Margaret Borden exercised her usual leadership skills, but her compassion wasn't required as everyone raced up the hills in record time.

We had a short scrub-bash and an exacting climb down a muddy incline, which was enhanced by the loud calls of lyrebirds mimicking whip birds as well. Apparently something happens after the "whip" sound according to Margaret, but we don't know what!

Later, walking through a forest of gum trees, we heard and glimpsed a flock of black cockatoos. The lyrebirds and cockatoos gave us a wild ovation in this forest, and I wished I'd taken a tape recorder. There's something special about winter walks, apart from the day closing in so early.

We miss Spencer George greatly. The Wednesday group welcomes new walkers to join our thoroughly delightful walks each month.

Helen Skillington

NORTHERN WILSONS PROM 4-6 JUNE 1993

The early party left Melbourne at 3.00, dined in the pub at Foster and retired to the Foster caravan park at a very respectable hour. This was probably when the second party was leaving Melbourne, due to later-than-expected work and leaving behind of boots.

We departed late next day due to the retrieval of a fishing rod at Foster. The Roberts who were in charge of *The Elizabeth* were friendly and helpful. We saw a seal on our way across to the Prom.

We arrived at Johnny Souey Cove on the Northern Wilson Prom, pitched tents and ate lunch. The weather was overcast for a while but soon cleared. We took the northern track to Five Mile Beach, noticing pink and white heath, emu tracks and (for the quick-sighted) a wallaby on the way. It rained intermittently.

Some of us wanted to go along the coast on the rocks back to J.S. Cove and the party split into two groups. The rocks were very slippery so after a while spent scrambling, Lloyd said it would be dangerous to continue and so we turned back. Back at Johnny Suey John had a fire burning and a fish (flake) ready to be cooked.

We each had a little of the fish. The fire had died with some rain, but someone got it going again and a few of us stayed up chatting till 9.00

We got up early the next day and started to pack. It's amazing how things seem to expand when emptied in a tent!

A few went for a quick swim before we walked to Three Mile Point, covering some rocky territory that was fortunately dry. We continued to Lighthouse Point, passing the distinctive Whale Rock on the way. Afternoon tea included abalones that John provided. We continued along Mt Margaret and Tin Mine Track. Near the coast we scrambled along the rocks for a long time. It had been raining and it was getting late. We had to cover some bush to get back to the track, some of which was scrubby. Then it was a short walk along the track to Tin Mine Cove camping area. The boat was waiting for us. We could see the weather deteriorate and were happy to be on our way.

Thanks Lloyd for an exciting and memorable trip.

Mary Leonard

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