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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

to

# EVERYONE

from the President and the Committee

Everyone is welcome to our  
**CHRISTMAS BREAKUP PARTY**

in the Royal Horticultural Hall,  
on **Wednesday, 21 December**, from about **7.00 pm onwards**.

All drinks supplied (wine and soft drinks).

**Please bring a plate of nibbles to share.**

Come and help celebrate the conclusion of another successful year for the  
Melbourne Bushwalkers. Reminisce about past adventures.

Catch up with people you may not have seen for some time.

Catering organised by Betty Spencer. Thank you.

Please Note that the Clubrooms will be closed on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December, 1994

## From the Editor

Christmas is almost upon us - a period of catching up with friends, parties, frantic last-minute shopping, who sent cards last year and who do we leave off this year, winding down at work (or maybe getting very busy!) and time to spend with your families. We all look forward to Christmas, but also, I suspect, breath a sigh of relief when it is all over. Whatever sort of Christmas you have, I want to extend Greetings and Best Wishes to all my readers, and may the New Year have all the promise you deserve.

For those at a loose end over Christmas, there are a number of trips on, from Jean's pack-carry walk around the Bogong High Plains, Stephen's Shoalhaven Li-lo trip and Jerry's Avon Wilderness expedition to my drive-in Base Camp at Parker River (Cape Otway - see elsewhere for up-dated information). I hope to see some of you down Parker River.

The President's weekend went very well, complete with spectacular thunderstorm on Saturday night. Thank you Jean for organising a splendid weekend.

I had a pleasant reunion with some Bushies of the 1960's the other week, at a Chinese restaurant. Helen & Robin Mitchell were down in Melbourne for a brief visit, and the Simpsons, Sullivans, Erreys, Brookes, Sisemans, Loch Wilson & Liz Bray were among the diners. Interesting to reminisce and catch up with news.

Please note that the Clubrooms will be closed on Wednesday 28 December but will be open again on 4 January 1995.

*Bob Steel*

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4<sup>th</sup> January 1995.

## From the President

We had a great time over the President's Weekend. Not everyone could be up at Hughes Creek for the whole time, but we had 34 campers on Saturday night, and served afternoon tea to 73 members and visitors at the conclusion of the four enjoyable walks on Sunday.

We were splendidly entertained by our members at the Saturday night bush concert which ended with a bang (literally - a thunderstorm!) and were then treated to a spectacular display in the NE sky which turned out to be an electrical storm over Benalla.

We were lucky with the wildlife too: a platypus was seen in the creek by some lucky people, several koalas watched the proceedings from the trees around our lovely campsite, a pair of falcons were spotted feeding their young on a cliff-top further upstream, and a few snakes were disturbed on our walks.

I especially want to thank Sylvia who arranged the walks and led two of them, other leaders Janet, Max & Michael, and the many porters, helpers and entertainers who all contributed to a memorable weekend.

Wedding bells for day walkers Ingrid Mooren and Alan Tomsett. A Club romance, Ingrid and Alan are to tie the knot on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Our best wishes to you both.

Together with the Committee, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas, but better still, come along to the Christmas party on the 21 December so we can greet each other in person. Thanks again to Betty Spencer who is seeing to all the arrangements.

*Jean Giese*

Meetings are held in the Clubrooms, MacKenzie St., Melbourne (rear of the Royal Horticultural Society building) - on ~~WEDNESDAY~~ Evenings between 7.00pm and 9.00pm.

*Visitors are always welcome.*

General correspondence should be directed to:  
The Secretary, Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.  
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## PREVIEWS for JANUARY DAY WALKS

**Sunday 1 Jan DAYLESFORD SPRINGS**  
**Esay-medium**

Leader: **Peter Havlicek**  
 Transport: **Private**  
 Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **c. 100 kms**  
 Expected time of return: **c. 1800**  
 Approx length of walk: **10-12 kms**

If you are not going away for Christmas-New Year, here is a pleasant walk to while away the time and celebrate/recover from New Year festivities. An interesting area, with mineral springs, a possibility of a swim & good scenery. Details yet to be worked out. See Peter in Clubrooms at Christmas Party, or phone him.

**Sunday 8 Jan. FAIRHAVEN - LORNE**  
**Easy & E/Medium**

Leaders: **Fay Pratt & Clare Lonergan**  
 Transport: **Bus at 9.00 am from South Bank Boulevard**  
 Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **138 kms**  
 Expected time of return: **1930**  
 Area: **Otways**  
 Approx length of walks: **12 kms and 15 kms**  
 Map Reference: **Outdoor Leisure Map - The Otways and Shipwreck Coast 1:50 000**

**Easy walk:** This will be a beach walk. We start at the Great Ocean Road bridge & will be walking along the beaches and around the rocks, gradually wending our way to Lorne. Do bring your bathers and towel, drinking water & lunch, and a camera. The photo opportunities from some of the rocks and cliffs are well worth the effort.

**Medium Walk:** A nice pleasant walk along the beach with some rock hopping. Many beautiful specimens of beach life may be observed scattered along the shore. Swimming opportunities will be available during the rest stops so bring your togs.

**Members Free Ad****FOR SALE**

Cross Country ski boots, Scarpa Nor Tour, size 44.  
 Bought in August '94 and worn for c. 2 hours. New price was \$319; offers considered.  
**Peter Hannemann,**

**Sunday 15 Jan MOORALBOOL RIVER -**  
**Easy & E/Medium BUNGAL STATE FOREST**

Leaders: **Peter Havlicek & Alan Miller**  
 Transport: **Bus at 9.00 am from South Bank Boulevard**  
 Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **c. 90 kms**  
 Expected time of return: **1930**  
 Area: **South of Ballan**  
 Approx length of walks: **14-16 kms**  
 Map Reference: **Yalook and Lal Lal 1:25 000**

This is the perfect walk for those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer, sauntering along a little creek watching the birds and assorted beasties roaming about.

The easy walk is along Bungal Creek, crossing this one-footstep-wide waterway several times. On the preview, more single kangaroos were spotted than you will find on your dollar coins. There will be some climbing up the bluffs when the waterside vegetation becomes too dense.

The medium walk is similar but along Moorabool River (eastern branch). The creek is wider, the undergrowth prickler and the bluffs higher. But all enjoyable all the same.

**Wednesday 18 Jan. GUNNAMATTA BEACH**  
**Easy/medium - CAPE SCHANK**

Leader: **Joan Haigh**  
 Transport: **Private**  
 Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **c. 100 kms**  
 Expected time of return: **1800**  
 Area: **Mornington Peninsula**  
 Approx length of walk: **12-14 kms**  
 Map Reference: **Melways maps 252 & 258**

A walk along the beach to Fingal's Bay and a short up to the Pines Picnic area for lunch. The return will be by the inland track. Swimming will be possible, weather permitting, or we could extend the walk to the lighthouse or beyond. Please bring water for lunch. It maybe necessary to start on the inland track if the tide is high. **MEET** at Gunnamatta car park at 10.00 am **OR** at Margaret Mac Gregor's.

## PREVIEWS for JANUARY DAY WALKS continued

**Sunday 22 Jan. SOMERS BEACH -  
Easy & E/Medium POINT LEO - FLINDERS**

**Leaders:** Ralph Blake & Robyn Gray  
**Transport:** Bus at 9.00 am from South Bank Boulevard  
**Approx. Distance from Melbourne:** 85 kms  
**Expected time of return:** 1900  
**Area:** Mornington Peninsula  
**Approx length of walks:** 13 and 15 kms  
**Map Reference:** Melway maps 193, 194, 197

We will be walking along the beach for most of the way. Bring your swimmers, lots of drinking water, sun hat & sun screen. Swimming opportunities abound. The Medium group will start at Somers Beach and the Easy group at Balnarring Beach.

**Thursday 26 Jan. WILLIAMSTOWN AREA  
Easy Historical Walk**

**Leader:** Athol Schafer  
**Transport:** Train  
**Approx. Distance from Melbourne:** 12 kms  
**Expected time of return:** 1700  
**Approx length of walk:** 10 kms  
**Map Reference:** Melways maps 55 & 56

Meet under the clocks at Flinders Street Station at 1000.

This will be a leisurely stroll starting at North Williamstown, taking in the old and the new: long reaches of hitherto unvisited parkland, the Rifle Range Estate and the Jawbone Saltmarsh wetlands - a haven

for migratory birds. There should be ample time for a swim and a visit to the impressive landscaped Botanic gardens.

**Sunday 29 Jan. LAKE MOUNTAIN  
Easy/medium & Medium**

**Leaders:** John Kittson & Margaret Borden  
**Transport:** Bus at 0830 am from South Bank Boulevard  
**Approx. Distance from Melbourne:** 116 kms  
**Expected time of return:** 1900  
**Area:** near Marysville  
**Approx length of walks:** 16 and 20 kms  
**Map Reference:** Marysville-Lake Mountain Outdoor Leisure Map

### NOTE EARLY START at 8.30 AM

It should be pleasantly cool in the mountains for a summer walk - there will be some beautiful mountain views & there should be some remaining alpine flowers. Both walks will be circuits from Snowy Hill car park up to the ski trails (approx 250m climb) and down to Gerraty's car park, stopping at several lookouts along the way, then up to the peak of Lake Mountain itself (no lake anywhere) and back to the start with three or four more lookouts over superb mountain scenery.

Walking will mainly be on foot tracks & ski trails with no trail bikes or other nasties, only bird songs. The E/medium group will cover approx. 4 kms more and climb up Gould track to Keppel Hut and back, to follow the same route as the easier group. We are sure you will enjoy the day.

## Wilky Work Party - 26 27 November 1994

The four of us - two from Melbourne Bushies and two from Maroondah Bushwalkers - managed to do all the jobs planned and still had time for some pleasant, short walks.

The weather was excellent and the flowers were superb. As there were no cattle, all the grassy areas were studded with buttercups. Hillsides were covered with purple Hovea, yellow Phebaliums, and golden Bossiaea. Along the aquaduct, Grevillea victoriae was in full bloom, with here and there pink Pimelias hugging the ground. Grevillea australis was just beginning to bloom, mingling a sweet smell with the more pungent Prostanthera cuneata (mint bushes). I know the weather can be a bit iffy at this time of the year, but I strongly recommend members make the effort to visit Wilky in the Spring.

So next year when the snow melts, if you have some spare time, why not pay a visit to Wilky, far from the madding holiday crowds.

*Doug Pocock*

## PREVIEWS for JANUARY - WEEKEND & PACK-CARRY WALKS

**6-8 Jan.                      BAW BAW-STRONACHS  
Medium                      CAMP-Mt St GWINEAR**

Leader:                              **Pearson Cresswell**  
Transport:                              **Private**  
Approx. Distance                              **c. 205 kms**  
from Melbourne:  
Expected time                              **c. 1900 on Sunday**  
of return:  
Area:                              **Baw Baw National Park**  
Approx length of                              **20-25 kms**  
walk:  
Map Reference:                              **Matlock 1:50 000**

This walk follows the Alpine Walking Track from Stronachs Camp at the northern end of the Baw Baw Plateau to Mt St Gwinear. Camp on Saturday night will be somewhere in the vicinity of Mt Whitelaw. I am looking forward to a pleasant stroll through the alpine country with some side trips if time permits.

**10-21 Jan                      TARKINE WILDERNESS  
Medium/hard                      Tasmania**

Leader:                              **Doug Pocock**  
Transport:                              **Private.**  
Approx. Distance                              **600 km**  
from Melbourne:  
Expected time                              **Saturday evening**  
of return:  
Area:                              **West coast of Tasmania**  
Approx length of                              **80 kms**  
walk:  
Map Reference:                              **Conical Rocks & Sandy Cape  
1:100 000 (Tasmap)**

In the 1993 Tasmanian Wilderness calendar were two photos taken in the Tarkine wilderness. Not having heard of the area, I eventually found out it was on Tasmania's wild west coast. Getting the 1:100 000 maps of the area it looked possible to do an interesting walk. The 1:25 000 maps show mountain ranges, scrubby gullies, heathlands, forests & amazing beaches. Should be typical of one of my Tasmanian extended walks, finding our way as best we can & eventually returning to civilisation. At this stage I'm taking my car over & have enough starters to fill it, but it may be possible for more people to join our group if you can get to the west coast under your own steam. Starters must be capable walkers as we don't really know what we will find.

**13-15 Jan                      MT BOGONG  
Medium**

Leader:                              **Trish Elmore**  
Transport:                              **Private**

Approx. Distance                              **c. 350 kms**  
from Melbourne:  
Expected time                              **late Sunday**  
of return:  
Approx length of                              **28 kms**  
walk:  
Map Reference:                              **Bogong Alpine Area - Outdoor  
Leisure Map 1:50 000**

We shall have an early start at 0800 Saturday from our Friday night camp at Mountain Creek camping area. We will ascend Mt Bogong via the Staircase Spur and wander out to West Peak, then camp at Cleve Cole Hut. On Sunday I intend a visit to Howmans Falls with maybe a swim if the temperature is right, then retrace our tracks over the top and descend the Staircase again. Please come prepared for extremes of weather and carry the appropriate clothing. We shall have sufficient time so if you have not climbed Mt Bogong or haven't participated in a pack-carry walk before, here is your opportunity!

**20-22 Jan.                      WALHALLA HOSTEL  
Various - Easy to Hard                      BASE CAMP**

Leader:                              **Brian Crouch**  
Transport:                              **Private**  
Approx. Distance                              **190 kms**  
from Melbourne:  
Expected time                              **late Sunday evening**  
of return:  
Approx length of                              **10-20 kms per day**  
walks:  
Map Reference:                              **Walhalla 1:50 000  
& Baw Baw NP Map**

Leave your heavy packs at home and enjoy a relaxing weekend in the fascinating Walhalla area. We will have exclusive use of Tisdall Camp (owned by Monbulk Secondary College) which is located next to the Long Tunnel Gold Mine. Mattresses are supplied and a range of bedrooms are available plus showers & toilets. The kitchen is complete with stove, fridge, etc., and there is a comfortable lounge area. Cost is \$7 per person per night, plus cost of gas & electricity. I require a non-refundable deposit of \$10 before Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January. I plan on being in Walhalla from Thursday night (19 Jan.) onwards and walks will be available on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, of various grades and lengths, both ½ and full days.

I believe there is potential for at least one day of activities around Walhalla township such as historic strolls through the shops, cemetery, ruins etc. Also one old gold mine is open for tours, there are train rides  
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## PREVIEWS for JANUARY - WEEKend and PACK-CARRY WALKS continued

### 20-22 Jan WALHALLA WEEKEND continued

across the restored Thompson River bridge, and swimming is a definite possibility at various spots.

I am hoping to lead a hard walk on Saturday which requires 4 wheel driving for approx. 45 minutes then walking in to the Morning Star Mine water wheel which is still intact and quite unique in Victoria.

Closer to Walhalla you can seek out the long lost "Black Diamond" and "Coronation" mines and possibly explore them if time permits. Another option is to walk some distance along the Alpine Walking Track, which begins in Walhalla.

This is ideal walking country and even in January you can still find seclusion along the many disused tramlines and other walking tracks through this beautiful area. Numbers are limited and people are welcome to come for all or part of the weekend. Please book early to ensure a place.

### 25-29 Jan. Mt COBBLER-Mt SPECULATION Medium CROSS-CUT SAW- STANLEYS NAME SPUR

Leader: **Peter Chalkley**  
 Transport: **Private**  
 Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **c. 250 kms**  
 Expected time of return: **late Sunday evening**  
 Area: **near Mansfield**  
 Approx length of walk: **c. 45 kms**  
 Map Reference: **(see Leader for details)**

Mt. Cobbler and the Mt. Speculation-Crosscut Saw area constitute some of Victoria's finest mountain and ridge walking country. There will be some bush-bashing in the first couple of days, but walking will be mainly on tracks. Come join me for an enjoyable and sometimes vigorous four days in the Victorian high country.

### 25-29 Jan. WONNANGATTA VALLEY Easy & medium BASE CAMP

Leader: **Alan Clarke**  
 Transport: **Private**  
 Approx. Distance from Melbourne:  
 Expected time of return: **Sunday Evening**  
 Area: **near Dargo**

Approx length of walk: **various**  
 Map Reference: **Crooked River-Steve 1:50 000**

I have found a camping spot in the beautiful Wonnangatta valley about four hours drive from Melbourne. There are plenty of possibilities in the area including any number of walks, including to some old gold mines and to some great view points. If the weather is warm we can frolic in the river itself or take a leisurely lilo trip down the river (helmets & buoyancy vests ESSENTIAL). Or you can just take it easy like we did last time we were in this area.

### 26-29 Jan. FREYCINET PENINSULAR Easy/medium Tasmania

Leader: **Dave Vincent**  
 Transport: **Private - by light aircraft**  
 Approx. Distance from Melbourne: **600km by air**  
 Expected time of return: **Sunday evening**  
 Area: **East coast of Tasmania**  
 Approx length of walk: **c.30 kms**  
 Map Reference: **Freycinet National Park**

Freycinet National Park is a place of captivating pink granite cliffs, dazzling blue seas and long white sandy secluded beaches. This inspiring coastal peninsula is one of Tasmania's oldest National Parks and reminds one of Wilsons Prom but without the crowds. It is located about 100kms NE of Hobart.

This extended four day walk is planned over the last weekend in January and the Australia Day Holiday. The plan is to set up a base camp near to the beach at the southern end of Wineglass Bay and to have a number of day walks from there. Access to Freycinet National Park will be by light aircraft departing from Melbourne and landing near Bicheno, then a bus to Coles Bay, at the entrance to the park. For a group of six (including leader), the estimated cost of private aircraft hire is \$160 each and the bus \$10 return.

For further details and to book a place on this walk, contact leader (David Vincent)

## Wabonga Plateau

After a car shuffle and short drive along the shores of Lake William Hovell, the party - Les, Sak, Pam, Douglas Alan & Tanya - were led by Jean along a 4WD track which followed Evans Creek to a luxurious lunch break which included a fire and a cup of tea. The afternoon brought a peaceful camping site on the creek flats. On day 2, we climbed up onto the Buckland Spur and made a short side trip through sub-alpine forest for a view of Mt Cobbler. Further along the spur we were rewarded with terrific views of Buffalo, Cobbler, the Crosscut Saw, and the King River valley, before our descent to Lake William Hovell for a swim and camp by the King River. On Monday we shifted camp up to the Wabonga Plateau proper, set off with day packs and, thanks to the navigation skills of Jean, Alan and Les, found our way through dogwood bush to Mt Warrick from where we had more views of Mts Buffalo, Cobbler and Buller.

We walked off the plateau on our final day, leaving it's pretty grass plains and lightly forested hills for Paradise Falls, where we explored the pink amphitheatre in the sunshine.

Thanks to Jean, the party, and the weather for good company and a great walk.

*Jacqui Allen*

## The Last Ski Trip of 1994

A large wombat stood his ground as we drove close by his grazing area a 2 a.m. He watchewd us as we quickly pitched tents, then he came close by and did some heavy breathing just outside the tent. We were at Swampy Plains campsite, on the Alpine Way in NSW. We were about to experience the Spring snow on the Kosciusko Range. In the morning, GT, Tracy, and Andrew emerged from a hut to join Trish, Gina and myself. Tracy was experiencing a dramatic climatic change, having just flown down from Darwin where she is working on contract for six months. It was good to see her looking so well, and we caught up with each other's news. We drove to Dead Horse Gap, parked the cars and headed up the steep track to the Rams Haed Range. We soon reached the first snow and some 90 minutes later we were laying in the snowgrass, lunching in the weak sunshine. We pitched camp in a delightful spot among rocks and snowgums, near the South Rams Head, with a creek conveniently close by.

That afternoon we explored the nearby slopes and met another party including Mark Walters and Stephen Downs. The snow was patchy but improved as we got higher - it was up to two metres deep in places. The

area is more rugged than we are used to in the Victorian HighPlains - there are more boulders, large rocks and rocky peaks.

That evening we sat around the fire as the wind strengthened. The tents flapped in the night and threatened to take off, but we had ours tied to a substantial tree! Next morning was bright with a blue sky so we explored further afield and ended up at the "Eagles Nest", the restaurant at the top of the Crackenback chairlift from Thredbo. The hot chocolate with chocolate cake was much appreciated. The chairlift was working, taking up the odd weekend visitors. One woman stared at me as I went to the lookout to view the valley below. She seemed to be curious about my ski gear - so what's so funny about shorts worn over ski pants?

On our return trip we found some good slopes to practise our telemark turns and also some snowgrass on which to take our afternoon tea. We watched a couple who had come up on the chairlift finish making a large snowman. Satisfied with their efforts, they immediately left for the chairlift.

On our last day we skied to Mt Kosciusko. We joined the well-made walking track - the wiremesh could be seen at times emerging from the snow - and climbed to the summit where we lunched on the roof of Australia. The snow to the north and west looked even better than it was in our direction. We skied back down the ridge to the south, above Lake Cootapatamba. The way back to the campsite was not clear to us, there being several similar valleys in our path. We were relieved when we spotted the "Eagles Nest" again, and so knew where to go. The wind was strong again that night, and we were pleased to be able to sit around the fire, eating the last of our tucker. Tracy and GT produced the largest mango I have ever seen - carried from Darwin to be eaten near Australia's highest point!

On Tuesday we climbed down for the drive home. Or, in my case, to Albury-Wodonga airport where I was to catch a plane. We were there in time to watch the Melbourne Cup on TV, for the first time. Later, relaxing in the bath at my Sydney hotel, I reflected on how fortunate we were to be able to experience such great cross-country skiing, so close to home.

*Derrick Brown*

**Update - Christmas Base Camp at Parker River, Cape Otway.  
December 26 to January 1.**

Our campsite at Parker River is the same as last year. You can camp by your car, in the trees, at the top of the cliffs above Parker River Inlet. The National Park Service have a draft plan of management which entails redeveloping the unofficial camp site at Parker River, with a walk-in campsite with pit toilet & water tank, but it has still to be adopted and implemented. So, if you are interested in coming down for some or all of the above period, you are welcome to join me. It will be a fairly laid-back camp, with some walking, swimming, reading & lazing about. You will need to bring your own drinking water, and a stove as campfires are definitely not permitted. I intend taking the Club's toilet tent. See me in the Clubrooms for a Map and Directions to get there.

*Bob Steel*

**New Members**

Roger CASSAR                      Graeme WALKDEN

Jean PEDERSEN                      Barbara & Barry SHYING

Jenny WOOLCOCK                      Simon BATES

Marina TAN                              Lyn BENNETT

Shirley LAVERS                      David HUNTER

Julia BOX                                Patricia RONCHINI

Julie RALPH

**Changes to Members' Information**

Alan MILLER                              Adrian COLE

Brenda SHANAHAN                      Catherine ROUSE

Gill NORDEN (prev. Sumner)                      Noel TOLLEY

**Committee Notes**

**Walks Secretary October Walks**

5 Sunday walks, average of 38 attendees  
4 pack-carry walks with ave. of 7 walkers  
4 base camps with ave. of 10 participants  
1 Wednesday walk with 12 people & 1 Saturday Dandenongs walk.

**Treasurer November figures**

Opening balance    \$53 672.93  
Month's receipts    \$23 825.50  
Month's payments \$23 240.54  
Closing Balance    \$54 257.89  
(Walks A/c - Receipts \$22 317; Payments \$22 405)

**Committee** decided that in future drivers participating in official Wilky work parties, track clearing, National Parks assistance weekends or similar will be reimbursed by the Club at the same rate as for private transport trips, ie 5¢ per kilometre per passenger.

**Membership**

Life Members                      11  
Honorary Members                      12  
Single Members                      309  
Couples                                98  
Total Members                      430  
**NEWS** subscribers                      11

**Duty Roster**

7/12 Nancy & Bernie                      14/12 Stephen & Janet  
21/12 Doug & Peter                      4/1/95 Marilyn & Alan



# BUSHWALKING IN KAKADU

## **CHANGES IN BUSHWALKING MANAGEMENT**

Bushwalking in Kakadu is currently restricted to a specific network of approved routes, most of which were originally developed by Willis's Walkabouts and/or the Darwin Bushwalking Club. Park regulations require everyone who does an overnight bushwalk to obtain a camping permit showing their proposed route. Failure to obtain such a permit could result in a substantial fine.

The park authorities are planning a major review of bushwalking management in 1995. This review may result in the approval of new routes and/or the deletion of existing routes from the approved list. In any case, it will almost certainly result in additional restrictions in certain areas.

If you have ever thought of doing an extended bushwalk in Kakadu, 1995 is the time to do it, especially if there is a particular place you would like to visit.



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