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NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 8.00 P.M. 6 OCTOBER 1983

**An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Melbourne Bushwalkers (Inc.)
will be held in the Club rooms on Wednesday 6 October at 8.00 p.m.**

The only business of the meeting will be to pass a **Special Resolution** to amend the Club's Statement of Purposes and Rules (the Constitution) to satisfy the requirements of the Australian Taxation Office in the event of the winding up of the Club (see explanation below).

Rule 25 Delete "In the event of the winding up or cancellation of the incorporation of the Association, the assets of the Association shall be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Act."

Insert "If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Association but shall be given or transferred to some other organisation having similar objects to the Association and which shall prohibit the distribution of its income and property amongst its members to an extent at least as great as it imposed on the Association."

Proxy Should any member wish to vote by proxy he or she may do so by completing and signing the form on page 12 which must be received by the Secretary before the commencement of the meeting.

Jean Giese, President
Janet Norman, Secretary

Explanation

The time of year had arrived in July for the Club to apply to the Tax Office for exemption from income tax. This was required to stop deduction of tax at the source on interest paid to the Club and also for our bulk mailing of "News". The Tax Office advised that we could be considered exempt provided our Rules are amended to prohibit distribution of assets among members in the event of the winding-up or dissolution of the Club. As set out above, our Rules require disposal of assets in accordance with the Associations Incorporations Act. Section 35 of that Act says the assets shall be disposed of in accordance with a special resolution passed by the Association, or - if no special resolution and where the Rules of the Association do not otherwise provide - be divided amongst the members in equal shares.

Obviously, the Tax Office is not going to exempt us from tax if we can wind up the Club and share out the assets between ourselves. We do not see any likelihood of the Club being wound up by ourselves or forced on us by the Registrar of the Office of Incorporations, but we do want tax exemption - so we have to change the Rules in the way the Tax Office suggests. We have used the words set out by the Tax Office.

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 October edition is Wednesday 29 September 1993.

SOCIAL EVENTS

"TWO REGULAR SOCIAL EVENTS"

WEDNESDAYS

DINE AT TOTOS
(101 Lygon St)

Before our meeting, join the regulars who have been meeting here for years.

SUNDAY NIGHTS

After the walk, wind down with a bite to eat at one of the inner city eateries.
(Exact locality decided on the day)

Saves cooking/dishes etc
NEVER TOO EXPENSIVE!

(If your attire worries you, bring a change of clothes!!)

WEDNESDAY 22 SEPT 8.00 P.M.

Peter Hogan will show slides
and speak of his trip to

AMERICA

(Light Supper included - FREE!)

SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

BIKE RIDE

Laverton/Point Cook/Werribee Park
(take the 9.02 a.m. train from Flinders St,
arrives Laverton 9.41)

BRING: Pump, spare tube, tools, etc

Non-geared bikes OK for this trip

Andrew Low, Social Secretary

MY FAIR LADY

State Opera

Friday 19 November

"A" Reserve \$64 - 8 tickets left!

Call Ron Garrett (H)
(B)

LOST PROPERTY

A red windcheater was left on the bus after a recent Sunday walk.

It is being looked after by Peter Havlicek who would gladly return it to its owner.

Contact Peter on

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Central Highlands National Park Project

At the half yearly general meeting our members voted overwhelmingly to give the sum of \$4566 from our surplus to the Victorian National Parks Association for a specific project aimed at persuading the Land Conservation Council and the Australian Heritage Committee to extend the proposed park to include key areas of high value for conservation and bushwalking and provide linking corridors for fauna with Melbourne Water catchment areas.

Your Committee recommended this project to members as the Central Highlands Park covers areas where many of our day walks take place and to have the park extended as proposed would be to our advantage as walkers as well as ensuring the conservation issues involved.

The Club (and also individual members) had earlier made submissions to the LCC along these lines. The VNPA now sees a real possibility of influencing the LCC's decision if it can be demonstrated that the timber values are less important than currently claimed by the timber industry. This requires scientific research, using some information already obtained by volunteers and preparing a report on selected areas, listing both the conservation values and the timber values.

This is a significant decision by the Club and one which we trust will protect larger areas for future bushwalking and which is also in line with the second of MBW (Inc)'s purposes, i.e. "to encourage an appreciation of the wild life and natural beauty of this country and to assist in its preservation."

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Committee of Management

Also at the half yearly general meeting, **Peter Havlicek** was confirmed as Membership Secretary, a position in which he has been acting for several months.

Keith Langham and **Ron Garrett** were elected as ordinary members to the Committee to replace two who had resigned - **John Kittson** because shift work precluded his attendance at Committee meetings, and **Chris Lynch** because his work also entails Monday nights. We thank John and Chris very much for their contributions to the running of the Club, and welcome the newly elected Committee members.

2nd Generation Bushie Serves on Committee

Did you know **Andrew Low**, our enthusiastic and hard-working Social Secretary, is the second generation in his family to be on the MBW Committee. His mother Margaret Dank was a Committee member in 1949. His father John (Jock) Low joined the Club in 1949 (a Club romance) and began leading walks in 1950. He was Walks Secretary for 1954, 1955 and part of 1956. He was our delegate to the Federation of Walking Clubs 1954 and 1955, and Club contact 1954 to 1956.

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Congratulations

Also a 2nd generation Bushie, **Gareth Pocock** distinguished himself recently by coming first in the 15-19 year old section of the Land Rover Winter Classic. This entailed:

1st day	Ski	14 km	2nd day	Kayak	15 km
	Run	15 km		Run	14 km
	Bike	48 km		Bike	25 km
	Kayak	15 km			

A fair effort Gareth!

Wedding Bells!

A Club romance, **Merryn Mitchell** and **Stephen Rowlands** will tie the knot on 16 October at Williamstown.

Rosemary and Trevor

Good to have **Trevor Thomson** join us when we were walking in his neck of the woods on Sunday 29 August. He and **Rosemary** are enjoying their new location, surrounded by wildflowers and native trees, and adjacent to the Wombat State Forest. Unfortunately, **Rosemary** has been battling with her health since moving but hopes she is winning. Our good wishes to you, **Rosemary**.

Wilky Accident 1993

In the last week of August, **Rene** fell near **Wilky** hitting his face on a tree root. There were deep lacerations around one eye and probable concussion. The leader was worried about his eyesight so decided to call the Rescue Squad. **Rene** was taken to Mt Beauty Hospital and is hopeful that his sight is undamaged. Hope you're OK, **Rene**.

Jean Giese, President

CONSERVATION MATTERS

SAVE GREENS BUSH AGAIN!

Reprinted below is an article from "Environment Victoria" regarding Greens Bush which is now part of the Nepean National Park as a result of a \$13-million buy-back fund in 1988 to which we donated \$200.

Those of you who are aware of the area should voice your concerns by writing to the mentioned authorities.

Greens Bush is under threat again, says Les Smith, Secretary, Conservation Council of Victoria. This area of great beauty and biodiversity became part of the Nepean National Park on the Mornington Peninsula, after the northern part was saved from sub-division in 1988 through a \$13-million buy-back funded by public donations and the Government.

But the values of this area, much of it in pristine condition, are under serious threat from a pony club / equestrian centre. It straddles the head waters of a creek which runs down into the Park and is enclosed on three sides by the park.

Cinnamon fungus, deadly to many native trees and shrubs, particularly where water is present, is killing grass trees in the equestrian area. Exotic grasses are being introduced, partly through the use of hay to stabilise sandy tracks. It is feared both will be carried downstream (with other pollutants) to devastate the Park's fern gullies.

Many conservation groups have tackled the problem but without success so far. Flinders Shire Council's draft management plan is vague and omits many recommendations made by a consultant.

You can help by writing to the Shire of Flinders, PO Box 1000, Rosebud, 3939, and the Minister of Planning, Rod MacLellan, the Minister of Conservation and Natural Resources, Mark Birrell, and the Minister for Local Government, Roger Hallam.

CONSERVATION SUB-COMMITTEE

**The next meeting of the
Conservation Sub-committee
will be held in the Club rooms on
Wednesday 29 September at 7.45 p.m.**

**This meeting is open to
all Club members.**

LETTER FROM THE VNPA

Dear Jean,

On behalf of the Victorian National Parks Association I write to thank you and the Melbourne Bushwalkers for your Club's very generous donation to the Central Highlands campaign.

At the Association's executive meeting on Tuesday night, James Ensor was appointed to conduct the work as set out in the brief sent to you. James will be in contact with you in due course to discuss key areas that your Club would like to see considered in addition to the LCC's proposed park. He will also be in contact with other bushwalkers. Please encourage people to call James at the VNPA office.

Thank you for your support in getting this project off the ground. We look forward to some positive results.

**Doug Humann,
Director VNPA**

DAY WALKS - OCTOBER 1993**SUN 3 OCT 93 BUNYIP RIVER - MT BEENAK EASY & E/MEDIUM**

LEADERS : ADRIAN COLE & NIGEL HOLMES
 TRANSPORT : BUS FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.30 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : GILWELL AND BEENAK 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 14 & 19 KM

This walk is located about 9 km from Gladysdale which is about 20 minutes short of Warburton.

The walk starts with a non strenuous ascent of Mt Beenak and then goes onto Bason Corner, Bunyip River (easy medium), Tomahawk Gap and finishes at Dyers Creek picnic ground.

The bush is fairly dense and contains Mountain Ash, wattle and tree ferns. Approximately half of the walk is on tracks and the remainder on roads. Tracks are slushy in parts so good footwear is advisable.

Nigel Holmes is considering (at the time of writing) of leading an adventurous version of the walk which will be strenuous and non structured. This will be open only to Club members and suitable for experienced walkers only. See Nigel in the Club rooms.

SAT 9 OCT 93 BRAESIDE METROPOLITAN PARK EASY

LEADER : ATHOL SCHAFFER
 TRANSPORT : TRAIN & BUS
 MEETING PLACE : UNDER THE CLOCKS, FLINDERS STREET STATION
 IN TIME TO CATCH THE 10.35 A.M. TRAIN TO MENTONE
 EXPECTED RETURN : 5.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : MELWAYS MAP 88, 93
 APPROX DISTANCE : 6 KM

Established on and around former sandy beaches of Carrum Swamp, Braeside Park covers about 250 hectares of Red Gum woodland, heathland and extensive wetlands where each spring migratory birds from as far away as Japan and Siberia arrive for breeding. Field glasses could be useful.

Bring lunch and afternoon tea. Electric barbeques available.

SUN 10 OCT 93 NORTHERN BRISBANE RANGES - BOTANICAL WALK EASY & E/MED

LEADERS : SYLVIA WILSON & DOUG POCOCK
 TRANSPORT : BUS FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : STAUGHTON VALE & INGLISTON 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 12 & 15 KM

Most walks in the Brisbane Ranges are in the central and southern sections. This is a smashing part with a lovely little gorge and lots of wildflowers.

The shorter walk will spend the first hour or so looking at and identifying plants at the bus drop off point, then lots of stops for further botanising along the walk. The longer walk will be a loop with more ups and downs. Both walks will involve a short sharp scramble in Spring Creek gorge.

By golly, chaps, be prepared for a super walk.

SUN 17 OCT 93 NORTH EAST LERDERDERG EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS : SALLY BOUVIER & JOHN ROSEMAN
 TRANSPORT : BUS FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 6.15 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : ?
 APPROX DISTANCE : 15 KM (BOTH WALKS)

The medium walk begins on clearly-defined tracks before descending into the gullies for which the Lerderderg Gorge region is famous. While the easy-medium walk keeps to the tracks, it nonetheless involves a number of climbs and descents and one small creek crossing.

Both walks are about 15 km. Bird life and spring vegetation will be in abundance including the prickly hakea, so long pants are recommended.

WED 20 OCT 93 BRISBANE RANGES EASY/MEDIUM

LEADER : MAX CASLEY
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 MEETING PLACE : 9.15 A.M. WESTGATE CAR PARK (MELWAYS 56 F1), OR 10.00 A.M. ANAKIE GORGE PICNIC GROUND, OR RING LEADER () FOR OTHER ARRANGEMENTS
 EXPECTED RETURN : 5.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : STAUGHTON VALE, ECLIPSE CREEK 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 18 KM

The walk will be in the Anakie Gorge and the surrounding forest. There should be plenty of wildflowers plus pleasant walking through open forest.

SUN 24 OCT 93 GENTLE ANNIE GAP - QUARTZ CREEK E/MEDIUM & MEDIUM

LEADERS : PETER HAVLICEK & ALAN MILLER
 TRANSPORT : BUS FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 8.30 A.M. *** NOTE EARLY START ***
 EXPECTED RETURN : 6.30 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : SPION KOPJE 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 15 & 17 KM

This walk is in the Bunyip / Tarago La Trobe State Forests (Gippsland) near Labertouche. The area is a Wildflower Reserve. It is quite hilly with a mixture of tall timber and flowering bushy undergrowth including grevilleas, banksias, gudenias, boronias, grass trees, etc. The wild boronias will be in bloom and should not be missed. There is a very pretty Nature Walk along (one of the ubiquitous) Falls Creek. Bird life is abundant (lyrebirds heard, rosellas sighted) and we may catch a glimpse of macropods on the hop.

SAT 30 OCT 93 DANDENONGS EXPLORER EASY

LEADER : DORRIE WARTON
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE OR TRAIN
 MEETING PLACE : 11.00 A.M. CAR PARK - TURN RIGHT 3RD ROUNDABOUT IN EMERALD MELWAYS MAP 127 F3
 EXPECTED RETURN : 5.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : MELWAYS MAP 127
 APPROX DISTANCE : 12 KM

I have not decided which way we will walk yet but it will be an easy stroll in the Avonsleigh area with spring at its best. Anyone travelling by train will take the 9.29 a.m. from Flinders St to arrive at Belgrave at 10.43 a.m.

Please notify Michael Humphrey (tel: after 7.00 p.m.) if you need to be picked up at Belgrave Station.

SUN 31 OCT 93 MASONS FALLS - KINGLAKE NATIONAL PARK EASY & MEDIUM

LEADERS : JOHN KITTSON & DENISE TRIFFETT
 TRANSPORT : BUS FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. AT 9.00 A.M.

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

WEEKEND WALKS - OCTOBER 1993**26 SEP - 2 OCT 93 KOSSIE KLASSIC KIANDRA - MAIN RANGE MED/HARD**

LEADERS : GRAEME THORNTON & KEN MACMAHON
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : VERY LATE TUESDAY
 MAP REFERENCE : KOSCIUSKO / KHANCOBAN / BERRIDALE 1:50,000, CABRAMURA 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 60-70 KM + SIDE TRIPS

We'll hire a taxi/mini-bus at Jindabyne on the Sunday morning to get us to the start at Kiandra and from the finish at Guthega (or Munyang). The total taxi fares will be about \$50-60 each for six or more.

From Kiandra we climb up past Mt Selwyn and along an undulating ridge before descending to Happy Jacks. Then it's a long arc over The Mailbox, The Cup and Saucer to Mawsons and the Kerries. There'll be time for a detour to that mecca of ski-tourers, Jagungal. The Kerries and The Brassys will provide ample opportunity for exploring infrequently visited places including that airy eerie, Gungartan, perched high above the Munwang to Jagungal "trade-route". Given good weather (particularly visibility) we'll descend to Shlink Pass, quickly cross the trade-route and romp off over the Rolling Grounds via Dicky Cooper Bogong to Conset Stephen Pass.

With ever lightening packs, it's up and either over or around Mts Tate, Anderson and Anton to Twynam. Twynam, it its setting of glacial cirques, lakes and cliffs is the start of the Main Range proper. Some say Twynam even forms a mini-glacier in winter but I don't like to repeat such speculations. It's then a long hoot down off Twynam to the foot-bridge across the Snowy River and Guthega. If we have any spare time (!?) we'll fill in along the Main Range or some of the lovely gullies around the back of The Perisher and The Paralyser.

There is a caveat on all this. When the advance preview was written in June there was an excellent snow base everywhere, but as at mid-August, this has long since disappeared in the northern section. If this still looks like being the case at the time we will abandon the Kiandra to Mawson walking bit and start from Munyang or Guthega. By base camping at Island Bend we'll have the option for a 3 or 4 day trip around the Kerries/Brassys/Rolling Grounds plus other day trips as per above. So we can't lose, whatever eventuates a good time will be had.

1-3 OCT 93 MT HOTHAM GULLIES - XC-DOWNHILL SKIING MEDIUM/HARD

LEADER : MARK WALTERS
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.00 - 8.00 P.M. SUNDAY NIGHT
 MAP REFERENCE : BOGONG ALPINE AREA - OUTDOOR LEISURE SERIES

Ideally we would camp as near as practicable to the Mt Loch car park and head off 'hooting' from there. This will depend a lot on ski conditions and weather at the time.

I'll cater for most standards. So as long as you have been skiing several times you qualify! Plenty of snow observed on 5 September.

8-10 OCT 93 WARBY RANGES**E/MEDIUM**

LEADER : PAUL STRIPEIKIS
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.00 P.M. SUNDAY EVENING
 MAP REFERENCE : WARBY RANGE 1:25,000,
 APPROX DISTANCE : 22 KM

The Warby Range State Park is about 230 km up the Hume Highway near Wangaratta. The walk will start and finish at the Pine Gully Picnic Area just off the Wangaratta-Thoona Road. The combination of excellent viewing points along the ridges, pleasant walks along the gullies, an outstanding variety of bird life, wildflowers and eucalypts, clumps of unusually tall grass trees, and the 30 species of orchids that grow in the park makes this a great place to visit, especially during spring.

15-17 OCT 93 OTWAYS WATERFALLS**MEDIUM**

LEADER : STEPHEN ROWLANDS
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE

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

22-24 OCT 93 ONE TREE HILL - WHIPSTICK**EASY/MEDIUM**

LEADERS : ROSEMARY COTTER & SYLVIA WILSON
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : SUNDAY EVENING
 MAP REFERENCE : MARONG, EPSOM 1:25,000,
 FORESTRY COMMISSION: BENDIGO WHIPSTICK FOREST PARK
 APPROX DISTANCE : VARIOUS KM

The leaders have yet to finalise the precise details of this base camp weekend. We are meeting up with two of the local walking groups and plan to explore the One Tree Hill area on Saturday, and the Whipstick Forest on Sunday.

There will be some emphasis on flower and bird spotting. Come along for a fun relaxing weekend.

29 OCT- 2 NOV 93 KOSCIUSKO SKIING - LAST FLING**MEDIUM**

LEADER : GRAEME THORNTON
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : VERY LATE TUESDAY
 MAP REFERENCE : KOSCIUSKO 1:50,000, THREDBO 1:50,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 5-15 KM + DAY TRIPS

This is the traditional end of season ski trip, it's part walking, part skiing. The days are (... well, can be) long and sunny, the snow firm and reliable (... well, in the morning). Generally, we drive to Dead Horse Gap and carry all our gear up into the Ramsheads until we wither strike the snow-line or the tree-line. This has the advantage that if the weather turns foul (as it well and truly did about 1 a.m. on the Monday morning last year) it's only an hour downhill back to the cars. It also avoids the tent city that springs up around Club Lake Creek and sometimes the old site of Rawson's hut.

I like the rocky crags and intricate little gullies around the Ramsheads, the spectacular view across into Victoria and down the Thredbo valley. The main disadvantage is that to get to Kossie or Townsend or the Main Range the same snow has to be traversed each day. If the party is keen then we could go further in the Ramsheads or even the Wilkinson valley. Fortunately parties aren't generally that keen. If the snow looks poor around the Ramsheads then we might relocate via Thredbo or the Charlotte's Pass side (but definitely not to Tent City). We'll make a decision on the day from Dead Horse Gap.

Bring heat wave and blizzard equipment.

29 OCT- 2 NOV 93 MT FEATHERTOP - BOGONG HIGH PLAINS ***MEDIUM**

LEADER : JERRY GRANDAGE
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : LATE TUESDAY EVENING
 MAP REFERENCE : FEATHERTOP, FAINTER & COPE 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 60 KM

* Note change in venue and standard.

This four day walk will cover a range of high plains and valley environments.

Starting at Hotham, our route will be along the Razorback to Feathertop, the West Kiewa Valley, Fainters via the West Ridge (which looks "interesting"), the Bogong High Plains to High Plains Creek, Young's Hut, the Cobungra Valley and Swindlers Spur to Mt Loch. Various optional side trips can be arranged.

MAJOR MITCHELL PLATEAU OR FOURTH TIME LUCKY

All week the Weather Bureau had been forecasting a change to bad weather later in the week, and both Gina and I posed the rhetorical question, "Do we have to go?" We did as my husband was the leader.

This was to be our fourth attempt to see Major Mitchell Plateau not covered in dense fog as it was in 1984, 1990 and 1991. Doug had first been there in 1962 with Fred Halls one sunny Easter, and had not really seen it again since then.

Friday night brought the squalls promised, but we drove through them to a wet noisy campsite at Jimmys Creek, via slippery muddy roads at the end - Ken MacMahon, Doug and I, Derrick and Gina, that is. Max, Ralph and John Markham camped nearby and our two beginner weekenders, Tony and Joe, overnighted in a caravan at Halls Gap.

The rain held off and, after a very short car shuffle, we headed fairly steeply up Jimmy Creek track to the Plateau, keeping an eye on the weather. As ever, the Grampians were beautiful: both the bush we walked through and the views, as we climbed, of the escarpments around. The early spring flowers were beginning to bloom and Doug, Ken and I had a field day spotting new plants.

We lunched just below the edge of the Plateau at a lookout, then pushed on to the top. As we crossed the Plateau to the small campsite, it began to rain briefly. Unfortunately the site was occupied by a large school group and, although they politely moved over, half our party of ten camped elsewhere. Highlights of the campsite are the

picturesque little creek running through it and an outdoor composting toilet half way up a hill and reached by steep stone steps.

We had a little rain overnight and woke to a cool morning. We got moving early and soon dropped steeply off the Plateau, then up again to the rather exposed Mount William, with its lovely sub-alpine flora. We admired Major Mitchell and his crew in retrospect (although *they* had no choice) for their fortitude in spending a night here without shelter or provisions.

After viewing the monument to Major Mitchell next to the large ugly aerials at the top of Mount William, we walked down the steep tarred road to a delightful track which gently took us back to Derrick's car, with lunch in the sun at a creek along the way.

Doug and I were delighted to have completed the trip in good weather, with visibility. Three other old hands, Ken, John and Max, were pleased to have at last got to the Plateau, Ken declaring it a classic walk. Our new weekenders, starting their careers with a medium grade walk, finished enthused about both weekend walking and the Grampians.

It was a great weekend, full of variety, although ending as it had begun with trip back to Melbourne through driving rain.

Janice Llewelyn

EATING OUT

On our way to the Grampians last month we called in to **Craigs Hotel at Ballarat** for an evening meal. We have eaten there before and it is not the cheapest of eateries, but it has always been good. We were not disappointed this time either.

The hotel has a history, having been built in the gold rush days, and has been visited by many famous personages. The dining room displays splendid ceiling friezes and has a long bar with a counter made from a single piece of wood. It was not crowded and was still serving meals at 8.30 p.m.

My entrée was a sea-food pancake, delicious! Being a carnivore, about to undergo the rigours of a meatless Saturday night up on Major Mitchell Plateau, my main course was beef rib. It was the largest piece of meat that I've seen on a plate outside a butcher's shop. Though it may come as a surprise to some, I must confess that it beat me. Less of a surprise perhaps, my wife, who cannot allow a plate to return to the kitchen unless *absolutely* clean, cleared it. The waiter took away two clean plates and a bone. Coffee and mints completed the meal for me, but if you have any room left, the desserts are a real treat. Highly recommended!

Derrick Brown

(You will find Craigs Hotel on Lydiard St, left off the main street as you are heading west.)

CHANGES OF INFORMATION

George Matthews

THE KIMBERLEY COAST

Our most ambitious expedition - five weeks during March and April 1994 exploring the area between the Berkeley and Drysdale Rivers.

Three sections: Berkeley to King George; King George Falls area; King George to Drysdale. A float plane provides food drops and transport for those doing only one section.

For further information about this unique opportunity to experience this magnificent wilderness at a time when the creeks and pools are all full, contact:



Willis's Walkabouts

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COMMITTEE NOTES - 6 SEPTEMBER 1993**CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

VNPA - see letter on page 4
 Aust Taxation Office - tax exemption
 Federation - new rules
 Art Terry

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

Phil Larkin

TREASURER'S REPORT AT 31 AUGUST 1993:

	\$	\$
AUGUST RECEIPTS:	2,175	
AUGUST PAYMENTS:	6,754	
BALANCE:		
Current Account	12,058	
Reserves Account	52,000	
Postage float	500	<u>64,558</u>

WALKS REPORT FOR JULY:

Total	Day walkers	W/E walkers	Members	Visitors	Fees
208	187	21	156	52	\$2045

Sunday bus average 35.75 (last year 43.25).

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A new 80 litre backpack (Kathmandu) has been purchased for weekend hire.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 4 October 1993 at 7.00pm

NEW MEMBERS

The Club would like to welcome the following new members:

Julie Stober

Peter Walsh

Stephen Akeroyd

Francoise Breysse

Lilia Ortiz

Kate & Mark Thompson

Jacqui Szyrpallo
 John Ogrizek

Lucy Rizzi
 Mick Ogrizek

FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

The Secretary
Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.
PO Box 1751Q
MELBOURNE 3001

I (Block Letters)

of

being a member of Melbourne Bushwalkers (Incorporated),

hereby appoint (Block Letters)

of

being a member of Melbourne Bushwalkers (Incorporated), as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting to be held on the sixth day of October 1993 and at any adjournment of that meeting.

My proxy is authorised to vote * in favour of the following resolution:
* against

Special Resolution to change the Club's Statement of Purposes and Rules:

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Signed:.....

Date :.....

* Delete as appropriate.

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