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SOCIAL EVENTS

SLIDE NIGHT

WEDS 24 NOVEMBER

IN THE CLUB ROOMS 8.00 P.M.

Robyn Gray will show slides
of her overseas trips to

**New Zealand, China and
the Middle East.**

Light supper provided.

VIDEO NIGHT

WEDS 8 DECEMBER

IN THE CLUB ROOMS 8.00 P.M.

Art Terry has arranged for
Ken Baird to show a video of their

**canoe trip on the flooded
Hattah Lakes.**

Light supper provided.

SOCIAL EVENT OF THE DECADE

Saturday 15 January 1994

Afternoon cruise up the Maribyrnong River
in "The Blackbird".

From 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Cost \$18

Departs Footscray. Limit of 30.

Don't miss out - to book your place,
or for further information,
call Sylvia Wilson on

**Wednesday night at Totos and
Sunday night at South Bank are
still going strong.
Have you been seen at either venue?**

Thank you are in order to **Peter Day** for
organising last month's speaker (and supper), and
to **Liz Spriggs** for her hard work with the first aid
classes (19 members are CPR-ing and bandaging
with the hope that none of it is ever needed).
Thank you both.

As my new job is restricting the amount of time I
can devote to arranging social events I would
appreciate it if members could assist me in
suggesting and organising such events.

Andrew Low, Social Secretary

Correspondence should be directed to: The Secretary
Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.
PO Box 1751Q
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 Editor on

Closing date for the November edition is Wednesday 1 December 1993.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

MBW (Inc) Aims and Rules

At our Extraordinary General Meeting on 6 October, members voted unanimously to change our Aims and Rules to meet the requirements of the Tax Office. We have now received our tax exemption certificate from that office. With this change and also the small change made at the AGM last February, the Committee thinks it is time to reprint our Aims and Rules.

Denise Triffett has volunteered to do the typing, and in a few weeks a copy will be available for any member who would like one.

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Guests in Bendigo

The weekend of October 23-24 proved to be a most enjoyable one. We were met by members of the Bendigo Alpine Walking Club and guided by them for our Saturday walk to the Lone Tree Park with experts naming and drawing attention to the many orchids and other flowers blooming at this time of the year.

Sunday our leader was from the Bendigo Outdoor Group when again we were guided to the orchids and other flora, and given the history of the Whipstick area. It was certainly very pleasant meeting the members of these clubs and having the benefit of their local knowledge. It made me think it would be good to endeavour to seek out other country clubs with whom we might arrange a weekend now and again.

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Appreciation

New member Ann Granat wrote a very nice article about our Club which was published in the magazine *Single Life*. She included a photograph taken by Bob Steel and spoke of the enjoyable walking and pleasant company she has encountered.

We have also received a letter from day walker, Lauren Brand, telling of her transfer to Canberra and regretting being unable to continue her association with us which she had enjoyed enormously, she said.

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Campus Conservation Corps - Volunteer Work in National Parks

We have received notice of an opportunity for young people to spend two weeks between December and February working in our National Parks. Some of the projects being run by the Department of Conservation and National Resources are:

- Creating walking tracks in the Alpine Nat Park
- Monitoring wildlife in Victoria's Mallee
- Controlling environmental weeds on the coast
- Restoring heritage sites on public land

There is a brochure on the notice board in the Club rooms, or anyone interested can ring the Australian Trust for Conservation Volunteers on 008 032 501.

Jean Giese, President

CONSERVATION MATTERS - ALPINE RESORT EXPANSION

Following is a summary of an article from the September VNPA newsletter regarding expansion plans which have been uncovered by recent VNPA research for almost all Victorian alpine resorts.

These plans include:

- Expansion of the Baw Baw Alpine Resort into a wilderness area within Baw Baw National Park. The LCC is proposing that Neulyne Plain be developed for downhill skiing after recommending in 1991 that it be protected from all development. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) recognises Neulyne Plain as an area of national botanical and global zoological significance.
- A ski lift is planned to extend into the Alpine National Park at Falls Creek. This includes a lift near Rocky Valley Dam and a 1.5 km lift towards Mt McKay through untouched areas to the west of Frying Pan Spur.
- The Alpine Resorts Commission (ARC) plans for Mt Hotham Alpine Resort have the potential to double the size of the ski field by expanding into untouched terrain to the east of Swindlers Creek.
- Speculation is rife that plans exist for Mt Stirling. The ARC released a development strategy in 1989 and it is believed that the Grollo family is keen to pursue the project which included linking Stirling with Mt Buller via an aerial gondola.
- According to recent media reports, a luxury 18 hole golf course, commercial airport and international hotel are planned for Dinner Plain.

Measures Required

The VNPA is now publicly calling a moratorium on resort expansion until the following issues are addressed:

An amendment to Section 66(1) of the Conservation, Forests and Lands Act to strengthen the powers of the DCNR to allow them to approve and, if necessary, veto any works within resorts considered to have unacceptable impacts on land, water, flora and fauna. The DCNR is the principle land manager in Victoria and the Alps and has the appropriate expertise to provide final judgements on proposed works.

At present the ARC is only required to seek the comments of the DCNR for works above 1220 metres within alpine resorts. The ARC, which promotes alpine resorts is currently also the body which approves activities within them.

They want an environmental audit of all Victorian alpine resorts under the control of the ARC.

An independent public inquiry into measures to be taken to ensure the future ecological and economic sustainability of Victoria's alpine resorts.

Peter Day

How You Can Help

The more letters written supporting the VNPA's measures the better. You can write to the newspapers or the Ministers concerned.

A broad range of response from the general public would be very valuable in order to keep up the momentum for change.

The Hon Mark Birrell MLC
Minister for Conservation
8/240 Victoria Parade
East Melbourne 3002

The Hon Geoff Coleman MLA
Minister for Natural Resources
7/232 Victoria Parade
East Melbourne 3002

The next meeting of the CONSERVATION SUB-COMMITTEE

will be held in the Club rooms on
Wednesday 24 November at 7.45 p.m.

The subject will be the
Alpine Resort Expansion

FEDERATION OF VICTORIAN WALKING CLUBS - DRAFT CONSERVATION POLICY

The following extracts are taken from the Draft Conservation Policy drawn up by the Federation's Conservation Sub-Committee to be endorsed by the Federation early next year. The Policy in full is pinned to the Conservation News board in the Club rooms.

They are inviting comments from member clubs by 30 November, so if anyone is interested in contributing their ideas they should be directed to our Federation conservation representative, Ron Garrett.

Forests

Federation is against the replacement of Native Forests with Pine Plantations on public land.

Remaining rainforest and old growth forest which are not already contained in national parks or wilderness areas are to be protected in reserves and preserved for the future.

Although the Code of Forest Practices for Timber Production needs review, Federation in general terms supports this document. However breaches of the Code are not penalised sufficiently for effective protection of land, flora and fauna.

Fire

Fuel reduction burning is an extremely complex mechanism used extensively to reduce the cost of fighting bushfires. Much research is now going on and CNR are not using this technique indiscriminately as they have done in the past.

We are opposed to inappropriate methods of fire protection. More sensitivity should be shown in the construction of fire breaks and in the effect on the ecology of areas where fuel reduction burning is planned. More research is needed to find alternatives.

Camping and Campsites

When walking in remote areas and camping away from designated camping areas, members should look for low impact campsites; sandy or hard surfaces are better than boggy or grassed areas. Camp should be made at an existing campsite rather than a new one if possible. Sites should be at least 30 m away from watercourses and used for only one or two nights. Bushwalkers should aim to leave campsites the same as when they arrived, or in better condition if there is evidence of previous careless users.

Modern tents normally have their own poles or hoops which lessens the need to use local timber, and because they have sewn in floors, there is rarely the need for drainage trenches.

Many areas are designated as fuel stove only; bushwalkers should familiarise themselves with these areas. Wherever possible, use portable fuel stoves for cooking. No campfires should be lit in snow gum areas (approx 1200 m elevation). Small social fires are acceptable in less sensitive areas. Bushwalkers need to be aware that even dead timber lying on the ground can be some creatures' habitat and all is part of the ecosystem.

Reference Zones

Location of Reference Zones should be made known to club executives. Club leaders should be made aware of reference zones and trips and plan to avoid them.

Rivers and Streams

Federation is against interference with natural watercourses. In particular we oppose dams on Heritage Rivers or the diversion of large volumes of water for industrial purposes.

Spaghnum moss beds and wetlands must be avoided. Always wash at least 100 m away from streams or lakes and scatter the used washing water so that it will be filtered on its way back to the watercourse. Avoid the use of soap and detergents

Flora and Fauna

Our aim is the conservation and protection of all native flora and fauna, and in particular, threatened and endangered species. We are prepared to compromise our activities as bushwalkers in the interest of preserving habitat of species.

We support the eradication of introduced plants and feral animals. Boots should be washed and sterilised after each walk and seed gaiters worn where necessary.

Trail Bikes

Use of these is incompatible with bushwalking. They should not be permitted on walking tracks and should not be permitted to go off-road.

Litter/Waste

Federation encourages members to plan trips which minimise rubbish generation. Where possible avoid excessive packaging of bottles, tins and aluminium foil. Carry out all rubbish, namely plastic wrappers, aluminium foil, tea bags, orange peel, cans and bottles. If possible, clean up waste left behind by other inconsiderate bush users.

Wilderness

Definition of Wilderness: Land without permanent improvements, structures or human habitation that offers an opportunity for solitude and a challenging, primitive kind of experience, and where the forces of nature predominate.

All wilderness areas should be protected by Act of Parliament. The Act should be flexible enough to permit areas with wilderness qualities, but which bear the marks of human works to be admitted as wilderness, and to direct CNR to implement programmes that permit natural rehabilitation to occur.

Minimum Impact

Federation suggests that a maximum number of walkers to be 30 on day walks, and 12 on overnight walks. However, certain environmental conditions can make smaller parties desirable.

A policy of keeping to the track in sensitive areas should be adopted.

WANTED - BASE CAMP LEADERS

We often have requests for more base camps, the latest from George Zamora, our resident expert on Flamenco dancing. The last base camp in the Grampians was a roaring success - led by Rob and Sylvia Harris.

So what about a few offers, or suggestions for locations. Actually they are easier to organise than you might think. Once someone offers to lead, other people will come who can lead good day walks, sing songs and cook apple pies!

So make George and others happy by leading a base camp. Let me know for the autumn programme - March, April and May 1994.

Max Casley
Walks Secretary

HIGHFIELD STATE PARK

Members and visitors who have enjoyed our weekends in this delightful area over the past ten years will no doubt be upset to learn that the accommodation and facilities at the Highfield bunk house are no longer available for hire. This has been the situation for the past few months.

I was given this information when I went to Dromana recently to book the bunk house for a weekend in February 1994.

Art Terry

WILKY IN WINTER 1993

After a huge dump of snow on the Queen's Birthday weekend we looked set for a corker year for skiing. However there were no decent follow up falls so the season was probably the lightest on for snow for many years.

The outcome was that the optimists went up to Wilky and enjoyed themselves whatever the condition, and the pessimists stayed away. Even on the last week (13th of the season) 25 September onwards, Gareth Pocock took in a group of Monash Bushwalkers and they reported a good time, especially on the drifts on the east side of Mt Nelse.

The usage over winter was:

Members	260 nights
Visitors	270 nights

This was 530 nights out of a possible 728 so there were plenty of vacancies.

Don't forget lockers must be emptied by Australia Day weekend - all lockers will then be emptied and contents become group stock.

From now on at Wilky, all toilet paper, washing up liquid and lamp batteries will be provided.

Doug Pocock
Wilky Lodge Manager

DAY WALKS - DECEMBER 1993**SUN 5 DEC 93 WARBURTON - MT TUGWELL - GROOM HILL E/MEDIUM & 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 : GLADYSDALE 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 16 & 18 KM

This walk starts about 3 km south of Wesburn on the Warburton Highway and finishes about 3 km east of Warburton.

The walk will be on 4WD tracks and on narrower, lesser used bush tracks. Some bush bashing is necessary in parts, more so for the medium group. Good footwear is necessary to negotiate some slippery tracks. Lunch will most probably be late, so bring a snack for morning tea.

This walk is not suitable for inexperienced walkers.

Please note: it is policy of these leaders not to enter names into the booking sheet on Wednesday nights unless payment is made. (*In fact, this is Club policy and applies to all Sunday walks. Ed.*)

SAT 11 DEC 93 MOONEE PONDS CREEK VALLEY EASY

LEADER : ATHOL SCHAFER
 TRANSPORT : TRAM
 MEETING PLACE : UNDER THE CLOCKS, FLINDERS STREET STATION BY 1.15 P.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 5.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : MELWAYS MAPS 28, 29
 APPROX DISTANCE : 7 KM

Walkfolk should enjoy this section of the linear park with its views and vistas of the valley along which extensive areas have been pleasantly landscaped. We join the pathway at West Brunswick to finish at Strathmore. Bring afternoon tea.

SUN 12 DEC 93 GREENS BUSH - BUSHRANGER BAY EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS : PETER MCGRATH & JOHN ROSEMAN
 TRANSPORT : BUS FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 8.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : MELWAYS MAPS 159, 171, 253, 254, 258, 259, 260
 APPROX DISTANCE : 14 & 21 KM

We will have two walks today - one for the social bushwalkers, the other for the "fleet-of-foot". The easy walk will traverse Greens Bush from Baldry's Road and finish at Cape Schank visiting Main Creek, Lightfoot Creek and Bushranger Bay along the way. The medium walk has a 350 m climb of Arthur's Seat at the start. It offers some of the very best bay views on the Peninsula from Seawinds at the top of Arthur's Seat. This walk is a good one for peninsula afficianados - it's got the bush, the views, traverses the peninsula from the Bay to Westernport, plus the beach.

WED 15 DEC 93 KARRALLA - BULLARTO RES - LYONVILLE SPRINGS E/MEDIUM

LEADER : TREVOR THOMSON
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 MEETING PLACE : 8.30 A.M. JEAN'S, 9 ALBERT CRES, SURREY HILLS, OR 10.15 A.M. "KARRALLA"
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : DAYLESFORD & BULLARTO 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 18 KM

To get to the start of the walk from the leader's home ("Karralla"), turn south off the Daylesford - Malmsbury Rd at Wheatsheaf (approx 10 km from Daylesford) into Griffiths Land, then left into Lightwood Drive. Continue past Gays Rd, turn right into Whitegum Drive and follow it for 1 km to the top of the second rise where signs "Thomson" and "Karralla" can be seen.

The circuit route will be mostly on minor forest tracks, first following Kangaroo Creek back to the picturesque Bullarto Reservoir before crossing Babbington Hill and descending to the Loddon River and Lyonville Springs. The return via the Loddon Valley will take in the "forgotten" Coliban Springs, which may be covered if the river is high.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

SUN 19 DEC 93 CUMBERLAND RIVER SHEOAK FALLS (LORNE) EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS : JOHN KITTSON & MARGARET BORDEN
 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, OTWAYS & SHIPWRECK COAST 1:50,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 15 & 20 KM

Well, what can I say - fern gullies, gorges, waterfalls, cascades, pleasant walking tracks and if the weather is fine it's just possible, by gosh, we might find the lost ruins of Adam and Eve's cottage if we keep our eyes open. No, in all honesty, this part of the Otways is a great place to walk.

With a long bus journey to and from Lorne, a thermos of tea or coffee will be in order at the end of the day, and maybe a change of dry clothing, just in case. I suggest that you bring fresh drinking water for the day's walk.

SUN 26 DEC 93 NO WALK

WEEKEND WALKS - DECEMBER 1993

19-21 NOV 93 EAGLES PEAKS - THE BLUFF

This walk has been postponed until 10-12 December.

3-5 DEC 93 OTWAYS WATERFALLS MEDIUM

LEADER : STEPHEN ROWLANDS
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : SUNDAY EVENING
 MAP REFERENCE : THE OTWAYS & SHIPWRECK COAST 1:50,000, LORNE 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 25 KM

The walk will start at Blanket Leaf Picnic Area car park, which is situated in the Angahook Lorne State Park at approx 8.00 a.m. Saturday morning. Much of the walk is on well-maintained walking tracks with the occasional creek crossing. Hopefully we will be able to visit most of the waterfalls situated in the area, and we should reach the coast at Cumberland River Reserve on Sunday afternoon in time for a brief swim (weather permitting) in the ocean before heading back to Melbourne.

10-12 DEC 93 EAGLES PEAKS - THE BLUFF**MEDIUM**

LEADER : PETER DAY
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.00-8.00 P.M. SUNDAY NIGHT
 MAP REFERENCE : BULLER SOUTH & SKENE NORTH 1:25,000,
 APPROX DISTANCE : 25 KM

Friday night we will camp at Sheeppark Flat. Saturday morning we will drive to 8 Mile Gap to start the walk. We begin with a tough climb to Eagles Peaks following the ridge line. We will then make our way down the Frys Hut to Upper Jamieson Hut walking track via Lickhole Gap and Mt Darling. Once on the walking track we will do a side trip to the Governors. We will then continue on to a good camping spot on the Jamieson River.

On Sunday we will continue on to the Bluff car park where we will do a side trip to the Bluff. On returning we will make our way back to the cars via Rocky Ridge.

This should be an interesting weekend with great views and plenty of challenging hill climbs.

26 DEC - 3 JAN 94 MT FEATHERTOP - HIGH PLAINS GRAND TOUR**E/MEDIUM**

LEADER : JEAN GIESE
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 MAP REFERENCE : BOGONG HIGH PLAINS OUTDOOR LEISURE MAP 1:50,000, FEATHERTOP 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 100 KM (20+ WITHOUT PACKS)

This will be a great walk with some strenuous climbs but we will take them quietly. There will be two afternoons free for swimming or sleeping, and 20 kms walking without packs.

We begin by walking the Razorback to Feathertop, camping at the head of the Diamantina Spur. Next day we'll descend via this spur to cross the Kiewa River West Branch and climb up to the High Plains via Westons Hut. The Niggerheads (when will this name be changed?) and Fainter will be explored without packs. We'll visit Mt Jim, High Plains Creek, take Youngs and Paling Spurs to the Cobungra River and Dungey's Track via Swindlers Gap back to Swindlers Spur and the Alpine Walking Track on which we return to Mt Hotham.

Please talk to me straight away if you would like to join this expedition. Limit of 12.

26 DEC - 4 JAN 94 COLO RIVER & WOLLANGAMBE CREEK LILO TRIP**MEDIUM**

LEADER : JOPIE BODEGRAVEN (TEL:)
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 MAP REFERENCE : WOLLEMI NAT PARK 1:50,000, ST ALBANS 1:100,000,
 WOLLANGAMBE & MT WILSON 1:25,000
 COST : 2,100 KM @ 5C = \$105

The Colo is a lovely river in the Northern Blue Mountains flowing through a gorge lined with lots of nice high cliffs, sandy beaches and with several interesting tributaries. It is a series of long pools separated by rapids. In the summer the weather is often warm making it ideal for a leisurely lilo trip with lots of swimming. Wollangambe Creek is the easiest and warmest of the Blue Mountains canyons and very spectacular.

I am intending to spend 4 or 5 days on the Colo and a full day on the Wollangambe. It is about 850 km to our first night's camp, a full day's drive, but the area is well worth it.

Everyone must be able to swim and will have to have a buoyancy vest and a helmet of some sort (like the canoeists) for safety when shooting rapids on the Colo. There will be a group limit of 12.

As I will probably not be able to get into the Club rooms prior to the trip there won't be any trip list there, so ring me on if you are interested.

26 DEC - 4 JAN 94 PARKER RIVER BASE CAMP (OTWAYS) EASY & E/MEDIUM

LEADERS : GEORGE ZAMORA & MICHAEL MANN
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 MAP REFERENCE : THE OTWAYS & SHIPWRECK COAST 1:50,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : VARIOUS

This will be a pleasant base camp close to the beach and to a popular swimming hole in the Parker River. We will be able to do good beach walks and forest walks. For those new to camping this is a great way to get experience in camping.

Some of us may go down early and have Christmas Day at the camp - contact George or Michael in the Club rooms or by telephone. Some us may stay a few days longer at the end also. See you there!

27 DEC - 5 JAN 94 TASMANIA: CENTRAL PLATEAU - TRAVELLER RANGE MED/HARD

LEADER : DOUG POCOCK
 TRANSPORT : PLANE & HIRE VEHICLE
 MAP REFERENCE : TASMAR MERSEY & CRADLE MT 1:100,000, OR 9 DIFFERENT 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 100 KM

This will be a wilderness walk, skirting areas where there may be other people. While the walking shouldn't be too hard, weather conditions could be atrocious making life difficult. Full cold weather gear should be carried; expect snow but hope for sunshine. Cooking will be on stoves for the entire trip.

If the weather is good the campspot at "The Gatepost" would have to be one of the most spectacular I've ever seen. Campspots are small and hard to find so there will be a limit of 8 persons, i.e. 4 tents. All the group must be experienced navigators and extended walkers. Costs something in the order of \$250.

P.S. Be warned - nude swimming has been known to happen on my walks!!

ADVANCE NOTICE**9-24 APRIL 94 GAMMON RANGES & MAWSON PLATEAU HARD**

LEADER: JOPIE BODEGRAVEN (TEL:)

The Gammon Ranges and the Mawson Plateau are two tough, rough but spectacular features of the Northern Flinders Ranges. The Gammons have a magnificent series of very rugged and remote gorges which I partly explored over 15 years ago and I'm itching to get back and do the area properly on a 5 day pack carry. Water can be a problem in the Gammons and April is a good month because the waterholes are more likely to have water from summer storms than later in the season.

The Mawson Plateau is an elevated granite landscape with permanent waterholes, a rare feature in the Flinders. It is north of Arkaroola. The photos I have seen look terribly attractive. I want to explore it on a 4 day pack carry involving a 3 night base camp on the plateau.

The average maximum temperature in April is 24.8 which should mean mostly OK conditions with the possibility of an occasional warm to hot day. After all this we will have the option of returning straight home or spending two extra days in the Southern Flinders doing day walks to Edeowie Gorge and the Yappala Range. The only question mark on the trip is that if they have a drought in the Gammons we may have to cancel the trip due to lack of water there, but we should know at least 2 months ahead.

Ring me on if you are interested.

TASMANIA RED CENTRE KAKADU KIMBERLEY ALPS FLINDERS RA



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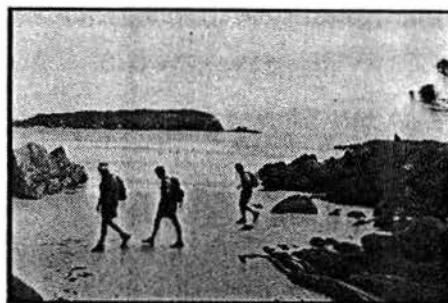
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PROGRAMME

1994	Jan 8-16	Victorian Alpine Highlights	9 days
	22-30	Snowy Mtns & Far South Coast	9 days
	Feb 5-19	Tasmanian Grand Tour No. 1	15 days
	Feb 27-Mar 14	Tasmanian Grand Tour No. 2	16 days
	May 7-22	Red Centre	14-16 days
	May 28-June 11	Kakadu/Top End	15 days
	June 17-July 3	Kimberley No. 1	17 days
	July 10-26	Kimberley No. 2	17 days
	Aug 3-27	Kimberley & Pilbara	25 days
	Sept 25-Oct 8	Flinders Rangers	14 days
1995	Jan 7-15	Snowy Mtns & Far South Coast	9 days
	Jan 21-29	Victorian Alpine Highlights	9 days
	Feb 4-12	Victoria's Scenic Coast	9 days

ONE TREE HILL WHIPSTICK 22-24 OCTOBER 1993

Our leaders Rosemary and Sylvia told us to expect a fun, relaxing weekend with an emphasis on flowers and bird spotting. This promise was certainly fulfilled.

Saturday was a glorious sunny spring day when we joined the Bendigo Alpine Club, the Bendigo Outdoor Club and the Bendigo Field Naturalist Club for a choice of two walks conducted by their members. These walks were in the One Tree Hill Regional Park, and we soon found out why locals have campaigned hard to purchase surrounding land which was zoned for sub-division. The area was thick with a diverse and interesting variety of plants. The campaign continues for further purchases of land so this unique area is retained for present and future generations.

Saturday night was spent in the Whipstick just a few kilometres from Eaglehawk. Rain did fall in

the morning but in keeping with this perfect weekend it cleared into a warm sunny day just at the beginning of Sunday's walk. We once again joined up with members from the Bendigo groups. We were particularly fortunate to have Graham Hill as our leader. Graham has an extensive knowledge of the area so we enjoyed a wonderful history of the Whipstick area as well as discovering a wide variety of beautiful wildflowers, some familiar and others more rare such as the *Thelemitra junciflora* (type of blue sun orchid) which is only in flower for 24 hours.

This visit to the Bendigo area has been a highlight in my year, it was a fascinating place with easy walking and so much to enjoy and appreciate.

Elaine Jacobsen

CHANGES OF INFORMATION

Wendy Barnes

Mary Curtin

John Kowarsky

Tracy Guest

Andrew Low

Merilyn Whimpey
Delete work number

Betty Spencer

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Peter Lukas** and **Pauline Smith** (both MBW members) who were married at the Glen Park Gospel Mission in Eltham North on 9th October. The reception was held at Wellers Restaurant at Kangaroo Ground.

BABY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Felicity Brough (Topp)** whose second son, Jacob Mason, was born on 5th September.

Felicity is happily settled on a farm in New Zealand, and is enjoying her new life.

NEW MEMBERS

The Club would like to welcome the following new members:

Carol Lingard

Susan Day

Pauline Clemens

Adam Read

Kathryn Graham

Marion McPherson

Pauline Elvins

Helen Pitt

Peter Hannemann

Sylvia Mair

COMMITTEE NOTES - 8 NOVEMBER 1993

TREASURER'S REPORT AT 30 OCTOBER 1993:

	\$	\$
OCTOBER RECEIPTS:	3,449	
OCTOBER PAYMENTS:	3,789	
BALANCE:		
Current Account	7,170	
Reserves Account	52,000	
Postage float	500	<u>59,670</u>

WALKS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER:

Total	Day walkers	W/E walkers	Members	Visitors	Fees
223	165	58	183	40	\$1534
Sunday Bus	4	116	average 29 (last year average 31.25)		
Pack Carry	3	20			
Base Camp	2	34			
Urban	1	16			
Wednesday	1	7			
Run	1	7			
Dandenongs	1	19			
S&R Practice	1	4			
TOTAL	14	223			

Four ski trips were cancelled due to insufficient snow.

The summer walks programme is complete, but a leader is required for Sunday 2/1/94.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. The Leaders Day at Lake Mountain was very successful, with 20 members attending. Lake Mountain was covered with 20 cm of snow, more than it had most of the winter, but this did not deter the nominated leaders from leading very enjoyable walks. It was agreed that this should become an annual event. A full write-up will be in next month's News.
2. The First Aid classes are going well. They are being attended by 19 members.

DUTY ROSTER:

Nov	17	Mary & Keith
Nov	24	Peter Day & Liz
Dec	1	Doug & Andrew
Dec	8	Peter H & Merilyn

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 6 December 1993 at 7.00pm

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